

Academic Placement

Classification of Students

Freshmen — Students who have earned a total of fewer than 30 semester units.

Sophomores — Students who have earned a total of 30 to 59 semester units inclusive.

Juniors — Students who have earned a total of 60 to 89 semester units inclusive.

Seniors — Students who have earned 90 semester units or more.

Postbaccalaureate/Graduates — Students who have at least one bachelor's degree from an accredited institution.

Advanced Placement. The Advanced Placement Program of the College Entrance Examination Board permits able high school students to take college-equivalent courses while in high school, and, based upon comprehensive qualifying examinations, receive advanced placement and credit at participating universities and colleges. This university grants credit toward its undergraduate degrees for successful completion of examinations of the Advanced Placement Program of the College Board. Students who present scores of three or better are granted up to 6 semester units of college credit for each examination. In order to receive credit for these examinations from this university, students must request an official copy of their test results directly from the College Board.

Credits earned through advanced placement are not included among the maximum of 30 units of credit by examination that may be credited toward a bachelor's degree.

International Baccalaureate. Credit is granted for International Baccalaureate Higher Level examination passed with a score of 4 or higher. Contact the Evaluations Office, Joyal Administration Building, Room 115, for further information.

English Placement Test. The English Placement Test (EPT) is designed to assess the level of reading and writing skills of students entering the California State University. The CSU EPT must be completed by all non-exempt entering undergraduates prior to enrollment in any course, including remedial courses. Students who score 147 or above on the EPT will be placed in college-level composition classes.

Exemptions from the EPT are granted only to those who present proof of one of the following:

- A score of 500 or above on the critical reading section of the College Board SAT Reasoning Test
- A score of 22 or above on the American College Testing (ACT) English Test
- A score of 3 or above on either the Language and Composition or Composition and Literature examination of the College Board Scholastic Advanced Placement Program
- Completion and transfer to CSU of the credits for a college course that satisfies the CSU General Education requirement in English Composition, provided such a course was completed with a grade of C or better
- A score of "Exempt" or "Ready for college-level English courses" on the CSU Early Assessment Program (EAP) taken

along with the English Language Arts California Standard Test in grade 11

Students who cannot demonstrate basic competence on the EPT exam are required to enroll in ENGL 1L in conjunction with ENGL 5B or 10, or if they are nonnative speakers of English, in LING 6. ENGL 1L must be completed with a credit grade by the end of the first year of enrollment.

Entry-level Mathematics Exam. The Entry Level Mathematics (ELM) Examination is designed to assess and measure the level of mathematics skills acquired through three years of rigorous college preparatory mathematics coursework (Algebra I and II, and Geometry) of students entering the California State University (CSU). The CSU ELM must be completed by all non-exempt entering undergraduates prior to enrollment in any course, including remedial courses. Students who score 50 or above on the ELM will be placed in college-level mathematics classes.

Exemptions from the ELM are granted only to those who present proof of one of the following:

- A score of 550 or above on the mathematics section of the College Board SAT Reasoning Test
- A score of 550 or above on a College Board SAT Subject Test in Mathematics (level 1 or level 2)
- A score of 23 or above on the American College Testing (ACT) Mathematics Test
- A score of 3 or above on the College Board Advanced Placement Calculus AB or Calculus BC exam
- A score of 3 or above on the College Board Advanced Placement Statistics examination
- Completion and transfer to CSU of a college course that satisfies the requirement in Quantitative Reasoning, provided such a course was completed with a grade of C or better
- A score of "Exempt" or "Ready for college-level Mathematics courses" on the CSU

Beginning in May 1998, SAT II: Writing Test scores were increased about 10 to 20 points. The adjustment was made to make writing test scores more comparable to scores on other SAT II subject tests. Although scores are higher, their relative rank compared to scores for tests taken before May 1998 remain the same.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT TESTS

The most commonly passed Advanced Placement Tests and equivalent courses are as follows:

Test	Score	Units	Subjects
American History	3,4,5	6	HIST 11, 12
Computer Science AB	3,4,5	6	CSCI 40*
English Lit/Comp	3,4,5	6**	ENGL 5B and 10, 20
English Lang/Comp	3,4,5	6**	ENGL 5B and 10, 2
Math Calc AB	3,4,5	6	MATH 75***
Math Calc BC	3,4,5	6	MATH 75, 76
U.S. Gov't & Politics	3,4,5	3	Pol Sci Elective

* Remaining 2 units in lower-division Computer Science electives.

** If English Lit/Comp and English Lang/Comp are passed, then a maximum of 9 units is allowed for ENGL 5B or 10, 2, and 20.

*** Remaining 2 units in lower-division Mathematics electives.

Official scores may be obtained from:
Advanced Placement Examination
P.O. Box 6671
Princeton, NJ
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For more information, contact the Evaluations Office, Joyal Administration Building, Room 115.