

## **ADVANCED PLACEMENT CREDIT**

**References:** *Assembly Bill No. 1985; CA Education Code Section 79500*

### **Advanced Placement Credit for a General Education Requirement**

Pursuant to AB 1985 (2016), Students will be granted college credit for one or more Southwestern College courses provided they have a satisfactory score on an appropriate Advanced Placement Examination conducted by the College Board. It is not necessary for a student to have taken or successfully completed the Advanced Placement class in high school to receive credit for a class based on the examination score. Credit will be granted for Advanced Placement Exam scores of three and above for California Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum, California State University General Education Breadth, or a general education requirement for a Southwestern College degree, as appropriate for a student's needs.

### **Determining Course Equivalencies**

The subject matter of the course must be similar in subject matter to that of the Advanced Placement Examination. Faculty in the discipline or department that is responsible for the course is responsible for determining the similarity of a course to the subject matter of an Advanced Placement Examination. Discipline faculty will work closely with the college Articulation Officer and Counseling faculty to review similar equivalencies at CSU, UC, and other community colleges in order to avoid unintended negative consequences for students. Faculty will review course equivalencies at least every five years, or fewer if needed, to assess current Advanced Placement Examinations and determine when an exam is similar in subject matter to a course or courses that have been approved through the district's curriculum approval process.

### **Advanced Placement Credit for a Major Requirement in a Program**

In order for a student to be granted credit for a course in a program's core major requirements, discipline faculty responsible for the program will determine the appropriate score for a student to be granted credit in consultation with the college Articulation Officer and Counseling Faculty. Faculty will review course equivalencies at least every five years, or fewer as needed, to assess current Advanced Placement Exams and determine when an exam is similar in subject matter to a course in the program that has been approved through the district's curriculum approval process.

Under no circumstances will students be granted credit for a course with a score less than a three on an Advanced Placement Examination.

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### **Catalog**

A list of Advanced Placement Examinations and their equivalent courses will be maintained in the course catalog by the Articulation Officer. In consultation with discipline and Counseling faculty, the Articulation Officer will facilitate a regular review of course equivalencies and provide support for discipline faculty during a review.

### **Applying for Credit**

Students must request that their test scores be sent directly from the College Board to Southwestern College. To apply for course credit based on an Advanced Placement Examination score, students must submit a student petition to the Admissions and Records Office.