



ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM
Cutoff Scores, Placement Messages, and Credit Policies for 2020-2021

Due to COVID-19, the College Board announced [a modification to their May 2020 exams](#) that will allow students to test at home. The College Board will be awarding students a grade for each of their registered AP exams on the normal 1-5 scale. The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign is committed to supporting our incoming students and ensuring that they have a smooth transition to their higher education studies. Thus, based on the calculated grades that the College Board will provide, Illinois will continue to award academic credit for strong performance on all AP exams.

The credit policies below apply to all students entering Illinois in Summer 2020, Fall 2020, or Spring 2021. Only scores resulting in credit are shown.

For descriptions of the courses listed in the table below, please see the [Courses of Instruction](#) section in the Academic Catalog. Credit listed as 1 -- and 2 -- is considered elective credit within the stated subject area. This is because our campus does not have an equivalent course that corresponds to the AP course. Students can apply elective credit towards their graduation requirements. Students should consult with their academic advisor to determine how test-based credit may best be used to meet their specific curriculum and program requirements.

*Questions may be directed to Placement & Proficiency
by emailing pnnp@illinois.edu or by calling 217-265-6248.*

The University of Illinois recognizes the value of the Advanced Placement (AP) Program and the International Baccalaureate (IB) Programme. However, students should be aware that there are times when it is in the student's best interest to take the Illinois course that corresponds to the AP or IB credit instead of accepting the test-based credit, so as to be better prepared for the rigors of the subsequent course in the sequence.

Students are able to consult with their academic advisors during Registration in order to determine what will be most appropriate for their individual plan of study.

All incoming undergraduate students who barely miss earning AP proficiency credit and who have not already earned college-level credit in the subject are allowed to take an Illinois [departmental proficiency exam](#) in math, the sciences, or the humanities if they wish to try to proficiency out of an introductory course. Certain restrictions may apply.

AP Exam	AP Score	Course Proficiency	Credit Hours Earned	Course Placement
Art History	3, 4, or 5	ART 1 - -	3	-
Studio Art: 2-D Design	3, 4, or 5	ART 105	3	-
Studio Art: 3-D Design	3, 4, or 5	ART 104	3	-
Studio Art: Drawing	3, 4, or 5	ART 102	3	-
Biology	3 or 4	IB 100	3	-
	5	IB 150 MCB 150	4 4	Consult with your advisor on biology course options.
Calculus AB, for students entering the Grainger College of Engineering	3	MATH 234	4	Consult with your advisor. If your program requires MATH 220 or MATH 221, you will not receive credit towards graduation for MATH 234.
	4 or 5	MATH 220	5	MATH 231 (Section EL1 or EL2) with concurrent enrollment in MATH 299
Calculus AB, for students entering any College other than the Grainger College of Engineering	3	MATH 234	4	Consult with your advisor. If your program requires MATH 220 or MATH 221, you will not receive credit towards graduation for MATH 234.
	4 or 5	MATH 220	5	MATH 231

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Calculus BC, for students entering the Grainger College of Engineering	3	MATH 234	4	Consult with your advisor. If your program requires MATH 220 or MATH 221, you will not receive credit towards graduation for MATH 234.
	4	MATH 220 MATH 231	5 3	MATH 231 (Section EL1 or EL2) with concurrent enrollment in MATH 299; consult with your advisor whether to accept the AP credit for MATH 231 or take the MATH 231 course.
	5	MATH 220 MATH 231	5 3	MATH 241
Calculus BC, for students entering any College other than the Grainger College of Engineering	3	MATH 234	4	Consult with your advisor. If your program requires MATH 220 or MATH 221, you will not receive credit towards graduation for MATH 234.
	4 or 5	MATH 220 MATH 231	5 3	MATH 241

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Chemistry	3	CHEM 102 (lecture only); CHEM 103 lab credit is NOT awarded for AP Chemistry	3	Placed into CHEM 104; Consult with your advisor to determine which Chemistry course you should enroll in
	4 or 5	CHEM 102 and 104 (lectures only); CHEM 103 and 105 lab credit is NOT awarded for AP Chemistry	3 3	Consult with your advisor to determine which Chemistry course you should enroll in
Chinese	3	CHIN 2 - -	5	CHIN 203
	4	CHIN 203 CHIN 204	5 5	CHIN 305
	5	CHIN 203 CHIN 204 CHIN 305 CHIN 306	5 5 5 5	CHIN 407 or CHIN 440
Computer Science A	3	C S 105	3	-
	4 or 5	C S 101	3	-
Computer Science Principles	3, 4, or 5	C S 102	4	-
English Language and Composition	3	RHET 1 - -	3	-
	4 or 5	RHET 105	4	You have fulfilled the Composition I requirement.

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English Literature and Composition	3	RHET 1 - -	3	-
	4 or 5, if AP English Language score is null, 1, 2, or 3	RHET 105	4	You have fulfilled the Composition I requirement.
	4 or 5, if AP English Language score is 4 or 5	RHET 105 ENGL 1 - -	4 3	You have fulfilled the Composition I requirement.
Environmental Science	3	NRES 1 - -	3	-
	4 or 5	NRES 100	3	-
French Language	3	FR 103	4	FR 104
	4	FR 103	4	FR 207
		FR 104 FR 205	4 2	
5	FR 103 FR 104 FR 205 FR 207	4 4 2 3	FR 211 or FR 212	
German Language	3	GER 103	4	GER 211
		GER 104	4	
	4 or 5	GER 103 GER 104 GER 211	4 4 3	GER 212

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Government & Politics: Comparative	3 or 4	P S 1 - -	3	Any PS course numbered higher than PS 199
	5	P S 240	3	Any PS course numbered higher than PS 199 other than PS 240
Government & Politics: U.S.	3	P S 1 - -	3	P S 101
	4 or 5	P S 101	3	Any PS course numbered higher than PS 199
History, European	3 or 4	HIST 1 - -	3	-
	5	HIST 142	3	-
History, U.S.	3, 4, or 5	HIST 1 - -	3	-
History, World	3 or 4	HIST 1 - -	3	-
	5	HIST 100	3	-
Human Geography	3	GEOG 1 - -	3	GEOG 104
	4 or 5	GEOG 1 - -	3	GEOG 204 or GEOG 210
Italian	3	ITAL 102	4	Please meet with Laura Callegari Hill to discuss opportunities for higher placement and possibly additional proficiency credit.
	4	ITAL 103	4	
	5	ITAL 103 ITAL 104	4 4	

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Japanese	3	JAPN 2 - -	5	Take the UIUC Japanese Placement Test prior to enrolling in a Japanese course.
	4	JAPN 203 JAPN 204	5 5	JAPN 305
	5	JAPN 203 JAPN 204 JAPN 305 JAPN 306	5 5 5 5	Take the UIUC Japanese Placement Test prior to enrolling in a Japanese course.
Latin	3	LAT 201 LAT 202	4 4	LAT 401
	4 or 5	LAT 201 LAT 202 LAT 1 - -	4 4 3	LAT 401
Macro economics	3 or 4	ECON 1 - -	3	You may register for the ECON 103 proficiency exam. Consult with your advisor for a course recommendation.
	5	ECON 103	3	Consult with your advisor.
Micro economics	3 or 4	ECON 1 - -	3	You may register for the ECON 102 proficiency exam. Consult with your advisor for a course recommendation.
	5	ECON 102	3	Consult with your advisor.
Music Theory	3	MUS 1 - -	2	-
	4 or 5	MUS 101	2	You may take the MUS 107 proficiency exam, if you wish.

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Physics 1	3	PHYS 1 - -	3	Take the UIUC Physics Placement Test prior to enrolling in a Physics course. You may register for the PHYS 101 proficiency exam.
	4	PHYS 1 - -	4	Take the UIUC Physics Placement Test prior to enrolling in a Physics course. You may register for the PHYS 101 proficiency exam.
	5	PHYS 101	5	You may register for either the PHYS 101 proficiency exam (for comparison purposes only) or for the PHYS 102 proficiency exam.
Physics 2	3	PHYS 1 - -	3	Take the UIUC Physics Placement Test prior to enrolling in a Physics course. You may register for either the PHYS 101 proficiency exam or the PHYS 102 proficiency exam.
	4	PHYS 1 - -	4	Take the UIUC Physics Placement Test prior to enrolling in a Physics course. You may register for either the PHYS 101 proficiency exam or the PHYS 102 proficiency exam.
	5	PHYS 102	5	You may register for the proficiency exam that corresponds to the requirements of your program.

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Physics C: Mechanics	3	PHYS 2 - -	3	Take the UIUC Physics Placement Test prior to enrolling in a Physics course. You may register for the proficiency exam that corresponds to the requirements of your program.
	4	PHYS 2 - -	4	Take the UIUC Physics Placement Test prior to enrolling in a Physics course. You may register for the proficiency exam that corresponds to the requirements of your program.
	5	PHYS 211	4	You may register for the proficiency exam that corresponds to the requirements of your program.
Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism	3	PHYS 2 - -	3	Take the UIUC Physics Placement Test prior to enrolling in a Physics course. You may register for the proficiency exam that corresponds to the requirements of your program.
	4	PHYS 2 - -	4	Take the UIUC Physics Placement Test prior to enrolling in a Physics course. You may register for the proficiency exam that corresponds to the requirements of your program.
	5	PHYS 212	4	You may register for the proficiency exam that corresponds to the requirements of your program.

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Psychology	3 or 4	PSYC 1 - -	3	-
	5	PSYC 100	4	-
Research	3, 4, or 5	LAS 1 - -	3	-
Seminar	3, 4, or 5	LAS 1 - -	3	-
Spanish Language	3	SPAN 141	4	SPAN 200, 202, 204, 208, 228, or 232
	4 or 5	SPAN 141	4	SPAN 202, 208, 228 or 232
		SPAN 200	3	
		SPAN 204	3	
Spanish Literature	3	SPAN 141	4	SPAN 200, 202, 204, 208, 228, or 232
	4 or 5	SPAN 141	4	SPAN 202, 208, 228 or 232
		SPAN 200	3	
		SPAN 204	3	
Statistics	3	STAT 1 - -	3	-
	4 or 5	STAT 100	3	-