

*San Mateo County Community College District*  
**Cañada College      College of San Mateo      Skyline College**

## Application of External Exams (AP, IB, CLEP, DLPT) To General Education Areas in IGETC, CSU GE, Associate Degree GE 2021-2022

Not all external exams generate general education credit. Only exams that generate GE credit are listed in this chart.

### IMPORTANT NOTE TO STUDENTS –

If you plan to complete an associate degree and/or CSUGE or IGETC certification within the San Mateo County Community College District you must submit official AP, IB, or CLEP exam results to the Admissions and Records Office. College courses (taken before or after external exams) may duplicate content. Where duplication exists between the exam course content and the college course content, students do not get credit/units for both the external exam and the college course. (Find more information under Additional Information located at the end of the document.) Cañada College, College of San Mateo and Skyline College apply external exam credit to associate degree general education requirements in the same manner as CSU applies external exam credit to CSU general education requirements. External exam results are applied to GENERAL EDUCATION AREA REQUIREMENTS only. External exam evaluation results appear on student Web SMART Degree Works audit. The responsibility for researching if or how an external exam may be applied toward specific subjects or major requirements rests with the student.

Students are encouraged to use the following resources for additional information, limitations, and restrictions applied to external exams: The California State University Office of the Chancellor Coded Memorandum ASA-2019-03 dated January 28, 2019; CSU Executive Order 1036, Section 1.2.4; Standards, Policies & Procedures for Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum Version 2.0

### Advanced Placement Exams (AP)

Column 1 - **IGETC**: With a score of 3, 4, or 5, AP credit may be applied to Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC)

Column 2 – **CSU GE**: With a score of 3, 4, or 5, AP credit may be applied to California State University General Education (CSU GE)

Column 3 – **AA/AS GE**: With a score of 3, 4, or 5, AP credit may be applied to Associate Degree general education area requirements

<b>AP Exam</b>	<b>Column 1 IGETC</b> 3 semester units awarded toward IGETC unless otherwise indicated	<b>Column 2 CSU GE</b> 3 semester units awarded toward GE unless otherwise indicated	<b>Column 3 Associate Degree General Education</b> 3 semester units awarded toward GE unless otherwise indicated
<b>AP ART HISTORY</b>	Area 3A or Area 3B	Area C1 or Area C2	AA GE E5c
<b>AP BIOLOGY</b>	Area 5B & Area 5C	Area B2 & Area B3 4 semester units	AA GE E5a – 4 semester units
<b>AP CHEMISTRY</b> Taken before Fall 2009	Area 5A & Area 5C	Area B1 & Area B3 6 semester units	AA GE E5a - 6 semester units
<b>AP CHEMISTRY</b> Taken Fall 2009 or after	Area 5A & Area 5C	Area B1 & Area B3 4 semester units	AA GE E5a- 4 semester units
<b>AP CHINESE</b> Language and Culture	Area 3B & Area 6A	Area C2	AA GE E5c
<b>AP COMP SCI</b> Principles	NA	Area B4	AA C1 and E2C
<b>AP ECONOMICS</b> Macroeconomics	Area 4	Area D	AA GE E5b
<b>AP ECONOMICS</b> Microeconomics	Area 4	Area D	AA GE E5b
<b>AP ENGLISH</b> Language/Composition	Area 1A	Area A2	AA C2 and E2a
<b>AP ENGLISH</b> Literature/Composition	Area 1A <u>or</u> Area 3B	Area A2 & Area C2 6 semester units	AA C2 and E2a and E5c - 6 semester units
<b>AP ENVIRON. SCI.</b> Taken before Fall 2009	Area 5A & Area 5C 3 semester units only so must take a 4 semester unit course for Area 5B for certification	Area B2 & Area B3 4 semester units	AA GE E5a – 4 semester units
<b>AP ENVIRON. SCI.</b> Taken FALL 2009 or later	Area 5A & Area 5C	Area B1 & Area B3 4 semester units	AA GE E5a – 4 semester units

	3 semester units only so must take a 4 semester unit course for Area 5B for certification		
<b>AP FRENCH Language</b> Taken before Fall 2009	Area 3B & Area 6A	Area C2 6 semester units	AA GE E5c -6 semester units
<b>AP FRENCH Language</b> Taken Fall 2009 and before Fall 2011	Area 3B & Area 6A	Area C2	AA GE E5c
<b>AP FRENCH Literature</b> Taken before Fall 2009	Area 3B & Area 6A	Area C2	AA GE E5c
<b>AP FRENCH Language and Culture</b> Taken Fall 2011 or after	Area 3B & Area 6A	Area C2	AA GE E5c
<b>AP GERMAN Language</b> Taken before Fall 2009	NA	Area C2 6 semester units	AA GE E5c -6 semester units
<b>AP GERMAN Language</b> - Taken Fall 2009 and before Fall 2011	NA	Area C2	AA GE E5c
<b>AP GERMAN Language and Culture</b>	Area 3B & Area 6A	Area C2	AA GE E5c
<b>AP GOVERNMENT Comparative Gov/ Politic</b>	Area 4	Area D	AA GE E5b
<b>AP GOVERNMENT US Government/Politics</b>	Area 4 & US – 2 US Constitution	Area D & US – 2 US Constitution	AA GE E5b
<b>AP HISTORY European</b>	Area 3B or 4	Area C2 or Area D	AA GE E5b or E5c
<b>AP HISTORY United States</b>	Area 3B or Area 4 & US – 1 US History	Area C2 or Area D & US – 1 US History	AA GE E5b or E5c
<b>AP HISTORY World</b>	Area 3B or Area 4	Area C2 or Area D	AA GE E5b or E5c
<b>AP HUMAN GEOGRAPHY</b>	Area 4	Area D	AA GE E5b
<b>AP ITALIAN Language and Culture</b>	Area 3B & Area 6A	Area C2	AA GE E5c
<b>AP JAPANESE Language and Culture</b>	Area 3B & Area 6A	Area C2	AA GE E5c
<b>AP LATIN Literature</b> -Taken before Fall 2009	Area 3B & Area 6A	Area C2	AA GE E5c
<b>AP LATIN - Vergil</b> Taken before Fall 2012	Area 3B & Area 6A	Area C2	AA GE E5c
<b>AP LATIN</b>	Area 3B & Area 6A	Area C2	AA GE E5c
<b>AP MATH Calculus AB</b>	Area 2A	Area B4	AA C1 and E2C
<b>AP MATH Calculus BC</b>	Area 2A	Area B4	AA C1 and E2C
<b>AP MATH Calculus BC/AB Sub-score</b>	Area 2A	Area B4	AA C1 and E2C
<b>AP MUSIC THEORY</b> Taken before FALL 2009	NA	Area C1	AA E5c
<b>AP PHYSICS 1</b>	Area 5A & Area 5C	Area B1 & Area B3 4 semester units	AA GE E5a – 4 semester units
<b>AP PHYSICS 2</b>	Area 5A & Area 5C	Area B1 & Area B3 4 semester units	AA GE E5a – 4 semester units
<b>AP PHYSICS B</b> Taken before Fall 2009	Area 5A & Area 5C	Area B1 & Area B3 6 semester units	AA GE E5a – 6 semester units
<b>AP PHYSICS B</b> between Fall '09 and Fall '15	Area 5A & Area 5C	Area B1 & Area B3 4 semester units	AA GE E5a – 4 semester units
<b>AP PHYSICS C Mechanics</b>	Area 5A & Area 5C	Area B1 & Area B3 4 semester units	AA GE E5a – 4 semester units

	3 semester units only so must take a 4 semester unit course for Area 5B for certification.		
<b>AP PHYSICS C Electricity/magnetism</b>	Areas 5A & Area 5C 3 semester units only so must take a 4 semester unit course for Area 5B for certification.	Area B1 & Area B3 4 semester units	AA GE E5a – 4 semester units
<b>AP PSYCHOLOGY</b>	Area 4	Area D	AA GE E5b
<b>SPANISH Language Taken before Spring 2014</b>	NA	Area C2 6 semester units	AA GE E5c-6 semester units
<b>SPANISH Language and Culture</b>	Area 3B & Area 6A	Area C2	AA GE E5c
<b>SPANISH Literature Taken before Spring 2013</b>	NA	Area C2 6 semester units	AA GE E5c- 6 semester units
<b>SPANISH Literature and Culture</b>	Area 3B & Area 6A	Area C2	AA GE E5c
<b>STATISTICS</b>	Area 2A	Area B4	AA C1 and E2C

## International Baccalaureate Exams (IB)

**Column 1 - IGETC:** Applied to Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) certification with a score of 5, 6, or 7.

**Column 2 – CSU GE:** Applied to California State University General Education (CSU GE) certification with a score of 5, 6, or 7 unless otherwise noted.

**Column 3 – AA/AS GE:** Applied to Associate Degree general education area at Cañada College, College of San Mateo, and Skyline College with a score of 5, 6, or 7 unless otherwise noted.

<b>IB HL Exam</b>	<b>Column 1 IGETC</b>  3 semester units toward IGETC Area	<b>Column 2 CSU GE</b>  3 semester units toward CSU GE	<b>Column 3 Associate Degree General Education</b>  3 semester units toward AA/AS GE
<b>IB BIOLOGY HL</b>	Area 5B	Area B2	AA GE E5a
<b>IB CHEMISTRY HL</b>	Area 5A	Area B1	AA GE E5a
<b>IB ECONOMICS HL</b>	Area 4	Area D	AA GE E5b
<b>IB GEOGRAPHY HL</b>	Area 4	Area D	AA GE E5b
<b>IB HISTORY HL (any region)</b>	Area 3B or Area 4	Area C2 or Area D	AA GE E5b or E5c
<b>IB LANGUAGE A: Literature HL</b>	Area 3B and 6A Any language except English	Passing score of 4 Area C2	Passing score of 4 AA GE E5c
<b>IB LANGUAGE A: HL Language and Literature</b>	Area 3B and 6A Any language except English	Passing score of 4 Area C2	Passing score of 4 AA GE E5c
<b>IB LANGUAGE A1: Literature HL</b> Any Language if taken prior to Fall 2013	Area 3B Any language	Passing score of 4 Area C2	Passing score of 4 AA GE E5c
<b>IB LANGUAGE A2 HL</b> Taken prior to Fall 2013	Area 3B Any language	passing score of 4 Area C2	passing score of 4 AA GE E5c
<b>IB LANGUAGE B HL (ANY LANGUAGE)</b>	Area 6A Any language	NA	NA
<b>IB MATHEMATICS HL</b>	Area 2	passing score of 4 Area B4	passing score of 4 AA C1 and AA GE E2c
<b>IB PHYSICS HL</b>	Area 5A	Area B1	AA GE E5a
<b>IB PSYCHOLOGY HL</b>	Area 4	Area D	AA GE E5c
<b>IB THEATRE HL</b>	Area 3A	passing score of 4 Area C1	passing score of 4 AA GE E5c

## College Level Examination Program (CLEP)

Column 1 – CSU GE: Applied to California State University General Education (CSU GE) certification.

Column 2 – AA/AS GE: Applied to Associate Degree general education area at Cañada College, College of San Mateo, and Skyline College.  
CLEP cannot be applied to IGETC.

<b>CLEP Exam</b>	<b>Column 1 CSU GE</b> 3 semester units toward CSU GE	<b>Column 2 Associate Degree General Education</b> 3 semester units toward AA/AS GE
<b>CLEP AMERICAN GOVERNMENT</b>	passing score of 50 Area D	passing score of 50 AA GE E5b
<b>CLEP AMERICAN LITERATURE</b>	passing score of 50 Area C2	passing score of 50 AA GE E2c or E5c
<b>CLEP ANALYZING &amp; INTERPRETING LIT.</b>	passing score of 50 Area C2	passing score of 50 AA GE E2c or E5c
<b>CLEP BIOLOGY</b>	passing score of 50 Area B2	passing score of 50 AA GE E5a
<b>CLEP CALCULUS</b>	passing score of 50 Area B4	passing score of 50 AA C1 and AA GE E2c
<b>CLEP CHEMISTRY</b>	passing score of 50 Area B1	passing score of 50 AA GE E5a
<b>CLEP COLLEGE ALGEBRA</b>	passing score of 50 Area B4	passing score of 50 AA C1 and AA GE E2c
<b>CLEP COLLEGE ALGEBRA-TRIG</b>	passing score of 50 Area B4	passing score of 50 AA C1 and AA GE E2c
<b>CLEP ENGLISH LITERATURE - Taken before Fall 2011</b>	passing score of 50 Area C2	passing score of 50 AA GE E5c
<b>CLEP FRENCH LEVEL 2</b>	passing score of 59 Area C2	passing score of 59 AA GE E5c
<b>CLEP GERMAN LEVEL 2</b>	passing score of 60 Area C2	passing score of 60 AA GE E5c
<b>CLEP HISTORY, UNITED STATES I</b>	passing score of 50 Area D and US-1 US History	passing score of 50 AA GE E5b
<b>CLEP HISTORY, UNITED STATES II</b>	passing score of 50 Area D and US-1 US History	passing score of 50 AA GE E5b
<b>CLEP HUMAN GROWTH &amp; Development</b>	passing score of 50 Area E	passing score of 50 AA GE E5b
<b>CLEP HUMANITIES</b>	passing score of 50 Area C2	passing score of 50 AA GE E5c
<b>CLEP INTRO. PSYCHOLOGY</b>	passing score of 50 Area D	passing score of 50 AA GE E5b
<b>CLEP INTRO. SOCIOLOGY</b>	passing score of 50 Area D	passing score of 50 AA GE E5b
<b>CLEP NATURAL SCIENCES</b>	passing score of 50 Area B1 or B2	passing score of 50 AA GE E5a
<b>CLEP PRE-CALCULUS</b>	passing score of 50 Area B4	passing score of 50 AA C1 and AA GE E2c
<b>CLEP PRINCIPLES OF MACROECONOMICS</b>	passing score of 50 Area D	passing score of 50 AA GE E5b
<b>CLEP PRINCIPLES OF MICROECONOMICS</b>	passing score of 50 Area D	passing score of 50 AA GE E5b
<b>CLEP SPANISH LEVEL 2</b>	passing score of 63 Area C2	passing score of 63 AA GE E5c
<b>CLEP TRIG. Prior to Fall 2006</b>	passing score of 50 Area B4	passing score of 50 AA C1 and AA GE E2c

<b>CLEP WESTERN CIVILIZATION I</b>	passing score of 50 Area C2 or Area D	passing score of 50 AA GE E5b or E5c
<b>CLEP WESTERN CIVILIZATION II</b>	passing score of 50 Area D	passing score of 50 AA GE E5b

### Additional Information on External Exams:

Although AP credit for a subject is not considered “the same” as a specific college course, below find a list of some college courses that will invalidate AP credit because the content in the AP course and the content in the college course overlap. If the student takes the course the student will not receive AP credit. Also note, many universities will not accept AP credit for major course requirements. Please read notes #1 through #12 below.

AP Art History (*meets IGETC Area 3A or CSU GE Area C1*) – ART 101,  
 AP Biology (*meets IGETC Area 5B & 5C and CSU GE Area B2 & B3*) – BIOL 110,  
 AP Chemistry (*meets IGETC Area 5A & 5C and CSU GE Area B1 & B3*) – CHEM 210,  
 AP Chinese (*meets IGETC Area 3B and CSU GE Area C2*) – CHIN 111-134,  
 AP Macroeconomics (*meets IGETC Area 4 and CSU GE Area D*) – ECON 100,  
 AP Microeconomics (*meets IGETC Area 4 and CSU GE Area D*) – ECON 102,  
 AP English Language and Composition (*meets IGETC Area 1A and CSU GE Area A2*) – ENGL 100 or 105,  
 AP Literature and Composition (*meets IGETC Area 1A OR 3B and CSU GE Areas A2 and C2*) – ENGL 100 or 105 and ENGL 110,  
 AP Psychology (*meets IGETC Area 4 and CSU GE Area D*) – PSYC 100,  
 AP Statistics (*meets IGETC Area 2A and CSU GE Area B4*) – MATH 200,  
 AP SPANISH (*Meets IGETC 3B and 6A and CSU GE Area C2*) – SPAN 110 and 120.

- 1- Issues around credit for external exams are complex. Where there is common use for general education areas as noted above, the use of external exams to meet major requirements is complex and specific to the receiving transfer institution. It is up to the student to thoroughly research this information.
- 2- The chart does not provide information about transfer credit generated by external exams for the purpose of admissions.
- 3- Students who have earned credit through AP, IB, and/or CLEP should not take a comparable college course because credit will not be granted for both the external examination and the comparable college course. (See #12 below.)
- 4- The chart does not provide information about if or how external exam results apply to major course requirements. Applying AP, IB, or CLEP credit to meet major requirements is determined by each transfer institution.
- 5- At Cañada College, College of San Mateo, and Skyline College, each instructional division determines IF OR HOW AP, IB, and/or CLEP credit is applied to associate degree major or certificate requirements. Talk to a counselor for assistance.
- 6- Students earning an AP score of 3, 4, or 5 in the physical and biological science examinations meet IGETC Area 5 and the IGETC laboratory activity, Area 5C, requirements. AP exams in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics B allow California community colleges to apply 4 semester units to IGETC area certification to cover both the science lecture and science lab unit requirements for IGETC Area 5. However, for Environmental Science, Physics C: Mechanics, and Physics C: Electricity/magnetism, only 3 semester or 4 quarter units are applied to IGETC area 5A and 5C certification which means that students who complete these AP exams are required to complete a 4 semester or 5 quarter unit course to satisfy the minimum required units for IGETC Area 5.
- 7- Actual AP transfer credit awarded for AP exams for admission is determined by the CSU and UC. The UC Policy for AP credit can be found at: <http://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/counselors/files/ap-satisfy-admission-and-igetc-reg.pdf>.
- 8- The CSU has a system-wide policy for AP and other exams for awarding transfer credit for admission. The CSU policy for AP can be found at <http://www.calstate.edu/app/general-ed-transfer.shtml>
- 9- Actual IB transfer credit awarded for IB exams for admission is determined by the CSU and UC. The UC Policy for IB credit can be found at: <http://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/counselors/exam-credit/ib-credits/index.html>.
- 10- The CSU has a system-wide policy for IB exams for awarding transfer credit for admission. The CSU policy for IB can be found at: <http://calstate.edu/app/general-ed-transfer.shtml>
- 11- External exam policies for UC and CSU are subject to periodic modifications.
- 12- External exam credit CANNOT be applied to IGETC Area 1B and CSU GE Area A3 (Critical Thinking areas of GE).

## Defense Language Proficiency Test (DLPT) and CSU GE

Utilizing the American Council on Education (ACE) recommendations as described below, College of San Mateo will award three lower division semester units for students who have achieved a passing score on a Defense Language Proficiency Test (DLPT) in CSU GE AREA C2 and in the local associate degree general education area E5c. The following documents may be accepted to award DLPT GE credit.

- Official Defense Language Institute Foreign Language (DLIFLC) transcripts.
- Official Joint Services Transcripts (JST)
- Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC) DLPT Examinee Results
- DA Form 330 Language Proficiency Questionnaire

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