

TENNESSEE BOARD OF REGENTS COMMUNITY COLLEGES
PRIOR LEARNING ASSESSMENT (PLA) SYSTEMWIDE STANDARDS
RECOMMENDED CAMPUS STANDARDS FOR ACCEPTANCE OF ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) CREDIT

The THEC Task Force on Prior Learning Assessment (PLA), which includes representatives from 12 TBR community colleges, has discussed the need to identify and adopt common standards with regard to the acceptance of credit for the Advanced Placement (AP) offered by the College Board. Adopted standards used of each institution will be posted on the PLA website that THEC will launch in July 2012.

It seems logical to begin the process of adopting common AP standards by establishing a common practice for the 13 community colleges. Adoption of the attached recommendations by all community colleges will result in the acceptance of identical scores and identical credits for each AP test among the community colleges. Universities will develop standards that will take community college standards into account and will facilitate student progression to a baccalaureate degree.

Each community college can choose not to grant credit for a specific AP test. However, every community college agrees to follow these recommended standards in all cases where they do grant credit for AP exams. In addition, the community colleges will accept transfer credit awarded through AP exams in every case where a student has received the AP credit at a prior institution as part of the TBR common general education core or as part of a TN Transfer Pathway, in accordance with guaranteed transfer policies. In such circumstances, institutions will accept these credits in transfer based on the student's transcript and will not require the student or the prior institution to furnish documentation of the original examination results from the testing agency.

The table below recommends that all TBR community colleges adopt the recommendations listed in the attached table for the AP score and for the number of student credit hours (SCH) for each AP examination. **The scores recommended below are consistent with those currently accepted by most TBR and UT universities.** The AP score of 3 is recommended by the American Council on Education (ACE) and the College Board as a "qualifying" AP Exam score. The AP program periodically conducts college comparability studies in all AP subjects to compare the performance of AP students with students taking the corresponding college courses. AP scores of 4 and 3 are equivalent to the average scores for college students earning course grades of B and C, respectively. Upon adoption, community colleges should update their campus websites to provide current information. The table includes recommendations for:

- The AP score currently used by most/all TBR community colleges.
- The TBR course which is most equivalent to the material on the examination and/or is included in the TBR common general education core or on a TN Transfer Pathway (TPP).
- The amount of credit that will be awarded for each exam and, in some cases, for each score on the exam.

This practice was approved by the TBR Academic Affairs Subcouncil in June 2012 and will go into effect for TBR community colleges effective fall semester, 2012.

More information about the Advanced Placement (AP) exams, including some research on the subsequent college success of students receiving AP credit, is available at <http://apcentral.collegeboard.org>.

AP examination	AP Score	SCH	Suggested Equivalent TBR CC Courses*
Art History	3,4,5	3 SCH	ARTH 2010 Art History I
Biology	3 4	4 SCH 8 SCH	BIOL 1010 or BIOL 1110 BIOL 1010 & 1020 or BIOL 1110 & 1120 Test scheduled for revision effective fall 2012
Calculus AB	3 4,5	3 SCH 3 SCH	MATH 1830 Calculus for BUS/Biol MATH 1830 or MATH 1910 Calculus for Engin/Math I
Calculus BC	3	3 SCH	MATH 1910 & MATH 1920 Calculus for Engin/Math II
Chemistry	3 4	4 SCH 8 SCH	CHEM 1110 General Chemistry I CHEM 1110 & CHEM 1120 General Chemistry II
Chinese Language & Culture	3 4 5	6 SCH 9 SCH 12 SCH	1010 & 1020 Beginning Language I & 2 1010, 1020, & 2010 Intermediate Language I 1010, 1020, 2010, & 2020 Intermediate Language II
Computer Science A	3,4,5	3 SCH	Determined by individual community college
Macroeconomics	3,4,5	3 SCH	ECON 2010 Macroeconomics
Microeconomics	3,4,5	3 SCH	ECON 2020 Microeconomics
English Language	3 4,5	3 SCH 6 SCH	ENGL 1010 Composition I ENGL 1010 & ENGL 2020 Composition II
English Literature	3,4,5	6 SCH	ENGL 2210 & 2220 Survey of British Literature I & II
Environmental Science	3,4,5	4 SCH	Physical/Natural Science Core Requirement
European History	3,4,5	6 SCH	HIST 1010 & 1020 Survey of Western Civilization I, II
French Language & Culture	3 4 5	6 SCH 9 SCH 12 SCH	FREN 1010 & 1020 Beginning French I & II FREN 1010, 1020, & 2010 Intermediate French I FREN 1010, 1020, 2010 & 2020 Intermediate Fren II
German Language & Culture	3 4 5	6 SCH 9 SCH 12 SCH	1010 & 1020 Beginning Language I & 2 1010, 1020, & 2010 Intermediate Language I 1010, 1020, 2010, & 2020 Intermediate Language II
Comparative Government & Politics	3,4,5	3 SCH	Social Science Core Requirement
U.S. Gov't & Politics	3,4,5	3 SCH	POLS 1030 Introduction to American Government
Human Geography	3,4,5	3 SCH	Social Science Core Requirement
Italian Language & Culture	3 4 5	6 SCH 9 SCH 12 SCH	1010 & 1020 Beginning Language I & 2 1010, 1020, & 2010 Intermediate Language I 1010, 1020, 2010, & 2020 Intermediate Language II
Japanese Language & Culture	3 4 5	6 SCH 9 SCH 12 SCH	1010 & 1020 Beginning Language I & 2 1010, 1020, & 2010 Intermediate Language I 1010, 1020, 2010, & 2020 Intermediate Language II
Latin	3 4 5	6 SCH 9 SCH 12 SCH	1010 & 1020 Beginning Language I & 2 1010, 1020, & 2010 Intermediate Language I 1010, 1020, 2010, & 2020 Intermediate Language II
Music Theory	3,4,5	3 SCH	Music Theory I
Physics B	3 4	4 SCH 8 SCH	PHYS 2010 Non-Calculus Based Physics I PHYS 2010 & 2020 Non-Calculus Based Physics II Test scheduled for revision effective fall 2014

Physics C	3 3	4 SCH 4 SCH	Pt. 1 PHYS 2110 Calculus Based Physics I Pt. 2 PHYS 2120 Calculus Based Physics II
Psychology	3,4,5	3 SCH	PSYC 1030 Introduction to General Psychology
Spanish Language	3 4 5	6 SCH 9 SCH 12 SCH	SPAN 1010 & 1020 Beginning Spanish I & 2 SPAN 1010, 1020, & 2010 Intermediate Spanish I SPAN 1010, 1020, 2010, & 2020 Intermediate Spanish II
Spanish Literature & Culture	3,4,5	3 SCH	No equivalent community college course; test os scheduled for revision effective fall 2013
Statistics	3,4,5	3 SCH	MATH 1510 or MATH 1530 Probability/Statistics
Studio Art Drawing	3,4,5	3 SCH	Drawing I
Studio Art 2D Design	3,4,5	3 SCH	2D Design I
Studio Art 3D Design	3,4,5	3 SCH	3D Design I
U.S. History	3,4,5	6 SCH	HIST 2010 & 2020 Survey of American History I & II
U.S. Government & Politics	3,4,5	3 SCH	POLS 1030 Introduction to American Government
World History	3,4,5	6 SCH	HIST Survey of World Civilization I & II

*TBR Community Colleges will award/transfer PLA credit for AP scores in to the Suggested course or the equivalent course at their institutions. There may be variations in course number and/or course title. Community Colleges should award the PLA credit for course other than the suggested course when it is in the best interests of the student.