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MEMORANDUM

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To: California Articulation Officers

From: Brent Foster, Ph.D.
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Subject: **Systemwide Credit for External Examinations**

Background

As directed in [Executive Order 1036](#) the California State University (CSU) faculty has determined passing scores and, when appropriate, certification areas (for General Education Breadth and United States History, Constitution, and American Ideals) for CSU-approved standardized external examinations. The list can be found [online](#) on the Calstate.edu website.

Updates

Updates in this memorandum include:

- a) The addition of AP Precalculus to the Advanced Placement chart. Credit earned (3 units) for a score of 3 or higher, in General Education area B4 - Mathematics and Quantitative Reasoning. This credit is effective as of 3/17/23.

Implementation

Note that each CSU campus still determines how it will apply external examinations toward credit in the major. For students not already certified in General Education (GE) and/or American Institutions, the campus also determines how to apply credit from such exams toward the local degree requirements.

Credit Awarded Through Associate Degrees for Transfer

When within the Associate Degree for Transfer (AA-T/AS-T), a California Community College awards course equivalency credit for a CSU-approved standardized external examination—and the student's transcript is annotated to reflect the course to which credit was earned—the CSU campus shall accept the course units awarded.

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San Diego

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Sonoma
Stanislaus

These units shall be applied toward the lower-division minimum unit requirement for the CSU degree and, if applicable, toward meeting the minimum unit designation for the CSU major or CSU GE-Breadth requirements. For CSU campuses, entry of this credit to a student's record can be accomplished through multiple methods. In the Common Management System, campuses may use "test credits" (automated or manual) functionality or "other credits" functionality to award the credit.

If there are any questions about test-credit entry, please contact Darlene Daclan, Director of Academic Affairs Business Systems, at ddaclan@calstate.edu or (562) 951-4224. Other questions may be directed to me at bfoster@calstate.edu or (562) 951-4149.

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