

Southwestern University Advanced Placement (AP) Exam Course Equivalencies

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AP Exam Name	Score	Credits	SU Equivalent Course Number	SU Equivalent Course Title	General Education Requirement	Additional Information
African American Studies	4, 5	4	SOC34-004	Selected Topics in Sociology	Social Sciences	This course is approved as a substitution for use in the Race and Ethnicity Studies minor.
Art - History	4, 5	4	ARH71-004	Selected Topics in Art History	Fine Arts	
Biology	4, 5	4	BIO50-173, and BIO50-171	Molecular & Cellular Foundations of Biology, and Inquiries in Biology	Natural Sciences	
Calculus AB	4, 5	4	MAT52-164	Modern Calculus I	Natural Sciences	
Calculus BC	4, 5	4	MAT52-264	Modern Calculus II	Natural Sciences	
Calculus AB Subgrade	4, 5	4	MAT52-164	Modern Calculus I	Natural Sciences	If student takes Calculus AB and the Calculus AB subgrade as part of Calculus BC, earning passing scores on both, student will only receive a total of 4 credits for the MAT52-164 Modern Calculus I course equivalent.
Chemistry	4, 5	4	CHE51-103, and CHE51-101	General Chemistry I, and Chemical Methods and Techniques Lab I	Natural Sciences	
Chinese Language & Culture	4, 5	4	CHI22-164	Chinese III	Language Requirement	
Computer Science A	4, 5	4	CSC54-184	Computer Science I	Natural Sciences	Student is encouraged to consult with the Math & Computer Science department chair to determine course placement, if course was not in Java.
Computer Science Principles	4, 5	4	CSC54-144	Explorations in Computing	Natural Sciences	Student is encouraged to consult with the Math & Computer Science department chair to determine course placement in subsequent Computer Science courses.
Economics - Macro	4, 5	4	ECO31-004	Selected Topics in Economics	Social Sciences	This course by itself does not fulfill Business or Economics major or minor requirements. You must also take Microeconomics. Course may be combined with AP Microeconomics or Microeconomics transfer credit, in order to receive ECO31-104 credit.
Economics - Micro	4, 5	4	ECO31-004	Selected Topics in Economics	Social Sciences	This course by itself does not fulfill Business or Economics major or minor requirements. You must also take Macroeconomics. Course may be combined with AP Macroeconomics or Macroeconomics transfer credit, in order to receive ECO31-104 credit.
English Language & Composition	4, 5	4	ENG10-114	College Writing	Elective	This course does not fulfill general education and/or English major or minor requirements.
English Literature & Composition	4, 5	4	ENG10-004	Selected Topics in English	Humanities	
Environmental Science	4, 5	4	ENV49-144	Environmental Science	Natural Sciences	
European History	4, 5	4	HIS16-004	Selected Topics in History	Humanities	
French Language	4, 5	4	FRE11-164	French III	Language Requirement	
French Literature	4, 5	4	FRE11-314, or FRE11-334	Topics in Literature or Film, or French Cinema	Language Requirement Humanities	
German Language	4, 5	4	GER12-314, or GER12-334	Reading German: Text in Context, or Speak German!	Language Requirement Humanities	
Government & Politics - US	4, 5	4	PSC32-114	American Politics	Social Sciences	

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Government & Politics - Comparative	4, 5	4	PSC32-144	Comparative Politics	Social Sciences	
Human Geography	4, 5	4	ENV49-004	Selected Topics in Environmental Studies	Social Sciences	
Italian Language & Culture	4, 5	4	FLN21-164	Language III	Language Requirement	
Japanese Language & Culture	4, 5	4	FLN21-164	Language III	Language Requirement	
Latin	4, 5	4	LAT14-164	Latin III	Language Requirement	
Music Theory	4, 5	4	MUT76-101, and MUT76-103	Fundamentals of Solfege/Ear Training, and Fundamentals of Music Theory	Fine Arts	Student must receive scores of 4 or 5 on all three composite, aural, and non-aural exams to receive credit.
Physics 1: Algebra-Based	4, 5	4	PHY53-004	Selected Topics in Physics	Natural Sciences	This algebra-based course does not fulfill degree requirements in the BS, or Physics major or minor requirements.
Physics 2: Algebra-Based	4, 5	4	PHY53-004	Selected Topics in Physics	Natural Sciences	This algebra-based course does not fulfill degree requirements in the BS, or Physics major or minor requirements.
Physics C: Mechanics	4,5	4	PHY53-154	Physics I	Natural Sciences	
Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism	4,5	4	PHY53-164	Physics II	Natural Sciences	Student is encouraged to consult with the Physics department chair to determine if eligible to take the Physics I departmental exam. A passing score may result in credit for PHY53-154 Physics I.
Precalculus	4, 5	4	MAT52-004	Selected Topics in Mathematics	Natural Sciences	
Psychology	4, 5	4	PSY33-104	Principles of Psychology	Social Sciences	
Research	4, 5	4	ELEC-004	Lower Level Elective	Elective	
Seminar	4, 5	4	ELEC-004	Lower Level Elective	Elective	
Spanish Language	4 5	4 4	SPA15-164 SPA15-214	Spanish III Written and Oral Expression	Language Requirement Language Requirement Humanities	
Spanish Literature	4 5	4 4	SPA15-334 SPA15-344	Conversation Through Hispanic Cinema Introduction to Literary Studies	Language Requirement Humanities Language Requirement Humanities	
Statistics	4, 5	4	MAT52-114	Introduction to Statistics	Natural Sciences	
Studio Art 2-D Design	4, 5	4	ART68-004	Selected Topics in Studio Art	Fine Arts	
Studio Art 3-D Design	4, 5	4	ART68-004	Selected Topics in Studio Art	Fine Arts	
Studio Art - Drawing	4, 5	4	ART68-004	Selected Topics in Studio Art	Fine Arts	
US History	4, 5	4	HIS16-004	Selected Topics in History	Humanities	
World History: Modern	4, 5	4	HIS16-004	Selected Topics in History	Humanities	