

**Advanced Placement (AP) Credit Guidelines**  
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The Committee on Instruction proposes the following guidelines for acceptance of AP credit at SUNY-ESF:

- Scores of 3, 4, or 5 on AP exams will be accepted for credit for all exams except those defined below as fundamentals of math and science. In general, these represent requirements for General Education or free electives.
- Scores of 4 or 5 on AP exams are needed for credit in areas defined as the fundamentals of math and science.
- The AP exams classified as fundamentals of math and science are given in the following table:

<b>AP examination</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Courses</b>
Biology	8	EFB 226/ EFB 285
Chemistry	8	FCH150/151/152/153
Calculus AB	4	APM 105 or MAT 295
Calculus BC	8	APM 105/106 or MAT 295/296
Physics B	8	PHY 101/102
Physics C: Mechanics	4	PHY 211/221
Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism	4	PHY 212/222

- Scores of 3 or higher on the LanCom (credit awarded for CLL 190 and CLL 290) and LitCom (credit awarded for CLL 290) AP exams are acceptable for writing course credit.
- These guidelines will apply to students who matriculate to ESF effective Fall 2003.

**Background:**

- A SUNY Memorandum to Presidents (MTP 76-11, 1976) established that campuses set a score of 3 on AP exams as the minimum standard for which credit will be granted. The policy does not prescribe how the credit will be applied toward degree requirements.
- Some students have made a significant investment in AP credit. This investment should be recognized.
- Students must be adequately prepared for subsequent courses for which the AP credit satisfies a prerequisite. Student performance in courses in the fundamentals of math and science should be higher than that reflected in an AP score of 3 for credit.
- The American Council on Education's (ACE) recommendation is a minimum score of 3 on all exams for college credit ([apcentral.collegeboard.com](http://apcentral.collegeboard.com)).

- College Comparability studies indicate that the lowest composite AP score being equated to a 3 is roughly equal to the average composite score of college students with grades of C ([apcentral.collegeboard.com](http://apcentral.collegeboard.com)).
- Students will be able to satisfy General Education requirements using AP credit based on a minimum score of 3.