

CREDIT BY EXAMINATION

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Students may challenge courses by taking examinations developed at California State University, Chico. Credit shall be awarded to those who pass them successfully.

Credit for Non-Collegiate Instruction

Chico State grants undergraduate degree credit for successful completion of non-collegiate instruction, either military or civilian, appropriate to the baccalaureate degree, which has been recommended by the Commission on Educational Credit and Credentials of the American Council on Education. The numbers of units allowed are those recommended in the Guide to the Evaluation of Educational Experience in the Armed Services (<https://www.acenet.edu/Programs-Services/Pages/Credit-Transcripts/military-guide-online.aspx>) and the National Guide to Educational Credit for Training Programs.

Credit for Prior Learning

Chico State grants up to 30 units of credit for learning, knowledge, or skills-based experience that has been documented and evaluated according to campus policy. Students should be aware, however, that policies for earning credit for prior learning vary from campus to campus in the CSU.

The Chancellor's Office announces the passing scores for external examinations (<https://www2.calstate.edu/attend/student-services/casper/Pages/external-exam-credit.aspx>) that may receive university credit. See Course Credit Policies (https://catalog.csuchico.edu/academic-standards-policies/academic-policies-regulations/#Course_Credit_Policies) for complete information.

Advanced Placement (AP)

Chico State grants credit toward its undergraduate degrees for successful completion of examinations of the Advanced Placement Program of the College Board. Students who present scores of three or better will be granted up to eight semester units (12 quarter units) of college credit. The number of units and how they meet specific academic content requirements are specified in the Advanced Placement Examinations Chart.

Advanced Placement Examinations Chart (Minimum Score of 3 Required)

AP Exam	Passing Score	Credit (semester units)	Meets this Chico GE area or course equivalent
Art-Studio Art/2D Design	3	3	---
Art-Studio Art/3D Design	3	3	---
Art-Studio Art/Drawing	3	3	---
Art-Art History	3	6	Arts (C1) or Humanities (C2): ARTH 110, ARTH 120

Biology (includes lab)	3	8	Life Science (B2 with lab): BIOL 161 and BIOL 162, or BIOL/SCED 102
Calculus AB	3	4	Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning (B4): ^{1,2}
Calculus BC	3	8	Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning (B4): ^{1,2}
Calculus AB Subscore on BC Exam	3	4	Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning (B4): ^{1,2}
Chemistry (includes lab)	3	8	Physical Science (B1 with lab): CHEM 107
Chemistry (includes lab)	4	8	Physical Science (B1 with lab): CHEM 111
Chinese Language and Culture	3	6	Humanities (C2) ¹
Computer Science A (A only)	3	3	CSCI 111 ³
Computer Science A and B	3	6	CSCI 111 ³
Computer Science Principles	3	6	Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning (B4): CSCI 101
Economics—Macro	3	3	Social Sciences (D): ECON 102
Economics—Micro	3	3	Social Sciences (D): ECON 103
English—Language and Composition	3	6	Written Communication (A2): ENGL 130W
English—Literature and Composition	3	6	Written Communication (A2) and Humanities (C2): ENGL 130W
Environmental Science (includes lab)	3	4	Physical Science (B1 with lab)
French—Language and Culture	3	8	Humanities (C2): FREN 102, FREN 201
German—Language and Culture	3	8	Humanities (C2): GERM 102, GERM 201

Government and Politics—U.S.	3	3	Social Sciences (D) or US Constitution (US-2 only) ⁴
Government and Politics—Comparative	3	3	Social Sciences (D)
History—European	3	6	Humanities (C2) or Social Sciences (D)
History—U.S.	3	6	Humanities (C2) or Social Sciences (D), U.S. History (US-1): HIST 130
History—World	3	3	Humanities (C2) or Social Sciences (D): HIST 102
Human Geography	3	3	Social Sciences (D): GEOG 102
Italian—Language and Culture	3	8	Humanities (C2): ITAL 102, ITAL 201
Japanese—Language and Culture	3	8	Humanities (C2): JAPN 102, JAPN 201
Latin	3	6	Humanities (C2) ¹
Music—Theory	3	6	1
Physics 1 (includes lab)	3	4	Physical Science (B1 with lab): PHYS 202A ⁵
Physics 2 (includes lab)	3	4	Physical Science (B1 with lab): PHYS 202B ⁵
Physics C—Mechanics (includes lab)	3	4	Physical Science (B1 with lab): PHYS 204A ⁵
Physics C—Electricity & Magnetism (includes lab)	3	4	Physical Science (B1 with lab): PHYS 204B ⁵
Psychology	3	3	Social Sciences (D) or Lifelong Learning and Self-Development (E): PSYC 101
Seminar	3	3	---
Spanish—Language and Culture	3	8	Humanities (C2): SPAN 102, SPAN 201
Spanish—Literature and Culture	3	6	Humanities (C2): Spanish major/minor elective credit (3 units only)

Statistics	3	3	Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning (B4): MATH 105
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Either 3 or 6 units of credit will be allowed for all other exams and applied to meet lower-division breadth requirements as appropriate.

¹ Department requires formal assessment for placement into appropriate courses.

² If both AP Calculus exams are passed, a maximum of 8 units will be awarded.

³ If both AP Computer Science exams are passed, a maximum of 6 units will be awarded.

⁴ Does not meet California state and local government content requirement.

⁵ If more than one AP Physics exam is passed, a maximum of 8 units will be awarded.

International Baccalaureate (IB)

As recommended by the California State University Chancellor's Office, Chico State grants credit toward its undergraduate degrees for successful completion of specific Higher Level (HL) International Baccalaureate examinations. Students who present the following passing scores will be granted up to six semester units of credit for each exam applied to the appropriate General Education requirements. Consult the IB Chart for specific details.

International Baccalaureate Examinations Chart (Higher Level Exams only)

IB Exam (July 2001 version)	Passing Score	Credit (semester units)	Meets this Chico GE area or course equivalent
Biology HL	5	6	Life Science (B2 with lab)
Chemistry HL	5	6	Physical Science (B1 with lab)
Economics HL	5	6	Social Sciences (D)
Geography HL	5	6	Social Sciences (D)
History (any region) HL	5	6	Humanities (C2) or Social Sciences (D)
History of the Americas HL	5	6	Social Sciences (D), HIST 130, GC
Language (any) A: Literature HL	4	6	Humanities (C2)
Language (any) A: Literature HL	4	6	Humanities (C2), GC
Language (any) A: Language and Literature HL	4	6	Humanities (C2)
Language (any) B HL	4	6	---

Mathematics HL	4	6	Mathematics/ Quantitative Reasoning (B4)
Mathematics HL: Analysis and Approaches	4	6	Mathematics/ Quantitative Reasoning (B4)
Mathematics HL: Applications and Interpretation	4	6	Mathematics/ Quantitative Reasoning (B4)
Physics HL	5	6	Physical Science (B1 with lab)
Psychology HL	5	3	Social Sciences (D) or Lifelong Learning and Self-Development (E)
Theatre HL	4	6	Arts (C1)

College Level Examination Program (CLEP)

Chico State grants credit and/or fulfills requirements for certain CLEP Exams taken July 2001 or later as indicated in the chart below. For CLEP Exams taken prior to July 2001, consult a graduation advisor in Graduation Advising (<https://www.csuchico.edu/gradadvising/>) at 530-898-5957.

For more information about the CLEP visit the College Level Examination Program (<https://clep.collegeboard.org/>) website.

College Level Examination Programs (CLEP) Chart

CLEP Exam (July 2001 version)	Passing Score	Credit (semester units)	Meets this Chico GE area or course equivalent
Accounting, Principles of	50	3	1
American Government	50	3	Social Sciences (D)
American Literature	50	3	Humanities (C2)
Analyzing and Interpreting Literature	50	3	Humanities (C2)
Biology	50	3	Life Science (B2 no lab)
Business Law, Intro	50	3	---
Calculus	50	3	Mathematics/ Quantitative Reasoning (B4)
Chemistry	50	3	Physical Science (B1 no lab)
College Algebra	50	3	Mathematics/ Quantitative Reasoning (B4)
College-Algebra-Trigonometry	50	3	Mathematics/ Quantitative Reasoning (B4)

College Composition	50	0	---
College Composition - Freshman	50	0	---
College Composition - Modular	50	0	---
College Mathematics	50	0	---
Educational Psychology, Intro	50	3	---
English Composition (no essay)	50	0	---
English Composition with Essay	50	0	---
English Literature	50	3	---
Financial Accounting	50	3	---
French, Level I	50	6	--- ²
French, Level II	59	9	Humanities (C2) ²
German, Level I	50	6	--- ²
German, Level II	60	9	Humanities (C2) ²
History, United States I	50	3	Social Sciences (D), U.S. History (US-1)
History, United States II	50	3	Social Sciences (D), U.S. History (US-1)
Human Growth and Development	50	3	Lifelong Learning and Self-Development (E)
Humanities	50	3	Humanities (C2)
Information Systems and Computer Applications	50	3	---
Macroeconomics, Principles of	50	3	Social Sciences (D)
Management, Principles of	50	3	---
Marketing, Principles of	50	3	---
Microeconomics, Principles of	50	3	Social Sciences (D)
Natural Sciences	50	3	Physical Science (B1 no lab) or Life Science (B2 no lab)
Pre-Calculus	50	3	Mathematics/ Quantitative Reasoning (B4)

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Psychology, Intro	50	3	Social Sciences (D) or Lifelong Learning and Self-Development (E)
Social Sciences and History	50	0	---
Sociology, Intro	50	3	Social Sciences (D)
Spanish, Level I	50	6	--- ²
Spanish, Level II	63	9	Humanities (C2) ²
Spanish with Writing I	50	6	--- ²
Spanish and Writing II	63	9	Humanities (C2) ²
Western Civilization I	50	3	Humanities (C2) or Social Sciences (D)
Western Civilization II	50	3	Social Sciences (D)

¹ Contact the Accounting Department for course equivalents.

² If more than one exam in the same language other than English is passed, a maximum of 9 units will be awarded.

There are some limits to the amount of credit that will be granted for results on external examinations. First, no more than 30 semester units of such credit may count toward degree requirements. Credit for Advanced Placement examinations is not included in this limit. Where credit has already been awarded at the equivalent or at a more advanced level, additional credit shall not be awarded. Where partial overlap exists, credit in the amounts indicated above will be reduced accordingly.

Credit by examination is not considered residence credit for purposes of residency requirements for the bachelor's degree.