

ADVANCED PLACEMENT CREDIT POLICY
Effective Fall 2018

The Arkansas Department of Higher Education Coordinating Board has established a set of guidelines by which institutions must award course credit for advanced placement exams. This policy should be implemented by institutions for entering freshman in the Fall 2018 semester.

I. Course Credit. Under this policy, institutions should award course credit to students who score a three (3) or higher on any Advanced Placement (AP) exam. Credit awarded for any AP exam must be applied to the student transcript and, where appropriate, reduce the total number of required degree hours accordingly by either directly satisfying degree or elective requirements. In order to increase transferability, ACTS courses have been assigned to relevant exams.

These courses are outlined in the following section of this policy. This list is maintained by the Department of Higher Education and will be reviewed every five years.

II. Advanced Placement ACTS Courses. The following table maps AP exams to corresponding ACTS courses. AP exams without a corresponding ACTS course listed below should be awarded at the discretion of the institution.

AP EXAM	ACTS COURSE
Art History	ARTA1003 Art Appreciation
Biology	BIOL1004 Biology for Non-Majors
Calculus AB	MATH2405 Calculus I
Calculus BC	MATH2505 Calculus II
Chemistry	CHEM1004 Chemistry for General Education
Computer Science A	CPSI1003 Introduction to Computers
Computer Science Principles	CPSI1003 Introduction to Computers
English Language and Composition	ENG1013 Composition I
Environmental Science	GEOL1124 Environmental Geology
European History	HIST1213 Western Civilization I <i>or</i> HIST1223 Western Civilization II
French Language and Culture	FREN2013 French III
German Language and Culture	GERM2013 German III
Human Geography	GEOG1113 Human Geography
Macroeconomics	ECON2103 Principles of Macroeconomics
Microeconomics	ECON2203 Principles of Microeconomics
Music Theory	MUSC1003 Music Appreciation
Physics 1	PHYS2014 Algebra/Trigonometry-Based Physics I

Physics 2	PHYS2024 Algebra/Trigonometry-Based Physics II
Psychology	PSYC1103 General Psychology
Spanish Language and Culture	SPAN2013 Spanish III
Statistics	MATH2103 Introduction to Statistics
United States Government and Politics	PLSC2003 American National Government
United States History	HIST2113 United States History I <i>or</i> HIST2123 United States History II
World History	HIST1113 World Civilizations I <i>or</i> HIST1123 World Civilizations II

III. Limitations

1. **Additional Credit. (a)** Institutions will be limited to awarding minimum credit for one corresponding ACTS course listed in the table above to students who score a three (3) on the exam. If in the best interest of the student, institutions may award a higher-level course for a score of three (3).

(b) Institutions may choose to award additional credit for those students who score a four (4) or five (5) on an exam. While transfer institutions are encouraged to accept any additional AP credit awarded, the transfer institution will not be obligated to honor additional credit given beyond the requirement.

(c) Institutions may award additional credit for prerequisite courses when credit is awarded for a higher level sequenced course.
2. **AP Exam Scores Below Three (3).** In order to maintain consistency and high academic standards in the state, no course credit may be awarded for an AP exam score below a three (3).
3. **Courses Not Offered.** An institution is not required to award credit for an AP exam if the institution does not offer the corresponding ACTS course.
4. **Policy Review.** Policy effectiveness based on placement and student success may be reviewed annually by ADHE.