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AP EXAM	PASSING SCORE	SEMESTER UNITS AWARDED	SEMESTER UNITS TOWARD GE	GE AREA(S) SATISFIED	CSUSM COURSE EQUIVALENT (IF APPLICABLE)	NOTES
African American Studies	3	3	0	n/a		
2-D Art and Design	3	3	0	n/a		
3-D Art and Design	3	3	0	n/a		
Art History	3	6	3	3A or 3B		
Biology	3	6	4	5B + 5C	GES 102	
Biology	4, 5	6	4	5B + 5C	BIOL 210	
Business with Personal Finance	3	3	0	n/a		
Calculus AB	3	3	3	2	MATH 160	Only one AP examination in calculus may be applied to the baccalaureate.
Calculus BC	3	6	3	2	MATH 160 & 162	
Calculus BC/AB Subscore	3	3	3	2	MATH 160	
Chemistry	3	6	4	5A + 5C	GES 101	
	4, 5	6	4	5A + 5C	CHEM 150 & 150L	
Chinese Language and Culture	3	6	3	3B	CHIN 201	Satisfies CHABSS Language Proficiency Requirement.
Comparative Government and Politics	3	3	3	4		Does not satisfy the American Institutions Requirement.
Computer Science A	3	3	0	n/a	CS 111	Only one AP examination in computer science may be applied to the baccalaureate.
Computer Science AB	3	6	0	n/a		
Computer Science Principles	3	6	3	2	CS 105	
Drawing	3	3	0	n/a		
English Language and Composition	3	6	3	1A	GEW 101B	If a student passes more than one AP exam in English, only 6 units of credit may be applied to the baccalaureate.
English Language	3	6	3	1A	GEW 101B	
English Literature and Composition	3	6	6	1A + 3B	GEW 101B & LTWR 100	
English Literature	3	6	6	1A + 3B	GEW 101B & LTWR 100	
Environmental Science	3	4	4	5A + 5C		
European History	3	6	3	3B or 4		Does not satisfy the American Institutions Requirement.
French Language and Culture	3	6	3	3B	FREN 201	Satisfies CHABSS Language Proficiency Requirement.
German Language and Culture	3	6	3	3B	GRMN 201	Satisfies CHABSS Language Proficiency Requirement.
	4, 5	6	3	3B	GRMN 202	Satisfies CHABSS Language Proficiency Requirement.
Human Geography	3	3	3	4	GEOG 201	Does not satisfy the American Institutions Requirement.
Italian Language and Culture	3	6	3	3B		Satisfies CHABSS Language Proficiency Requirement.

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Japanese Language and Culture	3	6	3	3B		Satisfies CHABSS Language Proficiency Requirement.
Latin	3	6	3	3B		Satisfies CHABSS Language Proficiency Requirement.
Macroeconomics	3	3	3	4	ECON 202	Does not satisfy the American Institutions Requirement.
Microeconomics	3	3	3	4	ECON 201	Does not satisfy the American Institutions Requirement.
Music Theory	3	6	0	n/a		
Physics 1	3	4	4	5A + 5C	PHYS 101	If a student passes more than one AP examination in physics, only 6 units of credit may be applied to the baccalaureate and only 4 units of credit may be applied to a certification GE breadth, if applicable.
Physics 1: Algebra-based	3	4	4	5A + 5C	PHYS 101	
Physics 2	3	4	4	5A + 5C	PHYS 102	
Physics 2: Algebra-based	3	4	4	5A + 5C	PHYS 102	
Physics B	3	6	0	n/a		
Physics C: Electricity/Magnetism	3	4	4	5A + 5C	PHYS 202	
Physics C: Mechanics	3	4	4	5A + 5C	PHYS 201	
Precalculus	3	3	3	2	MATH 115	
	4, 5	3	3	2	MATH 126	
Psychology	3	3	3	4	PSYC 100	Does not satisfy the American Institutions Requirement.
Research	3	3	0	n/a		
Seminar	3	3	0	n/a		
Spanish Language and Culture	3	6	3	3B	SPAN 201	Satisfies CHABSS Language Proficiency Requirement.
	4, 5	6	3	3B	SPAN 202	Satisfies CHABSS Language Proficiency Requirement.
Spanish Language	3	6	3	3B	SPAN 201	Satisfies CHABSS Language Proficiency Requirement.
	4, 5	6	3	3B	SPAN 202	Satisfies CHABSS Language Proficiency Requirement.
Spanish Literature and Culture	3	6	3	3B	SPAN 315	Satisfies CHABSS Language Proficiency Requirement.
Spanish Literature	3	6	3	3B	SPAN 315	Satisfies CHABSS Language Proficiency Requirement.
Statistics	3	3	3	2	MATH 242 or BUS 204	
	4, 5	3	3	2	BIOL 215, MATH 242 or BUS 204	
Studio Art-2D	3	3	0	n/a		
Studio Art-3D	3	3	0	n/a		

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Studio Art-Drawing	3	3	0	n/a		
Studio Art	3	3	0	n/a		
U.S. Government and Politics	3	3	3	4C + 4H	PSCI 100	Does not satisfy 4G (California Government) for the American Institutions Requirement.
United States History	3	6	3	3B or 4C + 4H	HIST 130 & 131	Does not satisfy 4G (California Government) for the American Institutions Requirement.
World History	3	6	3	3B or 4		Does not satisfy the American Institutions Requirement.
World History Modern	3	3	3	3B or 4		Does not satisfy the American Institutions Requirement.