
Administrative Procedure
Chapter 4 – Academic Affairs

AP 4236 Advanced Placement Credit

References:

Education Code Section 79500;

California Code of Regulations, Title 5, Section 55052

NOTE: *This procedure is **legally required**. In October 2021, the Policy & Procedure Service updated this procedure to add a legal reference to Title 5 Section 55052 and clarify that if a district grants credit for satisfactory completion of Advanced Placement examination, a student's academic record will reflect such credit.*

NOTE: *The following language in **gray highlighting** was uniquely developed by FHDA and requires careful review by leaders and local district legal counsel to ensure the language remains accurate and legally compliant:*

Any student who passes a College Board Advanced Placement (AP) examination with a minimum score of three in a subject matter will be awarded credit in a general education area with a subject matter similar to that of the AP examination.

NOTE: *Insert locally developed course-to-course awarding of AP credit made by the appropriate discipline faculty.*

For the locally developed course-to-course awarding of AP credit refer to the College websites.

For any AP examination that the District does not offer a course similar in content, the District will award credit in the General Education area shown on the California Community College General Education AP List. If there is no General Education area that fits the AP Examination, the District may award elective credit.

A student's academic record will be annotated to reflect credit earned through an AP examination.

The District shall post its Advanced Placement Credit procedure on its Internet Web site.



Also sSee Administrative Procedure BP/AP 4235 Credit for Prior Learning.

NOTE: The **red ink** signifies language that is **legally required**. The Policy & Procedure Service issued this procedure in October 2017 with legal updates issued in **October 2021**. The language in **black ink** is from current FHDACCD **AP 4236 Advanced Placement Credit** approved on 2/9/18. The language in **blue ink** is included for consideration. The language in **yellow highlighting** is included to draw the reviewers' attention, and this language will be removed upon final approval. The language in **gray highlighting** was uniquely developed by FHDA and requires careful review by leaders and local district legal counsel to ensure the language remains accurate and legally compliant. **The legal citation language reflected after the page break (below) should be removed following review and revision.**

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Legal Citations for AP 4236

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TITLE 3. POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION [66000 - 101060]

(Title 3 enacted by Stats. 1976, Ch. 1010.)

DIVISION 7. COMMUNITY COLLEGES [70900 - 88922]

(Division 7 enacted by Stats. 1976, Ch. 1010.)

PART 48. COMMUNITY COLLEGES, EDUCATION PROGRAMS [78015 - 79500]

(Part 48 enacted by Stats. 1976, Ch. 1010.)

CHAPTER 9. Miscellaneous [79120 - 79500]

(Chapter 9 enacted by Stats. 1976, Ch. 1010.)

ARTICLE 9. Advanced Placement Credit [79500- 79500.]

(Article 9 added by Stats. 2016, Ch. 513, Sec. 2.)

79500.

(a) The office of the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges shall, in collaboration with the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges, do both of the following:

(1) Commencing January 1, 2017, begin development of, and each community college district subsequently shall begin adoption and implementation of, a uniform policy to award a pupil who passes an Advanced Placement examination course credit for California Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum, California State University General Education Breadth, or local community college general education requirements, as appropriate for the pupil's needs, in a course with subject matter similar to that of the Advanced Placement examination.

(2) Periodically review and adjust the policy adopted pursuant to subdivision (a) to align it with policies of other public postsecondary educational institutions.

(b) If the policy to be adopted pursuant to subdivision (a) is not implemented for the entering class in the fall 2017 academic term, the California Community Colleges shall adopt and implement, commencing with the 2017–18 academic year, the Advanced Placement policy adopted by the California State University.

(c) Each community college campus shall post on its Internet Web site the most recent policy adopted pursuant to this section.

*(Added by Stats. 2016, Ch. 513, Sec. 2. **Effective January 1, 2017.**)*

Title 5. Education

Division 6. California Community Colleges

Chapter 6. Curriculum and Instruction

Subchapter 1. Programs, Courses and Classes

Article 5. Alternative Methods for Awarding Credit

5 CCR § 55052

§ 55052. Advanced Placement Examinations.



The governing board of a community college district may adopt policies to grant credit for satisfactory completion of advanced placement examinations typically recognized by colleges and universities as measuring competencies comparable to those achieved in baccalaureate level courses.

The faculty in the appropriate discipline must approve advanced placement examinations, scores deemed to constitute satisfactory performance, courses offered by the college for which credit will be granted, and requirements that may be met by such examinations in accordance with policies and procedures approved by the curriculum committee established pursuant to section 55002.

The student's academic record shall be clearly annotated to reflect that credit was earned through an advanced placement examination.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 66700 and 70901, Education Code. Reference: Sections 66700, 70901 and 70902, Education Code.

HISTORY

1. New section filed 7-17-2007; operative 8-16-2007. Submitted to OAL for printing only pursuant to Education Code section 70901.5 (Register 2007, No. 35).