



CAL POLY

Resolution on External Exam Credit

John Walker, Chair, ASCC

Key Features of the Resolution

- Updates External Exam Credit to Semester Units.
- Puts Cal Poly in compliance with CSU-mandated units and GE areas for exams.
- Keeps departments/areas in control of course articulation.
- Allows different course articulation for AP scores higher than the CSU passing score.
- Creates equity by removing excess free elective units given only for AP and IB exams.
 - AP and IB exams now receive the same unit credit as
 - Cal Poly courses,
 - Courses transferred from community college and other universities,
 - CLEP exams.
 - This matches how external exam credit is awarded at many other CSU institutions.
- Sets rules for managing how credit is awarded for different combinations of CSU mandates and Cal Poly course articulations.
- Designates GEGB (for GE credit) and ASCC (for non-GE credit) to resolve any disputes arising from the policy.



CSU External Exam Credit Policy

- CSU mandates are set by the [CSU Systemwide Credit for Exam Examinations Policy](#).

| Title | Passing Score | Minimum Semester Credits Earned for Admission ¹ | Semester Credits Toward GE Breadth Certification | American Institutions and/or GE Breadth Area ² | Removal Date for GE Breadth ³ | Effective Date |
|--|---------------|--|--|---|--|----------------|
| AP 2-D Art and Design | 3 | 3 | 0 | n/a | | 8/10/2020 |
| AP 3-D Art and Design | 3 | 3 | 0 | n/a | | 8/10/2020 |
| AP African American Studies | 3 | 3 | 0 | n/a | | 8/4/2025 |
| AP Art History | 3 | 6 | 3 | 3A or 3B | - | 8/4/2025 |
| AP Art History | 3 | 6 | 3 | 3A | Fall 2009 | 8/4/2025 |
| AP Biology | 3 | 6 | 4 | 5B+5C | - | 8/4/2025 |
| AP Calculus AB ⁶ | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 | - | 8/4/2025 |
| AP Calculus BC ⁶ | 3 | 6 | 3 | 2 | - | 8/4/2025 |
| AP Calculus BC/ AB Subscore ⁶ | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 | - | 8/4/2025 |

External Exam Credit Decision Grid

- The decision grid attached to the resolution indicates how credit will be awarded for each combination of CSU mandate and Cal Poly course articulation.

| CSU Mandate | Cal Poly Articulation | Action | Policy Items |
|-----------------|-------------------------|--|--------------|
| Non-GE | None | CSU mandated units | 9 |
| Non-GE | Non-GE | Higher of CSU mandated units (balance as free electives) or course articulation | 4, 5 |
| Non-GE | GE | Higher of CSU mandated units (balance as free electives) or course articulation; plus GE | 4, 5 |
| GE (1 option) | None | CSU mandated units; plus GE | 10 |
| GE (1 option) | Non-GE | Higher of CSU mandated units (balance as GE units) or course articulation; plus GE | 4, 5, 11 |
| GE (1 option) | GE (same as CSU) | Higher of CSU mandated units (balance as GE units) or course articulation; plus GE | 4, 5 |
| GE (1 option) | GE (different than CSU) | Higher of CSU mandated units (balance as GE units) or course articulation; plus CSU-mandated GE only | 4, 5, 8 |
| GE (2+ options) | None | GEGB decides CP option(s); CSU mandated units plus GE from GEGB choice | 6, 10 |
| GE (2+ options) | Non-GE | GEGB decides CP option(s); Higher of CSU mandated units (balance as GE units) or course articulation; plus GE from GEGB choice | 4, 5, 6, 11 |
| GE (2+ options) | GE (matches CSU option) | Higher of CSU mandated units (balance as GE units) or course articulation; plus GE in area most favorable to student | 4, 5, 7 |
| GE (2+ options) | GE (different than CSU) | Higher of CSU mandated units (balance as GE units) or course articulation; plus CSU-mandated GE only in area most favorable to student | 4, 5, 8 |

Proposed Policy Amendment

Since the publication of the Academic Senate agenda, ASCC proposes to amend the Policy on External Exam Credit by adding the following policy item.

16. The attached External Exam Credit Decision Grid will be used by the Registrar's Office to implement the Policy on External Exam Credit in consultation with the General Education Governance Board (GEGB) and the Academic Senate Curriculum Committee (ASCC).