

Advanced Placement Guidelines

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Stephen F. Austin State University (SFA) offers several options for students to earn college credit through placement programs and national examinations: the College Level Examination Program (CLEP), Advanced Placement Program (AP) of the College Board, International Baccalaureate (IB) Program, and SFA internal examinations.

The Office of Admissions is responsible for reviewing these placement programs and national examinations annually, and disseminating information about changes to the appropriate academic units.

To make revisions to course credit earned through AP, CLEP, and IB, academic units will submit recommendations through the dean to the Undergraduate Council's Curriculum Committee. An academic unit proposing a score of more than three (3) on a corresponding AP exam or a score higher than the minimum score recommended by the American Council of Education on a corresponding CLEP exam must submit a request to the provost justifying the need for a higher score. A request for a score higher than three (3) must include evidence that a higher score is needed to indicate the student's sufficient preparation for related, more advanced courses for which the lower-division course is a prerequisite.

Individual academic units may initiate an internal advanced placement program (i.e., a system that allows students to bypass certain courses). Academic units will submit requests via a memorandum to offer internal advanced placement programs through the dean of the college to the Undergraduate Council's Curriculum Committee for approval. Academic units will update their advanced placement programs as part of the university's general bulletin revision process.

Cross Reference: General Bulletin, Student Handbook and Activities Calendar; Tex. Educ. Code § 51.968

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