

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 (genEd) requirements, which are necessary for college graduation and transferable between colleges. Earning different types of genEd credit helps you progress toward college graduation.

First Step: Select one AP class from each of the eight general education categories. 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.

Core General Education Credit (12 credits)

Complete 12 core genEd credits from among Written Communication, Quantitative Literacy, and American Institutions.

Written Communication (3 credits)

General Education Courses	AP Course	Exam Score
ENGL/WRTG 1010 <i>Intro to College Writing</i>	AP English Language & Composition	3-5
ENGL 2010/2015 <i>Intermediate Writing</i>	NA	-

Quantitative Literacy (3 credits) – Select one AP Exam

General Education Courses	AP Course	Exam Score
MATH/STAT 1040 or MATH 1070 <i>Statistics</i>	AP Statistics	3-5
MATH 1050 <i>College Algebra</i>	AP Precalculus	3
MATH 1050 <i>College Algebra</i> + MATH 1060 <i>Trig</i> or MATH 1080 <i>Precalculus</i>	AP Precalculus	4-5
MATH 1050 <i>College Algebra</i> + MATH 1060 <i>Trig</i>	AP Calculus AB	3
MATH 1210 <i>Calculus I</i>	AP Calculus AB	4-5
MATH 1210 <i>Calculus I</i>	AP Calculus BC	3
MATH 1210 <i>Calculus I</i> + MATH 1220 <i>Calculus II</i>	AP Calculus BC	4-5

American Institutions (3 credits) – Select one AP Exam

General Education Courses	AP Course	Exam Score
HIST 1700 <i>American History</i>	AP U.S. History	3-5
POLS 1100 <i>American Government</i>	AP U.S. Government & Politics	3-5

Breadth General Education Credit (15-18 credits)

Complete 15-18 breadth genEd credits from among the Arts, Humanities, Social & Behavioral Science, Life Science, and Physical Science – one course or course plus lab from each area.

The Arts – Select one AP Exam

General Education Courses	AP Course	Exam Score
ART 1010 <i>Intro to Visual Arts</i>	AP Drawing	3-5
ARTH 2710/2720, 1090/1100 OR 2500 * <i>Survey of Art History</i>	AP Art History	3-5

* counts as Fine Arts or Humanities Breadth at different institutions.

Humanities – Select one AP Exam

General Education Courses	AP Course	Exam Score
ENGL 2200 <i>Understanding Literature</i>	AP English Literature & Composition	3-5
HIST 1110+ <i>European History II</i>	AP European History	3-5
HIST 1510+ <i>World History from 1500 to Present</i>	AP World History	3-5

+ count as Humanities or Social Science Breadth at different institutions.

Social & Behavioral Science – Select one AP Exam

General Education Courses	AP Course	Exam Score
ECON 2020 <i>Macroeconomics</i>	AP Macroeconomics	3-5
ECON 2010 <i>Microeconomics</i>	AP Microeconomics	3-5
GEOG 1300 OR 1400 <i>World or Human Geography</i>	AP Human Geography	3-5
POLS 2200 <i>Comparative Politics</i>	AP Comparative Government & Politics	3-5
PSY 1010 <i>Intro to Psychology</i>	AP Psychology	3-5

Life Science – Select one AP Exam

General Education Courses	AP Course	Exam Score
BIOL/ZOOL 1010 <i>General Biology/Zoology</i>	AP Biology	3
BIOL/ZOOL 1610 <i>Principles of Biology/Zoology</i>	AP Biology	4-5
Various prefixes and numbers # <i>Intro to Environmental Science/Studies</i>	AP Environmental Science	3-5

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.

Physical Science – Select one AP Exam

General Education Courses	AP Course	Exam Score
CHEM 1010 <i>Intro to Chemistry</i>	AP Chemistry	3
CHEM 1210 <i>Elementary Chemistry</i>	AP Chemistry	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>	AP Physics 1: Algebra-Based OR AP Physics C: Mechanics	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>	AP Physics 2: Algebra-Based OR AP Physics C: Electricit & Magnetism	4-5

* not all USHE institutions offer PHYS 1015 labs.

How do AP courses fulfill high school graduation requirements?

Language Arts

(4.0 HS units)

HS Graduation Requirement	AP Course(s) meet HS requirement	USHE Course Credit for 3+	USHE GenEd
Language Arts 9	NA	Secondary only	-
Language Arts 10	AP Seminar	#	-
Language Arts 11, 12, or Applied and Advanced	AP English Language & Composition	ENGL 1010	C
Language Arts 11, 12, or Applied and Advanced	AP English Literature & Composition	ENGL 2200	H

Students with an AP Seminar exam score of 3+ will receive 3-1000-level ENGL elective credits. Students may present their exam score with the course research and papers to the institution they wish to attend and request an individual credit evaluation. Students taking AP Seminar are strongly encouraged to also enroll in an AP or concurrent enrollment course that awards ENGL 1010 credit.

Mathematics

(3.0 HS units)

HS Graduation Requirement	AP Course(s) meet HS requirement	USHE Course Credit for 3+ (some awards vary for a 4-5)	USHE GenEd
Secondary Math 1	NA	Secondary only	-
Secondary Math 2	NA	Secondary only	-
Secondary Math 3	NA	Secondary only	-
Mathematics Advanced Course *	AP Statistics	MATH/STAT 1040 or MATH 1070	QL
Mathematics Advanced Course *	AP Precalculus	MATH 1050	QL
Mathematics Advanced Course *	AP Calculus AB	MATH 1050 + MATH 1060	QL
Mathematics Advanced Course *	AP Calculus BC	MATH 1210	QL

* Secondary Math 3 is pre-requisite

Social Studies

(3.0 units)

HS Graduation Requirement	AP Course(s) meet HS requirement	USHE Course Credit for 3+	USHE GenEd
World Geography (0.5)	AP Human Geography	GEOG 1300 OR GEOG 1400	SS
World History/World Civilization (0.5)	AP World History	HIST 1510	H or SS +
World History/World Civilization (0.5)	AP European History	HIST 1100 (#Snow/UVU)	H or SS +
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 *	AP Comparative Government & Politics	POLS 2200	SS
Social Studies Applied or Advanced Courses *	AP Macroeconomics	ECON 2020	SS
Social Studies Applied or Advanced Courses *	AP Microeconomics	ECON 2010	SS
Social Studies Applied or Advanced Courses *	AP Psychology	PSY 1010	SS

* Select 2.5 units from foundational required courses and .5 units from either foundational or Applied and Advanced)

Snow and UVU do not offer HIST 1100, instead award genEd credit. + counts as Humanities or Social Science Breadth at different institutions.

Science

(3.0 HS units) from at least two quadrants

HS Graduation Requirement	AP Course(s) meet HS requirement	USHE Course Credit for 3+ (some awards vary for a 4-5)	USHE GenEd
Foundation Science *	AP Biology	BIOL 1010	LS
Foundation Science *	AP Chemistry	CHEM 1010	PS
Foundation Science *	AP Physics 1: Algebra-Based OR AP Physics C: Mechanics	PHYS 1010 + 1015 OR 1 elective credit where lab not offered	PS
Foundation Science *	AP Physics 2: Algebra-Based OR AP Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism	PHYS 1010 + 1015 OR 1 elective credit where lab not offered	PS
Foundation Science *	AP Computer Science A	CS 1400	
Foundation Science *	AP Environmental Science	Prefix and number varies	LS OR PS

* Select 2 from different disciplines; select 1 or more from Foundational Science or 1 Applied or Advanced Science. All AP courses are foundation science credit.

The Arts

(1.5 HS unit)

HS Graduation Requirement	AP Course(s) meet HS requirement	USHE Course Credit for 3+	USHE GenEd
Visual Art, Dance, Music, Theatre	AP Art History	ARTH number varies	AR OR H*
Visual Art, Dance, Music, Theatre	AP 2D Art & Design	ART 1120 (UofU/ART elective cr)	
Visual Art, Dance, Music, Theatre	AP 3D Art & Design	ART 1130 (UofU/ART elective cr)	
Visual Art, Dance, Music, Theatre	AP Drawing	ART 1010	AR
Visual Art, Dance, Music, Theatre	AP Music Theory	MUSC 1100	

* Not genEd at Snow College.

World Languages

(optional for HS graduations)

HS Graduation Requirement	AP Course(s) meet HS requirement	USHE Course Credit for 3+ (some awards vary for a 4-5)	USHE GenEd
-	AP Chinese Language & Culture AP French Language & Culture AP German Language & Culture AP Japanese Language & Culture AP Latin Language & Culture AP Spanish Language & Culture AP Spanish Literature & Culture	USHE institutions offer credit for AP World Languages exam scores of 3+.	-

Literacy

(1.0 HS units)

HS Graduation Requirement	AP Course(s) meet HS requirement	USHE Course Credit for 3+	USHE GenEd
Digital Studies (0.5)	AP Computer Science Principles *	CS 1030 (Snow/CS elective cr)	-
Financial Literacy (0.5)	NA	-	-

* Also counts as foundation science.

Career & Tech Education (CTE)

(1.0 HS units)

HS Graduation Requirement	AP Course(s) meet HS requirement	USHE Course Credit for 3+	USHE GenEd
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Required Health & Fitness

(2.0 HS units)

HS Graduation Requirement	AP Course(s) meet HS requirement	USHE Course Credit for 3+	USHE GenEd
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)

HS Graduation Requirement	AP Course(s) meet HS requirement	USHE Course Credit for 3+	USHE GenEd
Various courses – see HS counselor	NA	Secondary only	-

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