

High school students who take Advanced Placement (AP) classes take an end of course exam to earn college credit. At USHE institutions, an AP exam score of 3 or higher earns college credit. Most of this credit counts toward general education requirements which are necessary for college graduation and transferable between colleges. Earning different types of general education credit helps you progress toward college graduation.

First Step: Select one AP class from each general education category. Speak with the high school AP Coordinator or an academic advisor, preferably from the campus you intend to enroll in after high school, to confirm the type of general education credit you receive for different AP exams.

USHE General Education Categories		General Education (GenEd) Courses	AP Course	Exam Score
GE Core (12 credits)	Written Communication (6 credits)	ENGL/WRTG 1010 <i>Intro to College Writing</i>	AP English Language & Composition	3+
		ENGL 2010/2015 <i>Intermediate Writing (AY25-26 only)</i>	AP Seminar	3+
	Quantitative Literacy (3 credits) Select ONE AP Exam	MATH/STAT 1040 or MATH 1070 <i>Statistics</i>	AP Statistics	3+
		MATH 1050 <i>College Algebra</i>	AP Precalculus	3
		MATH 1050/1060 or MATH 1080 <i>Precalculus</i>		4-5
		MATH 1050 <i>College Algebra</i> + MATH 1060 <i>Trig</i>	AP Calculus AB	3
		MATH 1210 <i>Calculus I</i>		4-5
		MATH 1210 <i>Calculus I</i>	AP Calculus BC	3
		MATH 1210 <i>Calculus I</i> + MATH 1220 <i>Calculus II</i>		4-5
	American Institutions (3 credits) Select ONE AP Exam	HIST 1700 <i>American History</i>	AP U.S. History	3+
		POLS 1100 <i>American Government</i>	AP U.S. Government & Politics	3+
	Fine Arts Select ONE AP Exam	ART 1010 <i>Intro to Visual Arts</i>	AP Drawing	3+
		ARTH 2710/2720, 1090/1100 or 2500 * <i>Survey of Art History</i>	AP Art History	3+
GE Breadth (18-27 credits)	Humanities Select ONE AP Exam	ENGL 2200 <i>Understanding Literature</i>	AP English Literature & Composition	3+
		HIST 1110 + <i>European History II</i>	AP European History	3+
		HIST 1510 + <i>World History from 1500 to Present</i>	AP World History	3+
	Social & Behavioral Science Select ONE AP Exam	ECON 2020 <i>Macroeconomics</i> (ECN 1500 at USU)	AP Macroeconomics	3+
		ECON 2010 <i>Microeconomics</i> (ECN 2010 at USU)	AP Microeconomics	3+
		GEOG 1300 or 1400 <i>World or Human Geography</i>	AP Human Geography	3+
		POLS 2200 <i>Comparative Politics</i>	AP Comparative Government & Politics	3+
		PSY 1010 <i>Intro to Psychology</i>	AP Psychology	3+
	Life Science Select ONE AP Exam	BIOL/ZOOL 1010 <i>General Biology/Zoology</i>	AP Biology	3
		BIOL/ZOOL 1610 <i>Principles of Biology/Zoology</i>		4-5
		Various prefixes and numbers # <i>Intro to Environmental Science/Studies</i>	AP Environmental Science	3+
	Physical Science Select ONE AP Exam	CHEM 1010 <i>Intro to Chemistry</i>	AP Chemistry	3
		CHEM 1210 <i>Elementary Chemistry</i>		4-5
		PHYS 1010/1015 <i>Elementary Physics/Lab</i>	AP Physics 1: Algebra-Based OR AP Physics C: Mechanics	3
		PHYS 2010/2015 <i>College Physics I/Lab</i>		4-5
		PHYS 1010/1015 <i>Elementary Physics/Lab</i>	AP Physics 2: Algebra-Based OR AP Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism	3
		PHYS 2020/2025 <i>College Physics II/Lab</i>		4-5

* counts as Fine Arts or Humanities Breadth at different institutions. + count as Humanities or Social Science Breadth at different institutions. # count as Life Science, Physical Science, or Social Science Breadth at different institutions. Consult an academic advisor at the college or university you plan to attend.

How do AP courses fulfill high school graduation requirements?

HS Graduation Requirement		AP Course(s) meet HS requirement	USHE Course Credit for 3+ (some awards vary for a 4-5)	USHE GenEd
Language Arts (4.0 HS units)	Language Arts 9	NA	Secondary only.	
	Language Arts 10	AP Seminar	ENGL 2010 (AY25-26 only#)	C
	Language Arts 11/12 or Applied and Advanced	AP English Language & Composition	ENGL 1010	C
		AP English Literature & Composition	ENGL 2200	H
Mathematics (3.0 HS units)	Secondary Math 1	NA	Secondary only.	
	Secondary Math 2	NA	Secondary only.	
	Secondary Math 3	NA	Secondary only.	
	Mathematics Advanced Course (Secondary Math 3 is pre-requisite)	AP Statistics	MATH/STAT 1040	QL
		AP Precalculus	MATH 1050	QL
Social Studies (3.0 units))	World Geography (0.5)	AP Human Geography	GEOG 1300 or 1400	SS
		AP World History	HIST 1510	H or SS
	World History/World Civilization (0.5)	AP European History	HIST 1100 (WSU/Snow/UVU-HIST elective cr)	
	US History 2 (1.0)	AP U.S. History	HIST 1700	AI
	US Government and Citizenship (0.5)	AP U.S. Government & Politics	POLS 1100	AI
	Social Studies Applied or Advanced Courses (select 2.5 units from foundational required courses and .5 units from either foundational or Applied and Advanced)	AP Comparative Government & Politics	POLS 2200	SS
		AP Macroeconomics	ECON 2020	SS
		AP Microeconomics	ECON 2010	SS
Science (3.0 HS units) from at least two quadrants	Foundation Science (select 2 from different disciplines; select 1 more from Foundation Science or 1 Applied or Advanced Science). All AP courses are foundation science credit.	AP Biology	BIOL 1010	LS
		AP Chemistry	CHEM 1010	PS
		AP Physics 1: Algebra-Based OR AP Physics C: Mechanics	PHYS 1010 + 1015 or 1 elective credit where institution does not offer a lab	PS
		AP Physics 2: Algebra-Based. OR AP Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism		
		AP Computer Science A	CS 1400	
		AP Environmental Science	Prefix and number varies	LS or PS
The Arts (1.5 HS unit)	Visual Art, Dance, Music, Theatre	AP Art History	ARTH number varies	FA or H
		AP 2D Art & Design	ART 1120	
		AP 3D Art & Design	ART 1130 (UofU/ART elective cr)	FA
		AP Drawing	ART 1010	
		AP Music Theory	MUSC 1100	
World Languages (optional for HS graduation)		AP Chinese Language & Culture	USHE institutions offer credit for AP World Languages exam scores of 3+.	
		AP French Language & Culture		
		AP German Language & Culture		
		AP Japanese Language & Culture		
		AP Latin Language & Culture		
		AP Spanish Language & Culture		
		AP Spanish Literature & Culture		
Literacy (1.0 HS unit)	Digital Studies (0.5)	AP Computer Science Principles *	CS/CSIS 1030 (Snow/CS elective cr)	
	Financial Literacy (0.5)	NA		
Career & Tech Education (CTE) (1.0 HS unit)		NA		
Required Health and Fitness (3.0 HS units)	Participation Skills (0.5)	NA	Secondary only.	
	Fitness for Life (0.5)	NA	Secondary only.	
	Health II (0.5)	NA	Secondary only.	
	Elective PE (0.5)	NA	Secondary only.	
Elective Credit (5.5 HS unit)	Various courses – see HS counselor.	NA	Secondary only.	

*Also counts as foundation science.

Students with an AP Seminar exam score of 3+ will receive ENGL 2010 credit in AY25-26 only. Beginning AY26-27, AP Seminar credit will be re-evaluated. Please check the USHE AY26-27 credit for exam tables published Spring 2026. Students taking AP Seminar are strongly encouraged to also enroll in an AP or concurrent enrollment course that awards ENGL 1010 credit.

AP Exam Credit Advisors at Utah's Public Colleges and Universities

Institution	Advisor/Office	Email	Phone	Website
University of Utah	Undergraduate Studies	credit-prior-learning@utah.edu		https://admissions.utah.edu/information-resources/prior-learning-credit/
	Registrar's Office	articulation@utah.edu		
Utah State University	Records Team	records@usu.edu	435-797-1116	https://www.usu.edu/registrar/transfer/credit-by-exam
	Office of the Registrar			
Weber State University	Transfer Articulation Registrar's Office	articulation@weber.edu	801-626-6100	https://www.weber.edu/admissions/aptests.html
	CE Advising & Outreach	ceadvising@weber.edu		
Southern Utah University	Transfer Articulation	transferarticulation@suu.edu		https://www.suu.edu/credits/
	Registrar's Office			
Snow College	Avery Holder	avery.holder@snow.edu	435-283-7143	https://snow.edu/catalog/transfer_articulation.html
	Registrar's Office			
Utah Tech University	Records Team	records@utahtech.edu	435-652-7708	https://catalog.utahtech.edu/campusresources/registration/#creditbyexamtext
	Registrar's Office			
Utah Valley University	Transfer Credit Team	transfercredit@uvu.edu	801-863-8216	https://www.uvu.edu/transfer/ap-scores/index.html
	Registrar's Office			
Salt Lake Community College	Credit for Prior Learning	cpl@slcc.edu	801-957-3828	https://slcc.edu/cpl