

High school students who earn at least 3 of 5 points on Advanced Placement exams have a chance to earn college credit. But whether they do or not has a lot to do with where they choose to go to school, what their major is and whether they feel prepared to skip an introductory course even if they can.

Advanced Placement credits

	SCORE ON AP TEST	COLLEGE CREDITS EARNED ON 10 MOST POPULAR AP TESTS									
		U.S. HISTORY	ENGLISH LITERATURE & COMPOSITION	ENGLISH LANGUAGE & COMPOSITION	CALCULUS AB	U.S. GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS	BIOLOGY	PSYCHOLOGY	SPANISH LANGUAGE	STATISTICS	CHEMISTRY
PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES											
California University of Pennsylvania	3,4,5	3	3	3	3	3	4	3	3	3	4
Clarion University of Pennsylvania	3 4 5	3 6 6	3 3 3	3 3 3	3 3 4	3 3 3	3 4 8	3 3 3	6 9 12	3 3 3	6 6 6
Community College of Allegheny County	3 4,5	6 6	3 6	3 6	4 8	3 3	4 8	3 3	6 12	4 4	4 8
Indiana University of Pennsylvania	3 4 5	3 3 3	3 3 3	3 3 3	0 0 4	3 3 3	4 4 4	3 3 3	4 4 4	3 3 3	8 8 8
Penn State University	3 4 5	0 6 6	0 3 3	0 0 0	0 4 4	0 3 3	0 4 4	0 0 3	8 12 12	3 4 4	0 4 8
Slippery Rock University	3,4,5	3	3	3	4	3	3	3	3	3	3
University of Pittsburgh, College of Arts and Sciences	3 4 5	0 6 6	0 3 3-6	0 3 3-6	4 4 4	0 3 3	0 4 8	3 3 3	0 0-6 0-6	0 4 4	4 4 8
West Virginia University	3 4, 5	6 6	3 6	3 6	4 4	3 3	8 4	3 3	6 6	3 3	8 8
PRIVATE COLLEGES											
Allegheny College	3 4, 5	0 4	0 4	0 4	0 4	0 4	0 4	0 4	0 4	0 4	0 4
Carlow University	3 4,5	0 3	0 3	0 3	0 3	0 3	0 3	0 3	0 3	0 3	0 3
Carnegie Mellon University ¹	3 4 5	0 0 9	0 0 9	0 0 9	0 10 20	0 9 9	0 9 9	0 9 9	0 9 18	0 9 9	0 13 23
Chatham University	3 4,5	0 6	0 6	0 6	0 6	0 3	0 6	0 3	0 6	0 3	0 6
Duquesne University	3 4 5	6 6 6	0 3 3	0 0 0	4 4 4	0 3 3	8 8 8	3 3 3	3 3 3	0 3 3	0 5 10
Grove City College	3 4 5	0 3 3	0 3 3	0 3 3	0 4 4	0 3 3	4 4 4	0 3 3	0 3 6	0 3 3	4 4 8
La Roche College	3 4,5	3 3	3 3	0 0	3 4	3 3	0 4	3 3	3 3	0 3	0 4
Robert Morris University	3 4, 5	3 3	3 3	3 3	3 4	3 3	3 3	3 3	3 3	3 3	3 3
St. Vincent College	3,4,5	6	3	3	4	3	4	3	6	3	8
Seton Hill University	3,4,5	3	3	3	4	3	4	3	6	3	4
University of Pennsylvania ²	3 4 5	0 0 1	0 0 1	0 0 1	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 1	0 0 0	0 0 1	0 0 1	0 0 1
Washington & Jefferson College	3 4,5	0 4	0 4	0 4	0 4	0 4	0 4	0 4	0 4	0 4	0 4
Waynesburg College	3 4 5	3 3 3	0 3 3	0 3 3	3 3 7	3 3 3	4 4 4	3 3 3	0 0 0	0 3 3	4 4 9
Westminster College	3,4,5	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4

Notes: ¹Three units roughly equal 1 credit. ²One unit roughly equals 3 credits. (At most schools, 3 or 4 credits are one course).

Special cases: Some schools give the same credit whether the student does well on either English literature or on both. In some cases, score required for credit varies by major. The specific courses credited also may vary by score. Sometimes credits are for required courses, sometimes for electives. • **IUP** requires a 5 for natural science and math majors to earn statistics credit. • **Pitt** requires an SAT critical reading score of 600 in addition to an AP score of 5 to get 6 credits for English literature. Pitt requires an oral exam by the Spanish department to determine the number of credits; maximum possible is 6. • **WVU** gives fewer credits in biology for those who score a 4 or 5, but credits are for a higher level course. • **Allegheny** limits AP credits to 20. • **Seton Hill** gives credit for biology and chemistry but lab may still be required for major. • **University of Pennsylvania** does not give a lab credit for biology or chemistry. Penn waives the introductory psychology course for a score of 4 but does not give credit for it. Penn considers a score of 4 to fulfill the foreign language requirement but does not give credit for it. • **Point Park University** awards 3 to 12 credits, depending on the subject and score. Details were not available.

Source: Colleges, universities

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