

Advanced Placement

The university offers capable students who have superior preparation an opportunity for advanced placement and/or college credit. Many secondary schools, in association with the College Board, offer college-level work. Students participating in these courses should sit for the Advanced Placement Tests offered by the College Board.

Entering first-year students that request the College Board to send their Advanced Placement Test scores to Lehigh are considered for advanced placement.

Some departments noted below offer examinations during Freshman Orientation to students who studied college-level subjects in secondary school but did not sit for the Advanced Placement Tests. Entering first-year students wishing to sit for an examination in any Lehigh course should notify the Office of the First-Year Experience via email at fye@lehigh.edu by the date given on the First-Year Student Portal. The student should specify the number and title of the course. Students who receive credit on the basis of Advanced Placement Test grades need not sit for the Lehigh tests to confirm the credit granted.

Current practice at Lehigh is as follows:

Art, Architecture and Design

Eight credit hours for ART 001 and ART 002 are granted to students who earn a grade of 5. Three credit hours for Art Elective in Art History are granted for those students who earn a grade of 4. Those students who earn grades of 5 on the Advanced Placement Studio Art Examination receive four credit hours for ART 003.

Biology

Four credit hours for BIOS 001 Biology For Non-Majors, given to those who earn grades of 4 or 5.

Chemistry

Four credit hours for CHM 030 are granted to students who earn a grade of 5 on the Advanced Chemistry Placement test.

Computer Science

Students who receive a grade of 4 or 5 on the AP Computer Science A exam will receive two credits for CSE 001 and two credits for CSE 002. Students who receive a grade of 4 or 5 on the AP Computer Science Principles will receive three credits of CSE 012.

Economics

Students will receive two credit hours of Economics Elective for a score of 4 or 5 on the microeconomics or macroeconomics exam. Students receiving a score of 4 or 5 on both the microeconomics and macroeconomics exams will receive four credits for ECO 001 and two credits of Economics Elective and satisfy the College of Business and Economics degree requirements.

English

Students who earn a score of 4 on either of the English AP exams (either in English Language and Composition or in English Literature and Composition) or a score of 730-769 on the SAT Evidence Based Reading and Writing test, or a score of 32-33 on the ACT Optional Writing Test, or a score of 5 on the IB High Level Examination will receive three credits for ENGL 001. These students must complete the six-hour requirement by taking an English course ENGL 011.

Students who earn a score of 5 on either of the English AP exams (either in English Language and Composition or in English Literature and Composition) or a score of 770 or higher on the SAT Evidence Based Reading and Writing test, or a score of 34 or higher on the ACT Optional Writing Test, will receive six credits for ENGL 001 and ENGL 002. Students receiving six hours of this English requirement are exempt from English.

Environmental Science

Students scoring a 4 or 5 on the environmental science exam will receive three credits for EES 002 and one credit for EES 022.

Government and Politics

Four credits for POLS 001 are awarded to those students that score a 4 or 5 on the American Government test, and four credits for POLS 003 are awarded to those that score a 4 or 5 on the Comparative Politics exam

History

Students earning a grade of 5 in the American History Advanced Placement examination will receive four credits of History elective for use as Social Science credit. Students earning a grade of 5 in the European History and the World History exam will receive four credits of History elective for use as Social Science credit.

Latin

Students receive four semester hours of credit for a grade of 4 or 5 in the Virgil examination; those who successfully write in more than one area (e.g. Virgil and lyric poetry) receive eight hours of credit. Credit will be awarded for LAT 099 Latin Elective. Students receiving credit for Latin and who wish to continue their study of Latin must consult with the Director for proper placement.

Mathematics

Four semester hours of credit for MATH 021, Calculus I, are granted to those who earn grades of 4 or higher on the Calculus AB examination. To those who earn a grade of 4 or higher on the Calculus BC examination, eight hours of credit are granted for MATH 021 and MATH 022, Calculus I and II. Credit for MATH 021 and MATH 022 or both may also be earned by passing the examination offered by the Mathematics Department during Freshman Orientation. Students regardless of whether they have taken the advanced placement examination may take this examination or not.

Modern Languages and Literature

Students receive four semester hours of credit at the intermediate level I for grades of 4, and eight hours of credit at the intermediate level I & II for grades of 5 on the advanced placement tests. Those who write the SAT II subject tests and score 600 to 699 receive four hours of credit; 700 and above receive eight hours of credit. The maximum number of credits given is eight. Those students receiving grades of 4 or higher on the Spanish literature examination will receive four credits for SPAN 151.

Music

Two credit hours of Music elective are given to those students who earn a grade of 5 on the Advanced Placement test in Music, Listening/Literature of Music: Theory. Students wishing to pursue theory at Lehigh must still take a placement exam.

Physics

Five hours of credit are given for PHY 011, PHY 012, for a score of 5 on the "Physics 1: Algebra-Based" examination (or, "Physics B" examination, for those who took the exam prior to 2015) or a score of 4 or higher on the "Physics C: Mechanics" examination. If a student receives this advanced placement credit for PHY 011, five hours of credit will additionally be given for PHY 021, PHY 022, for a score of 4 or higher on the "Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism" examination. Alternatively, Anticipatory Exams for PHY 011 and PHY 021 are offered to incoming students during Freshman Orientation.

Psychology

Four credit hours of PSYC 001 are granted to students who earn a grade 4 or 5.

Statistics

Students scoring a 4 or 5 will receive four credits; for MATH 012 if enrolled in the College of Arts & Sciences or the College of Engineering & Applied Science, or three credits for ECO 045 if enrolled in the College of Business & Economics.

International Baccalaureate

Students who earn the international baccalaureate may be granted credit in higher-level or advanced subjects with scores of 5 or better or "B" or better. All students will have their credentials evaluated on an individual basis for specific course equivalency. Lehigh must receive the Official IB transcript before credit will be assigned.