

Oregon University System College Credit Opportunities

Each of the seven undergraduate universities in the Oregon University System gives credit-by-examination through institutional course challenge, the College Level Examination Program (CLEP), Advanced Placement (AP), and the International Baccalaureate Program (IB). In addition, the OUS Office of Independent Study (at PSU) offers independent study opportunities at both high school and college levels.

Advanced Placement Program (AP)

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Advanced Placement (AP) courses are offered within high schools, and participating students have the option to take AP examinations offered by the College Board. Students who pass with a score of 3 or better typically will be awarded college credit once they are admitted to college. The cost to the student is currently \$82 for each AP examination. Limited funding is available for low-income students from the Oregon Department of Education, (503) 378-3569.

The AP program, administered by The College Board, has two basic parts: (1) coursework and (2) the examinations.

Advanced Placement courses are set up in high schools and taught by members of the faculty. No formal admission to the program is required to set up a course. However, teachers usually read Advanced Placement course descriptions, consult with others teaching AP classes, and attend special seminars designed to help them set up a curriculum. Often, PSAT scores are used to identify likely candidates for AP courses.

Advanced Placement exams are created by College Board and submitted to schools nationwide. Students who pass the exams with a score of 3 or better may receive college credit at one of 2,800 American colleges and universities that give credit for AP exams. Exam scores also satisfy certain PASS proficiency admission requirements (see page 40). Research by The College Board has shown that AP students earn above-average grades in college and are more likely to graduate with honors than non-AP students. Ninety percent of the AP students consider their advanced courses the most valuable of all their high school classes.

The chart on the following page indicates the credit given at OUS institutions through the AP program. Administrators, teachers, or counselors interested in further information about the Advanced Placement program should visit <http://apcentral.collegeboard.com>.

Advanced Placement (AP) Credit Awarded at OUS Institutions 2007-08

	AP Exam Taken	Exam Score	OUS Credit	
English	English Language & Composition	3+	3/4	
	English Literature & Composition	3+	3/4	
	Environmental Science	3+	4	
Foreign Language	French Language	3+	12	
	French Literature	3+	4	
	German Language	3+	12	
	Latin Vergil	3+	12	
	Latin Literature	3+	4	
	Spanish Language	3+	12	
	Spanish Literature	3+	4	
Social Science	Government (Comparative)	4+	3/4	
	Government (U.S.)	4+	3/4	
	History (European)	3+	6/8	
	History (U.S.)	3+	6/8	
	Human Geography	3+	4	
	Macro Economics	3+	4	
	Micro Economics	3+	4	
	Psychology	3+	4	
Science & Mathematics	Biology	4+	12	
	Calculus AB	3 4+	4 8	
	Calculus BC	3 4+	8 12	
	Chemistry	4+	12/15	
	Computer Science A	4+	4	
	Computer Science AB	3 4+	4 8	
	Physics B	4+	12/15	
	Physics C- Electricity & Magnetism	4+	4	
	Physics C - Mechanics	4+	4	
	Statistics	4+	4	
	Humanities	History - World	3+	6/8
		Art - History	4+	8
Art - Studio		4+	4	
Music Theory		4+	8	