

Advanced Placement credit policy of A&S

Advanced Placement

Honors courses and other accelerated study in high school are excellent preparation for Vanderbilt. The well-established advanced-placement policy endeavors to recognize exceptional high school preparation, to avoid requiring freshmen to take courses clearly mastered in high school, and to encourage students to begin their college learning experience at the level most appropriate to their preparation. Advanced placement may be decided on the basis of good performance on the College Board Advanced Placement Examinations, on the College Board SAT II Subject Tests, on International Baccalaureate tests, or, in some cases, on placement tests given by Vanderbilt. Entering students who have taken the British G.C.E. "A" level examinations, the Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE), or similar tests, such as the French baccalauréat or the Swiss maturité examinations, may submit copies of the syllabi and an official report of the grades earned for evaluation for credit by the relevant departments. Appropriate documentation should be submitted to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions before matriculation at Vanderbilt. To qualify for credit for AICE examinations, students must have achieved an A or B thereon.

Advanced Credit

Advanced Placement Examination grades accepted for advanced placement with credit by the various departments at Vanderbilt are listed below.

United States Government and Politics. Grade of 4 or 5 earns 3 hours credit for Political Science 100.

United States History. Grade of 4 or 5 earns 6 hours credit for History 170–171.

Biology. Grade of 4 or 5 earns 4 hours credit for Biological Sciences 100.

Chemistry. Grade of 5 earns 8 hours credit for 102a–102b and 104a–104b. A grade 4 permits entry into Chemistry 218a.

Comparative Government and Politics. Grade of 4 or 5 earns 3 hours credit for Political Science 101.

Computer Science. Grade of 4 or 5 on the A or AB examination earns 3 hours credit for Computer Science 150.

Economics. Grade of 4 or 5 in macroeconomics earns 3 hours credit for 100; grade of 4 or 5 in microeconomics earns 3 hours credit for 101.

English. Grade of 4 or 5 in English language and composition or English literature and composition earns 6 hours credit for English 104W and 105W.

Environmental Science. Grade of 4 or 5 earns 4 hours of credit for Geology 104.

European History. Grade of 4 or 5 earns 6 hours credit for

History 100–101.

Art. Grade of 4 or 5 in art history earns 6 hours credit for Art and Art History 110–111. Grade of 4 or 5 in art studio earns 6 hours credit.

French. Grade of 4 or 5 in language earns 8 hours credit for French 103 and 201. Grade of 4 or 5 in literature earns 8 hours credit for 103 and 220.

German. Grade of 4 or 5 in language earns 6 hours credit for German 103 and 104.

Latin. Grade of 4 or 5 in Vergil earns 3 hours credit for Latin 104. Grade of 4 or 5 in Latin Literature earns 3 hours elective credit at the 200 level.

Mathematics. Grade of 4 or 5 earns up to 8 hours credit in analytic geometry and calculus. The precise amount of credit depends on the Advanced Placement test (AB or BC) and on the mathematics course, if any, in which the student enrolls at Vanderbilt.

Music. Grade of 5 in music theory earns two hours credit for MUSC 120a or 121; a grade of 4 may earn credit pending evaluation by the department. A grade of 4 or 5 in music listening and literature may earn three hours credit in MUSL 141 pending evaluation by the department.

Physics. Grade of 4 or 5 in the B examination earns 4 hours credit for Physics 110–111 and 4 hours credit for a Physics elective course. Grade of 4 or 5 in the C examination earns 4 hours credit for Physics 116a or 117a.

Psychology. Grade of 4 or 5 earns 3 hours credit for Psychology 101.

Spanish. Grade of 4 in language or literature earns 5 hours credit for Spanish 104; grade of 5 earns 8 hours credit for 104 and 202.

Statistics. Grade of 4 or 5 earns 3 hours credit for Mathematics 127a.

At the determination of individual departments, Advanced Placement Examination grades with a score of 4 or 5 may be accepted for credit. The amount of credit that may be awarded corresponds to the course work waived, up to a maximum of 8 hours in any subject area. Advanced Placement credit does not affect the Vanderbilt grade point average. Students are limited to a total of 18 credit hours, earned by any combination of advanced placement, international baccalaureate credit, advanced international credit, and credit by departmental examination, counting toward the minimum number of hours required for the degree. No form of advanced placement credit can be used in fulfillment of the Achieving Excellence in Liberal Education (AXLE) requirements.

International Baccalaureate Credit Policy

International Baccalaureate test scores accepted for advanced credit by the various departments at Vanderbilt are listed below. Students who have taken tests in other areas may submit their scores to the Dean's Office for evaluation by the appropriate departments. The amount of credit that may be awarded is subject to the same limitations as credit for Advanced Placement.

Biology. Score of 6 or 7 (subsidiary or higher) earns 4 hours credit for Biological Sciences 100.

Chemistry. Score of 6 or 7 (applied subsidiary) earns 8 hours credit for 101a–101b or (higher) Chemistry 102a–102b and 104a–104b.

Economics. Score of 6 or 7 (higher) earns 6 hours credit for Economics 100 and 101.

English. Score of 6 or 7 (subsidiary) earns 3 hours credit for English 100W or (higher) 6 hours credit for English 104W and 105W.

French. Score of 6 or 7 (subsidiary) earns 5 hours credit for French 103 or (higher) 5 hours credit for French 103 and 3 hours elective credit.

History. Score of 6 or 7 (higher) earns 3 hours elective credit.

Japanese. Score of 6 or 7 (subsidiary) earns 10 hours credit for Japanese 211–212 or (higher) 6 hours credit for Japanese 241–242.

Latin. Score of 6 or 7 (subsidiary) earns 3 hours credit for Latin 103 or (higher) 6 hours credit for Latin 103 and 104.

Mathematics. Score of 6 or 7 (subsidiary) earns 7 hours credit for Mathematics 140 and 180 or (higher) 8 hours credit for 155a and 180 and 1 hour elective credit.

Music. Score of 6 or 7 (subsidiary) earns 3 hours credit for MUSL 140 or (higher) 3 hours credit for MUSL 141.

Physics. Score of 6 or 7 (subsidiary) earns 3 hours credit for Physics 110 and 3 hours credit for a Physics elective course or (higher) 8 hours credit for Physics 117a–117b.

Psychology. Score of 6 or 7 (subsidiary or higher) earns 3 hours credit for Psychology 101.

Russian. Score of 6 or 7 (subsidiary) earns 5 hours credit for Russian 102 or (higher) 6 hours credit for Russian 203–204.

Spanish. Score of 6 or 7 (subsidiary) earns 5 hours credit for Spanish 104 or (higher) 5 hours credit for Spanish 104 and 3 hours elective credit.