

AP[®] Credit Policies

North Carolina Public Colleges and Universities

Note: This document represents a snapshot of data available to the College Board as of February 2018.

Advanced Placement Program[®] (AP[®]) courses prepare students for success in postsecondary education and provide opportunities for them to earn college credit. AP Exam scores range from 1–5, with scores of 3–5 correlating to college course grades of C to A. Research shows that AP students who earn an exam score of 3 or higher generally perform as well or better in subsequent course work as compared to non-AP college students who completed the introductory course at a college or university.

Given the consistent findings that students who earn minimum AP Exam scores of 3 demonstrate college success, the College Board recommends that colleges and universities award credit for scores of 3 on any AP Exam.

Overview of Public University and College AP Credit & Placement Policies

As indicated on the following pages, AP Exam credit and placement policies vary by institution in North Carolina. North Carolina public colleges or universities receiving the highest volume of AP scores last year:

- University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- North Carolina State University
- Appalachian State University
- University of North Carolina at Charlotte
- University of North Carolina at Wilmington

Of these institutions, none award credit for all AP Exams.

Of the North Carolina public institutions the College Board has identified,¹ 15 award credit for AP Exam scores of 3+ for at least one STEM-related AP subject area.

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¹The AP credit policy data cited in this report was retrieved from the College Board's AP Credit Policy Survey database. The information was updated as of 2/5/2018 based on data collected from each institution's website. It was also verified by an institutional credit policy contact, where possible. Institutional data is included in this report based on availability: Some institutions neither make their credit policy details publicly available, nor provide this data directly to the College Board as part of the annual survey.

AP Credit Policies: NC Public Four-Year Colleges and Universities

	Appalachian State University	East Carolina University	Elizabeth City State University	Fayetteville State University	North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State U	North Carolina Central University	North Carolina State University	University of North Carolina at Asheville
Art History	4	3	3	3	3		3	5
Biology	4	3	3	3	3		4	4
Calculus AB	3	3	3	3	3		3	3
Calculus BC	3	3		3	3		2	3
Calculus BC: AB Subscore		3						
Chemistry	4	3	3	3	3		3	4
Chinese Language and Culture	3							
Comparative Government and Politics	4	3	3		3		3	3
Computer Science A	4	3	3	3	3		4	3
Computer Science Principles			3				4	3
English Language and Composition	4	3	3	3	3		4	4
English Literature and Composition	4	3	3	3	3		5	4
Environmental Science	4	4	3		3		3	3
European History	4	3		3	3		4	3
French Language and Culture	3	3	3	3	3		3	3
German Language and Culture	3	3			3		4	3
Human Geography	3	3					3	3
Italian Language and Culture	3	3						
Japanese Language and Culture	3							
Latin	3	3			3		4	3
Macroeconomics	3	4		3	3		3	3
Microeconomics	3	4		3	3		3	3
Music Aural Subscore				3			4	
Music Non-Aural Subscore				3			4	
Music Theory		3	3	3	3		4	3
Physics 1	3	3		3	3		4	3
Physics 2	3	3		3			4	3
Physics B			3	3			4	3
Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism	5	3	3		3		4	3
Physics C: Mechanics	4	3	3		3		4	3
Psychology	4	3	3		3		3	3
Research								
Seminar								
Spanish Language and Culture	3	3	3	3	3		3	3
Spanish Literature and Culture	3		3	3	3		4	3
Statistics	3	3	3				3	3
Studio Art: 2-D Design Portfolio	4	4		3	3		3	
Studio Art: 3-D Design Portfolio		4		3	3		3	
Studio Art: Drawing Portfolio	4	4		3	3		3	5
United States Gov't and Politics	4	3	3		3		3	3
United States History	4	3	3	3	3		4	4
World History	4	3	3				4	3

	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	University of North Carolina at Charlotte	University of North Carolina at Greensboro	University of North Carolina at Pembroke	University of North Carolina at Wilmington	University of North Carolina School of the Arts	Western Carolina State University	Winston-Salem State University
Art History	5	3	4	3	3	3	3	3
Biology	3	4	3	3	3	3	4	3
Calculus AB	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Calculus BC	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Calculus BC: AB Subscore	2				3			
Chemistry	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Chinese Language and Culture	3	3	3		3		3	3
Comparative Government and Politics		3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Computer Science A	5	3	4		3		3	3
Computer Science Principles	5	3	3				3	
English Language and Composition	4	4	3	3	3	3	3	3
English Literature and Composition	5	4	3	3	3	3	3	3
Environmental Science	4	4	3	3	4	3	3	3
European History	4	3	4	3	4	3	3	3
French Language and Culture	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
German Language and Culture	3	3	3		3	3	3	3
Human Geography	3	3	3		3	3	3	3
Italian Language and Culture	4	3	3		3	3		3
Japanese Language and Culture	4	3	3		3		3	3
Latin	4	3	3		3		4	3
Macroeconomics	4	3	4		3	3	3	3
Microeconomics	4	3	4		3	3	3	3
Music Aural Subscore		3	4		4			
Music Non-Aural Subscore		3	4		4			
Music Theory	3	3	4	4	4		3	3
Physics 1	4	3	4		3	3	3	3
Physics 2	4	3	4		3	3	3	3
Physics B	5			3	3	3		3
Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism	4	4		3	3	3	3	3
Physics C: Mechanics	4	4		3	3	3	3	3
Psychology	4	4	3	3	4	3	4	3
Research					4			
Seminar					4			
Spanish Language and Culture	4	3	3	3	3		3	3
Spanish Literature and Culture	4	5	4	3	3		3	3
Statistics	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Studio Art: 2-D Design Portfolio	4		3				3	3
Studio Art: 3-D Design Portfolio	4		3				3	3
Studio Art: Drawing Portfolio	4		3	3			3	3
United States Gov't and Politics	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
United States History	4	3	4	3	4	3	3	3
World History	4	3	4	3	4	3	3	3

Footnote

The numbers displayed in this chart indicate the minimum AP Exam score required for credit at each institution. Empty cells indicate that a policy was not reported to the College Board and could not be located on the campus's website, suggesting that the campus may not have a credit policy for the exam. This data represents the best available information at the time of collection, but because policies change over time, they may not always be current. Please consult institutions directly for the most current policies. **This document represents a snapshot of data available to the College Board as of February 2018.** For more information on credit-granting recommendations, please refer to aphighered.collegeboard.org/.