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 degree requirements.

**English**

For Students Entering Fall 2019
Students who earn a score of 4 on either of the English AP exams or a score of 700-749 on the SAT Evidence Based Reading and Writing test, or a score of 32-34 on the ACT English test, or a score no lower than a 6 on all of the three parts of the optional SAT essay exam, or a score of 10 on the ACT Optional Writing Test, you will receive three credits for ENGL 001. If you earn a score of 5 or higher on the IB test, you will receive three credits for ENGL 001. You will complete the six-hour University English requirement by taking an English course suggested by the department, typically ENGL 011. Students will complete the six-hour University English requirement by taking an English course suggested by the department, typically ENGL 011.

Students who earn a score of 5 on either of the English AP exams, or a score of 750 or higher in the SAT Evidence Based Reading and Writing test, or a score of 35-36 on the ACT English test, or a score of no lower than a 7 on all of the three parts of the optional SAT essay exam, or a score of 11 or 12 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.

For Students Entering Fall 2020

College of Business:

All First-Year students in the College of Business must take English 1 to fulfill the First-Year Writing Requirement.

For Students Entering Fall 2019
Those students who demonstrate proficiency in writing by taking an achievement test (see below) will get credit for English 1 (3 credits).

They will be eligible to take English 11. Those students who do not demonstrate proficiency as measured by achievement tests will take English 1 to fulfill their writing requirement.

**College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) and Rossin College of Engineering and Applied Science (RCEAS):**

All First-Year students in CAS and RCEAS must take two courses in First-Year Writing: one of these course requirements can be fulfilled by demonstrating proficiency on the basis of achievement test scores.

Those students who demonstrate proficiency (see below) will get credit for English 1 (3 credits) and will have fulfilled the first of the two required First-Year Writing courses. Those students will take English 11 to fulfill the second course requirement.

Those students who do not demonstrate proficiency on the basis of achievement test scores will take the sequence English 1 and English 2 to fulfill the two-course writing requirement.

**Achievement Test Scores:**

To receive credit for English 1 (3 credits), students must achieve one of the following:

- a score of 4 or higher on either of the English AP exams,
- a score of 6 or higher on all three parts of the optional SAT essay exam,
- a score of 10 or higher on the ACT Optional Writing Test,
- a score of 5 or higher on the IB test.

**Exceptions and special cases:**

- Students in the Eckardt Scholar Program are exempt from all CAS requirements, including FY Writing.
- Students in the IDEAS program fulfill the writing requirement by taking writing-intensive seminars in their program.
- Multi-lingual students are assessed for proficiency by the International Center for Academic and Professional English. Those who are deemed sufficiently proficient are placed in English 1 and 2; others are advised to take English 3 and 5.

**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, European History or World History Advanced Placement examination 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 First-
Year 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.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Credit will only be awarded for PHY 011 & 022 if AP credit was awarded for PHY 011 & 012; credit for the "Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism" examination cannot be awarded after taking PHY 011 & 012 at Lehigh. 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.

**International Baccalaureate**

Students who earn International Baccalaureate credit may be granted transfer credit for high-level or advanced subjects with scores of 5 or higher. All students will have their credentials evaluated on an individual basis for specific course equivalency once official International Baccalaureate scores have been received.

Please note decisions to award credit are reviewed annually and are subject to change.