TENNESSEE BOARD OF REGENTS COMMUNITY COLLEGES

PRIOR LEARNING ASSESSMENT (PLA) SYSTEMWIDE STANDARDS

RECOMMENDED CAMPUS STANDARDS FOR ACCEPTANCE OF ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) CREDIT

Each community college can choose not to grant credit for a specific AP test. However, every community college agrees to follow these recommended standards in all cases where they do grant credit for AP exams. In addition, the community colleges will accept transfer credit awarded through AP exams in every case where a student has received the AP credit at a prior institution as part of the TBR common general education core or as part of a TN Transfer Pathway, in accordance with guaranteed transfer policies. In such circumstances, institutions will accept these credits in transfer based on the student’s transcript and will not require the student or the prior institution to furnish documentation of the original examination results from the testing agency.

The table below recommends that all TBR community colleges adopt the recommendations listed in the attached table for the AP score and for the number of student credit hours (SCH) for each AP examination. **The scores recommended below are consistent with those currently accepted by most TBR and UT universities.** The AP score of 3 is recommended by the American Council on Education (ACE) and the College Board as a “qualifying” AP Exam score. The AP program periodically conducts college comparability studies in all AP subjects to compare the performance of AP students with students taking the corresponding college courses. AP scores of 4 and 3 are equivalent to the average scores for college students earning course grades of B and C, respectively. Upon adoption, community colleges should update their campus websites to provide current information. The table includes recommendations for:

* The AP score currently used by most/all TBR community colleges.
* The TBR course which is most equivalent to the material on the examination and/or is included in the TBR common general education core or on a TN Transfer Pathway (TPP).
* The amount of credit that will be awarded for each exam and, in some cases, for each score on the exam.

This practice was approved by the TBR Academic Affairs Subcouncil in June 2012 and went into effect for TBR community colleges effective fall semester, 2012. Updates were made in 2022 and 2023 to account for revised and new AP offerings.

More information about the Advanced Placement (AP) exams, including some research on the subsequent college success of students receiving AP credit, is available at <http://apcentral.collegeboard.org>.

| **AP examination** | **AP Score**  | **SCH** | **Suggested Equivalent TBR CC Courses\*** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| African American Studies | 3, 4, 5 | 3 SCH | ENGL 1010 Composition I or ENGL 1020 Composition IIorAAST 2200 African American StudiesorHIST 2060 African American HistoryorSOCI 1040 Social Problems |
| Art History | 3, 4, 5 | 3 SCH | ARTH 2010 Art History I |
| Biology | 34, 5 | 4 SCH8 SCH | BIOL 1010 Introduction to Biology or BIOL 1110 General Biology IBIOL 1010 & 1020 Diversity of Life or BIOL 1110 & 1120 General Biology II |
| Calculus AB | 34, 5 | 3 SCH3 SCH | MATH 1830 Applied CalculusMATH 1830 or MATH 1910 Calculus I |
| Calculus BC | 3 | 4 SCH | MATH 1910 & MATH 1920 Calculus II |
| Chemistry | 34 | 4 SCH8 SCH | CHEM 1110 General Chemistry ICHEM 1110 & CHEM 1120 General Chemistry II |
| Chinese Language & Culture | 345 | 6 SCH9 SCH 12 SCH | 1010 & 1020 Beginning Language I & 21010, 1020, & 2010 Intermediate Language I1010, 1020, 2010, & 2020 Intermediate Language II |
| Computer Science A | 4, 5 | 4 SCH | CISP 1010 Computer Science I |
| Computer Science Principles | 3, 4, 5 | 3 SCH | CITC 1301 Introduction to Programming & Logic Design |
| Macroeconomics | 3, 4, 5 | 3 SCH | ECON 2010 Macroeconomics |
| Microeconomics | 3, 4, 5 | 3 SCH | ECON 2020 Microeconomics |
| English Language | 34, 5 | 3 SCH6 SCH | ENGL 1010 Composition IENGL 1010 & ENGL 2020 Composition II |
| English Literature | 3, 4, 5 | 6 SCH | ENGL 2210 & 2220 Survey of British Literature I & II  |
| Environmental Science | 3, 4, 5 | 4 SCH | Physical/Natural Science Core Requirement |
| European History | 3, 4, 5 | 6 SCH | HIST 1010 & 1020 Survey of Western Civilization I, II |
| French Language & Culture | 345 | 6 SCH9 SCH12 SCH | FREN 1010 & 1020 Beginning French I & IIFREN 1010, 1020, & 2010 Intermediate French IFREN 1010, 1020,2010 & 2020 Intermediate French II |
| German Language & Culture | 345 | 6 SCH9 SCH 12 SCH | 1010 & 1020 Beginning Language I & 21010, 1020, & 2010 Intermediate Language I1010, 1020, 2010, & 2020 Intermediate Language II |
| Comparative Government & Politics | 3, 4, 5 | 3 SCH | Social Science Core Requirement |
| U.S. Gov’t & Politics | 3, 4, 5 | 3 SCH | POLS 1030 Introduction to American Government |
| Human Geography | 3, 4, 5 | 3 SCH | Social Science Core Requirement |
| Italian Language & Culture | 345 | 6 SCH9 SCH 12 SCH | 1010 & 1020 Beginning Language I & 21010, 1020, & 2010 Intermediate Language I1010, 1020, 2010, & 2020 Intermediate Language II |
| Japanese Language & Culture | 345 | 6 SCH9 SCH 12 SCH | 1010 & 1020 Beginning Language I & 21010, 1020, & 2010 Intermediate Language I1010, 1020, 2010, & 2020 Intermediate Language II |
| Latin | 345 | 6 SCH9 SCH 12 SCH | 1010 & 1020 Beginning Language I & 21010, 1020, & 2010 Intermediate Language I1010, 1020, 2010, & 2020 Intermediate Language II |
| Music Theory | 3, 4, 5 | 3 SCH | Music Theory I |
| Physics 1 | 3, 4, 5 | 4 SCH | PHYS 2010 Non-Calculus Based Physics I |
| Physics 2 | 3, 4, 5 | 4 SCH | PHYS 2020 Non-Calculus Based Physics II |
| Physics C: Mechanics | 3, 4, 5 | 4 SCH | PHYS 2110 Calculus Based Physics I |
| Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism | 3, 4, 5 | 4 SCH | PHYS 2120 Calculus Based Physics II |
| Precalculus | 3 4, 5 | 3 SCH3 SCH | MATH 1710 Precalculus AlgebraMATH 1710 and direct placement in MATH 1910 Calculus 1 |
| Psychology | 3, 4, 5 | 3 SCH | PSYC 1030 Introduction to General Psychology |
| Spanish Language | 345 | 6 SCH9 SCH12 SCH | SPAN 1010 & 1020 Beginning Spanish I & 2SPAN 1010, 1020, & 2010 Intermediate Spanish ISPAN 1010, 1020, 2010, & 2020 Intermediate Spanish II |
| Seminar | 3, 4, 5  | 3 SCH | 3 credits awarded in COMM 2025 or 2045, or the course equivalent is decided by each institution. |
| Research | 3 4, 5 | 3 SCH6 SCH | 3 credits toward ENGL 1010 or ENGL 1020 or 3 credits that align with their research paper.3 credits toward ENGL 1010 or ENGL 1020 and 3 credits that align with their research paper. |
| Spanish Literature & Culture | 3, 4, 5 | 3 SCH | No equivalent community college course |
| Statistics | 3, 4, 5 | 3 SCH | MATH 1530 Introductory Statistics |
| Studio Art Drawing | 3, 4, 5 | 3 SCH | Drawing I |
| Studio Art 2D Design | 3, 4, 5 | 3 SCH | 2D Design I |
| Studio Art 3D Design | 3, 4, 5 | 3 SCH | 3D Design I |
| U.S. History | 3, 4, 5 | 6 SCH | HIST 2010 & 2020 Survey of American History I & II |
| U.S. Government & Politics | 3, 4, 5 | 3 SCH | POLS 1030 Introduction to American Government |
| World History | 3, 4, 5 | 3 SCH | HIST 2320 Modern World History |

\*TBR Community Colleges will award/transfer PLA credit for AP scores into the suggested course or the equivalent course at their institutions. There may be variations in course number and/or course title. Community Colleges should award PLA credit for courses other than the suggested course when it is in the best interests of the student.