

TRANSFER OF CREDIT TO SIERRA COLLEGE

Advanced Placement Examination

Sierra College accepts Advanced Placement (AP) examinations with scores of three or higher. Currently enrolled students may be awarded up to six units of credit per examination. Credit is awarded for a Sierra College course or courses; as general education credit; or as elective credit.

Students automatically receive credit for AP examinations if official College Board Advanced Placement scores are sent to the College (Sierra College Code=4697). Grades are not assigned and the credit is not used in calculating grade point average. Students are notified when credit is granted. AP credit will not be used to alleviate a substandard grade.

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Students shall earn credit for Advanced Placement examinations for which scores of 3, 4, or 5 are earned. This table provides specific AP credit applicability for Sierra College, California State Universities (CSU), and Universities of California (UC), expressed in semester units.										
Advanced Placement Examination	Sierra College				CSU GE and CSU			IGETC		UC
	Course(s)	Course Units	Sierra GE Area(s)	Total Units Granted	CSU GE and American Institutions Area(s)	Units for GE	CSU Minimum Admission Units	IGETC and American Institutions Area(s)	Units for GE	UC Minimum Admission Units
Government and Politics: United States	POLS 1	3	B	3	D8 and US-2	3	3	4H and US-2	3	2.7
History: European	HIST 4B	3	B or C	3	C2 or D6	3	6	3B or 4F	3	5.3
History: United States	HIST 17A, HIST 17B	6	B or C	6	(C2 or D6) and US-1	3	6	(3B or 4F) and US-1	3	5.3
History: World	HIST 50	3	B or C	3	C2 or D6	3	6	3B or 4F	3	5.3
Human Geography	GEOG 2	3	B	3	D5	3	3	4E	3	2.7
Italian Language and Culture	ITAL 2	4	C	4	C2	3	6	3B and 6A	3	5.3
Japanese Language and Culture	JPN 2	4	C	4	C2	3	6	3B and 6A	3	5.3
Latin	XFER ¹	3	C	3	C2	3	6	3B and 6A	3	2.7
Music Theory	XFER ¹	3	C	3	N/A	N/A	6	N/A	N/A	5.3
Physics 1	XFER ¹	4	A (w/lab)	4	B1 and B3	4	4 ⁵	5A and 5C	4	5.3 ⁵
Physics 2	PHYS 10, PHYS 10L	4	A (w/lab)	4	B1 and B3	4	4 ⁵	5A and 5C	4	5.3 ⁵
Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism	PHYS 110, PHYS 110L	5	A (w/lab)	5	B1 and B3	4	4 ⁵	5A and 5C	3	2.7 ⁵
Physics C: Mechanics	PHYS 105, PHYS 105L	5	A (w/lab)	5	B1 and B3	4	4 ⁵	5A and 5C	3	2.7 ⁵
Psychology	PSYC 100	3	B	3	D9	3	3	4I	3	2.7
Spanish Language and Culture	SPAN 2	5	C	5	C2	3	6	3B and 6A	3	5.3
Spanish Literature and Culture	XFER ¹	3	C	3	C2	3	6	3B and 6A	3	5.3
Statistics	MATH 13	4	D2	4	B4	3	3	2A	3	2.7

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History: United States	HIST 17A, HIST 17B	6	B or C	6	(C2 or D6) and US-1	3	6	(3B or 4F) and US-1	3	5.3
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¹XFER indicates there is not a Sierra College course equivalent.
²UC credit for all Studio Art examinations is limited to 5.3 semester units.
³UC limits credit for Calculus to one examination. UC credit for all Calculus examinations is limited to 5.3 semester units; students who take the Calculus BC examination and earn a subscore of 3 or higher on the Calculus AB portion will receive credit for the Calculus AB examination, even if they don't receive a score of 3 or higher on the BC examination.
⁴UC credit for all English examinations is limited to 5.3 semester units.
⁵UC credit for all Physics examinations is limited to 6 semester units; UC credit for all Physics examinations is limited to 5.3 semester units.

Sierra College students will automatically receive the above-referenced AP credit if official scores are sent to the college. Grades are not assigned and the credit is not used in calculating the grade point average. Sierra College notifies students of the credit awarded. AP exam credit will not be used to alleviate a substandard grade.
 NOTE: Each campus in the California State University system and University of California system determines how it will apply AP examinations toward credit in the majors.

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Transfer students are cautioned that, regardless of Sierra College policy, some institutions determine Advanced Placement credit based on their own local policies and may recalculate credit. For further information please consult a counselor.

College-Level Examination Program (CLEP)

Sierra College accepts College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) examinations with minimum scores of fifty. Currently enrolled students may be awarded three units of credit per examination upon submission of official results. The exception to this is for examinations in languages other than English, as detailed in the following table. Credit is awarded as general education or elective credit.

Sierra College students automatically receive credit for CLEP examinations if official scores are sent to the College. Grades are not assigned and the credit is not used in calculating grade point average. Students are notified when credit is granted. If a student does not want credit, a written request asking that credit be removed from the transcript must be submitted to an Admissions and Records office.

University of California campuses do not accept CLEP examinations. Transfer students are also cautioned that, regardless of Sierra College policy, some institutions determine CLEP credit based on their own local policies and may recalculate credit. For further information please consult a counselor.

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This table provides specific CLEP credit applicability for Sierra College and California State Universities (CSU). University of California (UC) campuses do not accept CLEP examinations.										
College-Level Examination Program (CLEP)	Minimum Score	Sierra College				California State Universities				
		Total Semester Units Granted	Sierra GE Area(s)	Semester Units for GE	Sierra GE Attribute	Removal Date for Sierra GE ¹	Total Semester Units Granted	CSU GE and American Institutions Area(s)	Semester Units for GE	Removal Date for CSU GE ²
American Government	50	3	B	3	AASS		3	D8	3	
American Literature	50	3	C	3	AALL		3	C2	3	
Analyzing and Interpreting Literature	50	3	C	3	AALL		3	C2	3	
Biology	50	3	A	3	AALS		3	B2	3	
Calculus	50	3	D2 & Math Proficiency	3	AACA & AAMA		3	B4	3	
Chemistry	50	3	A	3	AAPS		3	B1	3	
College Algebra	50	3	D2 & Math Proficiency	3	AACA & AAMA		3	B4	3	
College Algebra - Trigonometry	50	3	D2 & Math Proficiency	3	AACA & AAMA		3	B4	3	
College Composition	50	0	n/a	0	n/a		0	n/a	0	
College Composition - Modular	50	0	n/a	0	n/a		0	n/a	0	
College Mathematics	50	0	n/a	0	n/a		0	n/a	0	
English Composition (no essay)	50	0	n/a	0	n/a		0	n/a	0	
English Composition With Essay	50	0	n/a	0	n/a		0	n/a	0	
English Literature	50	3	C	3	AALL	Fall11	3	C2	3	Fall11
Financial Accounting	50	3	n/a	0	n/a		3	n/a	0	
French, Level I ²	50	6	n/a	0	n/a		6	n/a	0	
French, Level II ²	59	12	C	3	AALL	Fall15	12	C2	3	Fall15
French, Level III ²	59	9	C	3	AALL		9	C2	3	
Freshman College Composition	50	0	n/a	0	n/a		0	n/a	0	
German, Level I ²	50	6	n/a	0	n/a		6	n/a	0	
German, Level II ²	60	12	C	3	AALL	Fall15	12	C2	3	Fall15
German, Level III ²	60	9	C	3	AALL		9	C2	3	
History, United States I	50	3	B	3	AASS		3	D6 + US-1	3	
History, United States II	50	3	B	3	AASS		3	D6 + US-1	3	
Human Growth and Development	50	3	E	3	AAHE		3	E	3	
Humanities	50	3	C	3	AAFA		3	C2	3	
Information Systems and Computer Applications	50	3	n/a	0	n/a		3	n/a	0	
Introduction to Educational Psychology	50	3	n/a	0	n/a		3	n/a	0	
Introductory Business Law	50	3	n/a	0	n/a		3	n/a	0	
Introductory Psychology	50	3	B	3	AABS		3	D9	3	
Introductory Sociology	50	3	B	3	AABS		3	D0	3	

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Natural Sciences	50	3	A	3	AALS or AAPS		3	B1 or B2	3	
Pre-Calculus	50	3	D2 & Math Proficiency	3	AACA & AAMA		3	B4	3	
Principles of Accounting	50	3	n/a	0	n/a		3	n/a	0	
Principles of Macroeconomics	50	3	B	3	AASS		3	D2	3	
Principles of Management	50	3	n/a	0	n/a		3	n/a	0	
Principles of Marketing	50	3	n/a	0	n/a		3	n/a	0	
Principles of Microeconomics	50	3	B	3	AASS		3	D2	3	
Social Sciences and History	50	0	n/a	0	n/a		0	n/a	0	
Spanish, Level I ²	50	6	n/a	0	n/a		6	n/a	0	
Spanish, Level II ²	63	12	C	3	AALL	Fall15	12	C2	3	Fall15
Spanish, Level III ²	63	9	C	3	AALL		9	C2	3	
Trigonometry	50	3	D2 & Math Proficiency	3	AACA & AAMA	Fall06	3	B4	3	Fall06
Western Civilization I	50	3	B or C	3	AALL or AASS		3	C2 or D6	3	
Western Civilization II	50	3	B	3	AASS		3	D6	3	

Footnote 1: Students seeking GE credit must have passed the CLEP test before the start of this semester.

Footnote 2: Per CSU, if a student passes more than one CLEP test in the same language other than English (e.g., two exams in French), then only one examination may be applied to the baccalaureate. For each test in a language other than English, a passing score of 50 is considered "Level I" and earns six units of baccalaureate credit; the higher score listed for each test is considered "Level II" and earns additional units of credit and placement in Area C2 of GE Breadth, as noted. Effective for language other than English examinations taken Fall 2015 or later, Level II baccalaureate units granted decreased from 12 to 9 units.

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International Baccalaureate Examination

Sierra College accepts International Baccalaureate (IB) Higher Level examinations with minimum scores of four or five, depending on the exam.

Currently enrolled students may be awarded three units of credit per examination upon submission of official results. Credit is awarded as general education credit.

Sierra College students automatically receive credit for IB examinations if official scores are sent to the College. Grades are not assigned and the credit is not used in calculating grade point average. Students are notified when credit is granted. If a student does not want credit, a written request asking that credit be removed from the transcript must be submitted to an Admissions and Records office.

Transfer students are cautioned that, regardless of Sierra College policy, some institutions determine IB credit based on their own local policies and may recalculate credit. For further information please consult a counselor.

International Baccalaureate (IB)							
Students may earn credit for International Baccalaureate Diploma or Certificate for which scores of 4, 5, 6 or 7 are earned. Please review the table below which provides specific credit applicability for Sierra College, California State Universities (CSU), and Universities of California (UC), expressed in semester units.							
International Baccalaureate (IB)	Sierra College			CSU and CSU GE		IGETC	
	Sierra & CSU IB Score	Sierra GE Area(s)	Total Units Granted	CSU GE and American Institutions Area(s)	Units for GE	IGETC IB SCORE	IGETC and American Institutions Area(s) Units for GE
Biology HL	5-7	A	3	B2	3	5-7	5B 3
Chemistry HL	5-7	A	3	B1	3	5-7	5A 3
Economics HL	5-7	B	3	D2	3	5-7	4B 3
Geography HL	5-7	B	3	D5	3	5-7	4E 3
History (any region) HL	5-7	B or C	3	C2 or D6	3	5-7	3B or 4F** 3
Language A1 (any language) HL	4-7	C	3	C2	3	5-7	3B and 6A (*6A: other than English) 3
Language A2 (any language) HL	4-7	C	3	C2	3	5-7	3B and 6A (*6A: other than English) 3
Language A Literature HL	4-7	C	3	C2	3	5-7	3B 3
Language A Language and Literature HL	4-7	C	3	C2	3	5-7	3B 3
Language B (any language other than English) HL*	4-7	N/A	0	N/A	0	5-7	6A 3
Mathematics HL	4-7	A	3	B4	3	5-7	2A 3
Physics HL	5-7	A	3	B1	3	5-7	5A 3
Psychology HL	5-7	B	3	D9	3	5-7	4I 3
Theatre HL	4-7	C	3	C1	3	5-7	3A 3

*The IB curriculum offers language at various levels for native and non-native speakers. Language B courses are offered at the intermediate level for non-natives. Language A1 and A2 are advanced courses in literature for native and non-native speakers, respectively.

**IB exam may be used in either area regardless of where the certifying CCC's discipline is located.

Sierra College students will automatically receive credit for International Baccalaureate Diploma or Certificates if official scores are sent to the college. Grades are not assigned and the credit is not used in calculating the grade point average. Sierra College will notify the students of the credit granted. If a student does not want credit, a written request asking that credit be removed from the transcript must be submitted to an Admissions and Records office.

International Transcript Acceptance

Students wishing to receive credit at Sierra College for courses completed at an international institution must request and pay for an evaluation of their international transcript(s) through one of the following agencies:

- Academic Records Evaluation Center
- Educational Records Evaluation Service
- The International Education Research Foundation, Inc.
- World Education Services, Inc.

The evaluation must include a course by course review which determines semester unit value, grade and lower/upper division status. In most cases,

students are granted elective credit only for lower division course work completed at international institutions. No credit is granted for upper-division courses. Students wishing to be granted credit for specific Sierra College general education/learning skills or major courses must submit course descriptions in English with course substitution petitions.

International coursework from non-United States regionally accredited institutions cannot be used to meet California State University General Education-Breadth requirements, Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum requirements, and Associate Degree for Transfer requirements. Although international courses may be accepted by four-year universities, evaluation of such courses is determined independently by each transfer institution.

Military Service Credit

A veteran who was on active duty one year or longer and received an honorable discharge may request that 5 units of military training credit be applied to the Health Education/Physical Education associate degree requirement. Credit has no bearing on the student's GPA and may not transfer to a four-year university. To request credit, students must submit a copy of their DD-214 to an Admissions and Records office or the Veterans Resource Center. Students must submit an application for admission before military credit may be awarded.

Veterans receiving VA educational benefits through the Sierra College Veterans Resource Center must apply for military credit by the end of their second semester of enrollment, regardless of the number of units completed at Sierra.

Transcripts from Other Colleges and Universities

Official transcripts from United States regionally accredited institutions are evaluated for acceptance of all lower-division degree-applicable credit courses. Once an official transcript is received, it becomes the property of Sierra College. Qualifying transcripts shall become part of the student's permanent academic record. Appropriate units and subject content will be applied to major and general education areas to meet Sierra College graduation requirements and may not be removed. Students should meet with a counselor to determine which courses fulfill Sierra College's degree and/or certificate requirements.

Transfer credit is also used to fulfill prerequisite requirements. To ensure timely and accurate posting of transfer courses, students should submit their sealed official transcript(s) to a campus Admissions and Records office early in the application process.

2 + 2 Articulation Program

2+2 Articulation is a planned process linking programs and services to assist students in making smooth transitions from secondary to postsecondary levels without experiencing delays or duplication of learning. 2+2 articulation agreements have been developed with many area high school and ROP programs which make it possible for students to gain college credit for specified courses once they have enrolled at Sierra College and have completed other requirements of the agreement. Contact the career and transfer connections office for further information.

Reference: Sierra College Board Policies/Administrative Procedures Chapter 4 (<http://www.sierracollege.edu/about-us/board/policies/chapter4.php>).