

UNDERGRADUATE GUIDE

PLACEMENT AND CREDIT BY EXAM

PLACEMENT TESTS

Each student comes to UW–Madison with a unique set of skills and academic preparation. To assess where each student stands in beginning to meet their General Education Requirements (p.), placement tests provide academic advisors with the tools to help determine in which courses students should enroll. Placement tests are required of all incoming freshmen and some transfer students depending on college course work. Other exams such as ACT, SAT, SAT II, TOEFL, Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), etc. do not satisfy the requirement of placement tests, however, scores on these exams may assist in appropriate course enrollment advising.

UW Placement tests are developed by faculty and instructional staff from various UW System campuses and led by Testing and Evaluation Services (<https://testing.wisc.edu/>) (T&E). T&E conducts studies to support the development of these tests and effectively uses the results to place incoming students into appropriate levels of English, math, and foreign language.

Outlined below are the situations typical for requiring placement tests. The Office of Admissions and Recruitment (<https://www.admissions.wisc.edu/>) determines which placement tests are required. After students are admitted to the University of Wisconsin–Madison, they will receive an email from the Office of Admissions and Recruitment indicating which placement tests are required.

LANGUAGE PLACEMENT EXAMS

Freshmen who have previous experience in Spanish, French, or German and who plan to take coursework in this language at UW–Madison must take a placement test in that language to qualify and enroll in classes beyond the entry level language course. Previous experience may include native speakers and those who have previous coursework in the language. If you are interested in taking a course in another world language, see the available Departmental Placement Exams below (p. 2). Many programs have a world language requirement. Be sure to review the Guide to determine your degree requirements for world language and consult with your advisor at SOAR. UW–Madison offers language instruction in more than 30 languages.

FRENCH

Score	Placement Into
0-149	Consult with French Advisor
150-385	FRENCH 101 (First Semester French)
386-475	FRENCH 102 (Second Semester French)
476-560	FRENCH 203 (Third Semester French)
561-715	FRENCH 204 (Fourth Semester French)
716-800	FRENCH 228 (Intermediate Language and Culture)
801-850	Consult with French Advisor

GERMAN

Score	Placement Into
150-406	GERMAN 101 (First Semester German)
407-466	GERMAN 102 (Second Semester German)
467-536	GERMAN 203 (Third Semester German)
537-616	GERMAN 204 (Fourth Semester German)
617-850	GERMAN 249 (Intermediate German - Speaking and Listening), GERMAN 258 (Intermediate German-Reading), GERMAN 262 (Intermediate German-Writing), or GERMAN 285 (Intermediate Intensive (Honors) German: Language, Culture, Texts)

Note: If your score is between 0-149 or 851-999, please consult the German advisor. These scores are not valid and something was entered incorrectly on your record.

SPANISH

Score	Placement Into
150-420	SPANISH 101 (First Semester Spanish)
421-540	SPANISH 102 (Second Semester Spanish)
541-639	SPANISH 203 (Third Semester Spanish)
640-742	SPANISH 204 (Fourth Semester Spanish)
743-849	SPANISH 226 (Lying, Swearing, and Breaking the Rules: An Introduction to the Linguistic Study of Spanish)
850	SPANISH 226 (Intermediate Language Practice with Emphasis on Writing and Grammar), or SPANISH 311 (Advanced Language Practice)

Note: If your score is between 0-149 or 851-999, please consult the Spanish advisor. These scores are not valid and something was entered incorrectly on your record.

MATH PLACEMENT EXAMS

This examination is required for students admitted to undergraduate degree granting programs who:

- Are admitted as first-year students
- Are admitted as transfer students and (one of the following):
 - Have not previously completed the UW System math placement exam.
 - Do not have credit for the UW–Madison direct equivalent of MATH 96, MATH 112, MATH 114, MATH 171 MATH 211, MATH 217 MATH 221, MATH 222 or MATH 234.
 - For students who have one of the direct equivalent MATH courses in progress at the time of admission, it is assumed they will complete the course, and they are not asked to take the placement test; if they do not complete or pass the course, they may be required to take the placement test to demonstrate minimum math proficiency.

NOTES:

- Students must demonstrate minimum math proficiency before they enroll in a Quantitative Reasoning Part A (p.) course. Satisfaction of Quantitative Reasoning Part A from a math course that is transferred in does not automatically exempt students from the UW math placement test.
- MATH 101 equivalents will be converted to MATH 96, and/or will be reviewed by the math department for possible MATH 96.

MATH PLACEMENT EXAM MATRIX

For more detailed information on math course sequencing and placement, please see the information available on the Math Department website (<https://math.wisc.edu/undergraduate/placement/new-student/>). Students should discuss course selection based on math placement test scores with an advisor if they have any questions.

MFUND	AALG	TAG	Math Course Options	General Education
150-355	150-850	150-850	• MATH 96	
356-465	150-850	150-850	• MATH 96 • MATH 141	
466-850	150-485	150-555	• MATH 112	
466-850	150-485	556-850	• MATH 112 • MATH 114 • MATH 171	
466-850	486-535	150-555	• MATH 114 • MATH 112 • MATH 171	Quantitative Reasoning A satisfied
466-850	486-535	556-850	• MATH 112 • MATH 114 • MATH 171	Quantitative Reasoning A satisfied
466-850	536-850	150-155	• MATH 113 • MATH 211 • MATH 114 • MATH 171	Quantitative Reasoning A satisfied
466-850	536-850	556-820	• MATH 211 • MATH 221	Quantitative Reasoning A satisfied

ENGLISH PLACEMENT EXAMS

There are two exams used to determine the placement of students into courses focused on development of skills needed for success in college-level communication tasks:

1. UW English Placement Test (UWEPT)
2. UW-Madison English as a Second Language Assessment Test (MSNESLAT)

UW ENGLISH PLACEMENT TEST (UWEPT)

The UWEPT is taken by students admitted to undergraduate degree-granting programs who (one of the following):

1. Are admitted as first-year students and are not required to take the MSNESLAT (see next section)
2. Are admitted as transfer students and are not required to take the MSNESLAT (see next section) and
 - a. Have not previously completed the UW System English Placement Exam.
 - b. Do not have credit for the UW-Madison equivalent of a Communication Part A (p.) course.

English

Score	Placement Into
001-604	Must take Communications A Course
605-850	Communications A requirement satisfied

Note: If your score is 0 or between 851-999, please consult your advisor. These scores are not valid and something was entered incorrectly on your record.

UW-MADISON ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE ASSESSMENT TEST (MSNESLAT)

The MSNESLAT is taken by all students who are required to submit a TOEFL or IELTS score for admission to UW-Madison.

The MSNESLAT is designed to evaluate English language proficiency, and to place students into English as a Second Language courses that help students improve skills in the written and spoken English used in academic contexts. Students who take the MSNESLAT and obtain a score that does not exempt them from ESL 118 must satisfy the university's expectation of college-level English language proficiency. This can be done by taking ESL 118 or by achieving a score of exempt on the MSNESLAT.

English as a Second Language (ESL)

Score	Placement Into
99	Exempt from ESL 118 and Communication A Requirement satisfied
110	ESL 110 (Intensive English as a Second Language)
114	ESL 114 (Intermediate English Language Skills)
115	ESL 115 (Grammar for Academic Use)
116	ESL 116 (Academic Reading and Vocabulary Skills)
117	ESL 117 (Academic Writing I)
118	ESL 118 (Academic Writing II)

Note: If your score is between 1-98 or 119-999, please consult your advisor. These scores are not valid and something was entered incorrectly on your record.

DEPARTMENTAL PLACEMENT EXAM

This is a summary of the Departmental Placement Exam policy. Click here (<https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1014/>) to view the official policy in its entirety in the UW-Madison Policy Library.

In cases where a student has acquired knowledge, skills or competencies through experiences that are academic in nature and where there is an equivalent UW-Madison course, a department may offer credit by departmental exam which can then be used to meet course requisites and fulfill degree requirements. However, a student may not need the equivalent course for credit and simply wish to demonstrate competency to take course(s) at a higher level which require that competency. The departmental placement exam is a systematic, documented way that will allow a student to demonstrate the academic knowledge, skills or experience required at a level that replaces the taking of a requisite for-credit course.

Departments must propose and have approved the placement exams they offer. Listed below are approved departmental placement exams.

CHINESE

Score	Placement Into
10	ASIALANG 101 (First Semester Chinese)
20	ASIALANG 111 (Elementary Chinese II)
30	ASIALANG 102 (Second Semester Chinese)
40	ASIALANG 201 (Third Semester Chinese)
50	ASIALANG 202 (Fourth Semester Chinese)
60	ASIALANG 301 (Fifth Semester Chinese)
70	ASIALANG 302 (Sixth Semester Chinese)

COMPUTER SCIENCES

Score	Placement Into
10	COMP SCI 200 (Programming I)
20	COMP SCI 300 (Programming II)

FILIPINO

Score	Placement Into
10	ASIALANG 123 (First Semester Filipino)
30	ASIALANG 124 (Second Semester Filipino)
40	ASIALANG 223 (Third Semester Filipino)
50	ASIALANG 224 (Fourth Semester Filipino)
60	ASIALANG 323 (Fifth Semester Filipino)
70	ASIALANG 324 (Sixth Semester Filipino)

HINDI

Score	Placement Into
10	ASIALANG 133 (First Semester Hindi)
30	ASIALANG 134 (Second Semester Hindi)
40	ASIALANG 233 (Third Semester Hindi)
50	ASIALANG 234 (Fourth Semester Hindi)
60	ASIALANG 333 (Fifth Semester Hindi)
70	ASIALANG 334 (Sixth Semester Hindi)

HMONG

Score	Placement Into
10	ASIALANG 125 (First Semester Hmong)
30	ASIALANG 126 (Second Semester Hmong)
40	ASIALANG 225 (Third Semester Hmong)
50	ASIALANG 226 (Fourth Semester Hmong)
60	ASIALANG 325 (Fifth Semester Hmong)
70	ASIALANG 326 (Sixth Semester Hmong)

INDONESIAN

Score	Placement Into
10	ASIALANG 127 (First Semester Indonesian)
30	ASIALANG 128 (Second Semester Indonesian)
40	ASIALANG 227 (Third Semester Indonesian)
50	ASIALANG 228 (Fourth Semester Indonesian)
60	ASIALANG 348 (Fifth Semester Indonesian)
70	ASIALANG 328 (Sixth Semester Indonesian)
80	ASIALANG 421 (Seventh Semester Asian Language)
90	ASIALANG 422 (Eighth Semester Asian Language)

JAPANESE

Score	Placement Into
10	ASIALANG 103 (First Semester Japanese)
20	ASIALANG 114 (Second Semester Elementary Japanese)
30	ASIALANG 104 (Second Semester Japanese)
40	ASIALANG 203 (Third Semester Japanese)
50	ASIALANG 204 (Fourth Semester Japanese)
60	ASIALANG 303 (Fifth Semester Japanese)
70	ASIALANG 304 (Sixth Semester Japanese)

KOREAN

Score	Placement Into
10	ASIALANG 105 (First Semester Korean)
30	ASIALANG 106 (Second Semester Korean)
40	ASIALANG 205 (Third Semester Korean)
50	ASIALANG 206 (Fourth Semester Korean)
60	ASIALANG 305 (Fifth Semester Korean)
70	ASIALANG 306 (Sixth Semester Korean)
80	ASIALANG 405 (Seventh Semester Korean)
90	ASIALANG 406 (Eighth Semester Korean)

MODERN HEBREW

Score	Placement Into
10	HEBR-MOD 101 (First Semester Hebrew)
20	HEBR-MOD 102 (Second Semester Hebrew)
30	HEBR-MOD 201 (Third Semester Hebrew)
40	HEBR-MOD 202 (Fourth Semester Hebrew)
50	HEBR-MOD/JEWISH 301 (Introduction to Hebrew Literature)
60	HEBR-MOD/JEWISH 302 (Introduction to Hebrew Literature)
70	HEBR-MOD/JEWISH 401 (Topics in Modern Hebrew/Israeli Literature and Culture I)
80	HEBR-MOD/JEWISH 402 (Topics in Modern Hebrew/Israeli Literature and Culture II)

PIANO

Score	Placement Into
10	MUS PERF 101 (Beginning Class Piano)
20	MUS PERF 102 (Beginning Class Piano)
30	MUS PERF 103 (Elementary Class Piano)
40	MUS PERF 104 (Intermediate Class Piano)

PERSIAN

Score	Placement Into
10	ASIALANG 137 (First Semester Persian)
30	ASIALANG 138 (Second Semester Persian)
40	ASIALANG 237 (Third Semester Persian)
50	ASIALANG 238 (Fourth Semester Persian)
60	ASIALANG 337 (Fifth Semester Persian)
70	ASIALANG 338 (Sixth Semester Persian)

THAI

Score	Placement Into
10	ASIALANG 129 (First Semester Thai)
30	ASIALANG 130 (Second Semester Thai)
40	ASIALANG 229 (Third Semester Thai)
50	ASIALANG 230 (Fourth Semester Thai)
60	ASIALANG 329 (Fifth Semester Thai)
70	ASIALANG 330 (Sixth Semester Thai)

TIBETAN

Score	Placement Into
10	ASIALANG 135 (First Semester Modern Tibetan)
30	ASIALANG 136 (Second Semester Modern Tibetan)
40	ASIALANG 235 (Third Semester Modern Tibetan)
50	ASIALANG 236 (Fourth Semester Modern Tibetan)
60	ASIALANG 335 (Fifth Semester Tibetan)
70	ASIALANG 336 (Sixth Semester Tibetan)

URDU

Score	Placement Into
10	ASIALANG 139 (First Semester Urdu)
30	ASIALANG 140 (Second Semester Urdu)
40	ASIALANG 239 (Third Semester Urdu)
50	ASIALANG 240 (Fourth Semester Urdu)
60	ASIALANG 339 (Fifth Semester Urdu)
70	ASIALANG 340 (Sixth Semester Urdu)

VIETNAMESE

Score	Placement Into
10	ASIALANG 131 (First Semester Vietnamese)
30	ASIALANG 132 (Second Semester Vietnamese)
40	ASIALANG 231 (Third Semester Vietnamese)
50	ASIALANG 232 (Fourth Semester Vietnamese)
60	ASIALANG 331 (Fifth Semester Vietnamese)
70	ASIALANG 332 (Sixth Semester Vietnamese)
80	ASIALANG 421 (Seventh Semester Asian Language)
90	ASIALANG 422 (Eighth Semester Asian Language)

RETROACTIVE LANGUAGE CREDIT

In some schools and colleges at UW–Madison, it is possible to earn retro credits for prior work completed in a foreign language. To earn these credits, students must take a course above the first-semester level on the UW–Madison campus in French, German, Hebrew, Italian, Latin, Portuguese, Spanish, or any other language in which they have some proficiency and the course is also offered on the UW–Madison campus. The course must be designated with the Foreign Language attribute of 2nd, 3rd, 4th, or 5th semester language course and must be the first foreign language course taken by the student after enrolling in the university. Students who take a college-level language course while still in high school may still pursue retro credits at the university.

Students interested in earning retro credits should plan to take the foreign language placement test and consult with the foreign language advisor at SOAR (<http://soar.wisc.edu/>). Students must enroll in the

language course prior to earning 30 degree credits (including credits transferred from other colleges but not including AP, CLEP, IB or retro credits in another language) and earn a grade of B or better. UW–Madison honors retro credits earned at previous UW institutions as long as the student enrolled in the course prior to earning 30 credits and earned a grade of B or better. Native speakers of a language are not eligible to earn retro credits in that language. For more information, see Retroactive Credits (<http://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/letters-science/#policiesandregulationtext>) in the College of Letters & Science section of the *Guide*.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) AND INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE (IB)

Both Advanced Placement (<https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/courses/>) and International Baccalaureate Higher Level (<https://www.ibo.org/programmes/diploma-programme/>) examinations offer the possibility of receiving credits at UW–Madison. Many high schools offer courses through the College Board's Advanced Placement (AP) program or the International Baccalaureate (IB) program. UW–Madison offers degree credit based on a student's performance on the AP and IB exams administered in high schools. (AP and IB exams must be taken before entering UW–Madison.) Students who receive credit for a particular course through AP or IB and take the same course at UW–Madison will not receive degree credit twice; however, the grade in the UW–Madison course will be included in the overall grade point average.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) CREDIT TABLES

Arts

Exam/ Subject	Score	Course	Credits	General Education	L&S Breadth	L&S Level
Art Studio 2D	3-5	GEN ELCT X12	3			Elementary
Art Studio 3D	3-5	GEN ELCT X12	3			Elementary
Art Studio Drawing Portfolio	3-5	GEN ELCT X12	3			Elementary
Art History	3	HUMNTIES X11	3		Humanities	Elementary
Art History	4-5	ART HIST X14	4		Humanities	Elementary
Music Theory	3-5	MUSIC 151	3		Humanities	Elementary

English

Exam/ Subject	Score	Course	Credits	General Education	L&S Breadth	L&S Level
English Language & Composition	3	ENGL X02	3			Elementary
English Language & Composition	4-5	ENGL X04	3	Communicat A		Elementary
English Literature & Composition	3	LIT X10	3		Literature	Elementary

English Literature & Composition	4-5	ENGL X25	3	Communication A	Literature	Elementary
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History and Social Sciences

Exam/Subject	Score	Course	Credits	General Education	L&S Breadth	L&S Level
African American	3-5	AFROAMER X27	3		Social Science or Humanities	Elementary
Comparative Government and Politics	3	POLI SCI X20	3		Social Science	Elementary
Comparative Government and Politics	4-5	POLI SCI 120	4		Social Science	Elementary
European History	3	GEN ELCT X12	3			Elementary
European History	4-5	HISTORY X13	3			Elementary
Human Geography	3	GEOG X12	3			Elementary
Human Geography	4-5	GEOG X22	3		Social Science	Elementary
Macroeconomics	3	GEN ELCT X12	3			Elementary
Macroeconomics	4-5	ECON 102	4		Social Science	Elementary
Microeconomics	3	GEN ELCT X12	3			Elementary
Microeconomics	4-5	ECON 101	4	Quantitative Reasoning B	Social Science	Elementary
Psychology	3	PSYCH X19	3		Social Science	Elementary
Psychology	4-5	PSYCH 202	3		Social Science	Elementary
United States Government and Politics	3	POLI SCI X20	3		Social Science	Elementary
United States Government and Politics	4-5	POLI SCI 104	4		Social Science	Elementary
United States History	3	GEN ELCT 12	3			Elementary
United States History	4-5	HISTORY X13	3			Elementary
World History: Modern	3	GEN ELCT X12	3			Elementary
World History: Modern	4-5	HISTORY X13	3			Elementary

Math and Computer Science

Exam/Subject	Score	Course	Credits	General Education	L&S Breadth	L&S Level
Pre-Calculus	3	MATH X05	3	Quantitative Reasoning A		Elementary

Pre-Calculus	4-5	MATH 114	5	Quantitative Reasoning A		Elementary
Calculus AB and AB Subscore ¹	3	MATH X03	3	Quantitative Reasoning A	Natural Science	Intermediate
Calculus AB and AB Subscore ¹	4-5	MATH 221	5	Quantitative Reasoning B	Natural Science	Intermediate
Calculus BC ¹	3	MATH X03	3	Quantitative Reasoning A	Natural Science	Intermediate
Calculus BC ¹	4-5	MATH 221 and MATH 222	9	Quantitative Reasoning B	Natural Science	Intermediate
Computer Science A	3-5	COMP SCI 200	3	Quantitative Reasoning B	Natural Science	Elementary
Computer Science Principles	3	GEN ELCT X12	3			Elementary
Computer Science Principles	4-5	COMP SCI/ L I S 102	3	Quantitative Reasoning A	Natural Science	Elementary
Statistics	3	STAT X10	3			Elementary
Statistics	4-5	STAT 301	3	Quantitative Reasoning B	Natural Science	Intermediate

Footnotes:

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A maximum of 9 credits will be awarded between AP Calculus AB, AB Subscore, and BC.

Sciences

Exam/Subject	Score	Course	Credits	General Education	L&S Breadth	L&S Level
Biology	3	BIO SCI X01	3		Biological Science	Elementary
Biology	4-5	BIOLOGY/ BOTANY/ ZOOLOGY 151	5		Biological Science	Elementary
Chemistry	3	CHEM X15	3		Physical Science	Elementary
Chemistry	4-5	CHEM 103	3		Physical Science	Elementary
Environmental Science	4-5	BIO SCI X12	3		Biological Science	Elementary
Physics 1: Algebra-Based ²	3	PHYSICS X15	3		Physical Science	Elementary
Physics 1: Algebra-Based ²	4-5	PHYSICS 103	4	Quantitative Reasoning B	Physical Science	Elementary
Physics 2	3	PHYSICS X15	3		Physical Science	Elementary
Physics 2	4-5	PHYSICS 104	4		Physical Science	Elementary
Physics C: Electric and Magnetism ²	3	PHYSICS X15	3		Physical Science	Elementary

Physics C: Electric and Magnetism ²	4-5	PHYSICS 208	5	Physical Science	Intermediate
Physics C: Mechanics ²	3	PHYSICS X15	3	Physical Science	Elementary
Physics C: Mechanics ²	4-5	PHYSICS 207	5	Quantitative Physical Reasoning B	Intermediate

Footnotes:

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Students may earn credit for either AP Physics 1 & 2 or AP Physics C Electric and Magnetism or Mechanics.

World Languages and Cultures

Exam/Subject	Score	Course	Credits General Education	L&S Breadth	L&S Level
Chinese Language and Culture	3	ASIALANG X10	2		Elementary
Chinese Language and Culture	4-5	ASIALANG X10	4		Elementary
French Language and Culture	3	FRENCH 203	4		Intermediate
French Language and Culture	4	FRENCH 204	4		Intermediate
French Language and Culture	5	FRENCH 228	4		Intermediate
German Language and Culture	3	GERMAN X13	3		Intermediate
German Language and Culture	4-5	GERMAN 249	3		Intermediate
Italian Language and Culture	3-4	ITALIAN 204	4		Intermediate
Italian Language and Culture	5	ITALIAN 452	4		Intermediate
Japanese Language and Culture	3	ASIALANG X10	2		Elementary
Japanese Language and Culture	4-5	ASIALANG X10	4		Elementary
Latin	3-5	LATIN 103 and LATIN 104	8		Elementary
Spanish Language and Culture	3-4	SPANISH 204	4		Intermediate
Spanish Language and Culture	5	SPANISH 226	3		Advanced
Spanish Literature and Culture	3	SPANISH 204	4		Intermediate

Spanish Literature and Culture	4-5	SPANISH 224	3	Literature	Advanced
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AP Capstone Diploma Program

Exam/Subject	Score	Course	Credits General Education	L&S Breadth	L&S Level
Research	3-5	GEN ELCT X10	3		
Seminar	3-5	GEN ELCT X12	3		Elementary

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE (IB) CREDIT TABLES

The Arts

Exam/Subject	Score	Course	Credits General Education	L&S Breadth	L&S Level
Film	4-7	GEN ELCT X12	3		Elementary
Music	4-7	MUSIC X14	3		Elementary
Theatre	4-7	THEATRE X11	3		Elementary
Visual Arts	4-7	GEN ELCT X12	3		Elementary

Extended Essay

Students who receive an IB Diploma with a minimum score of 28 are eligible for 3 additional elective credits.

Exam/Subject	Score	Course	Credits General Education	L&S Breadth	L&S Level
Overall Diploma	28-45	HUM X11	3	Humanities	Elementary
Overall Diploma	28-45	NATSCI X11	3	Natural Science	Elementary
Overall Diploma	28-45	SOC ST X11	3	Social Science	Elementary

Individuals and Societies

Exam/Subject	Score	Course	Credits General Education	L&S Breadth	L&S Level
Business Management	4-7	GEN BUS X10	3		
Economics	4-7	ECON 101 and ECON 102	8	Quantitative Reasoning B	Social Science Elementary
Geography	4-7	GEOG 104 and GEOG/ ENVIR ST 127	8	Social Science and Physical Science	Elementary
Global Politics	4-7	POLI SCI 120	4	Social Science	Elementary
History	4-7	HISTORY X24	6	Social Science	Elementary
Information Technology in a Global Society	4-7	COMP SCI X12	3		Elementary
Philosophy	4-7	PHILOS 101	4	Humanities or Social Science	Elementary
Psychology	4-7	PSYCH 202	4	Social Science	Elementary
Social and Cultural Anthropology	4-7	ANTHRO 104	3	Ethnic Studies	Social Science Elementary

Language Acquisition

Exam/ Subject	Score	Course	Credits	General Education	L&S Breadth	L&S Level
Chinese B: Mandarin	4-7	ASIAN X16	6			Advanced
English B	4-7	ENGL X02	6			Elementary
French B	4-7	FRENCH X10	6			Advanced
German B	4-7	GERMAN X10	6			Advanced
Indonesian B	4-7	ASIAN X16	6			Advanced
Italian B	4-7	ITALIN X10	6			Advanced
Japanese B	4-7	ASIAN X16	6			Advanced
Korean B	4-7	ASIAN X16	6			Advanced
Latin	4-7	LATIN X12	6		Literature	Advanced
Portuguese B	4-7	PORTUG X10	6			Advanced
Spanish B	4-7	SPANISH X10	6			Advanced

Mathematics

Exam/ Subject	Score	Course	Credits	General Education	L&S Breadth	L&S Level
Math ¹	4-7	MATH 221	5	Quantitative Reasoning B	Natural Science	Intermediate
Math with Further Math ¹	4-7	MATH 221 and MATH 222	9	Quantitative Reasoning B	Natural Science	Intermediate
Mathematics Analysis and Approaches	4-7	MATH X03	3	Quantitative Reasoning A	Natural Science	Intermediate
Mathematics Analysis and Approaches	5-7	MATH 221	5	Quantitative Reasoning B	Natural Science	Intermediate
Mathematics Applications and Interpretation	4-7	MATH X03	3	Quantitative Reasoning A	Natural Science	Intermediate
Mathematics Applications and Interpretation	5-7	MATH 211	5	Quantitative Reasoning B	Natural Science	Intermediate

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The Math and Math with Further Math IB exams have been discontinued and are no longer being offered. Credit will still be given for these exams.

Sciences

Exam/ Subject	Score	Course	Credits	General Education	L&S Breadth	L&S Level
Biology	4-7	ZOOLOGY/ BIOLOGY/ BOTANY 151	5		Biological Sciences	Elementary
Chemistry	4 or 5	CHEM 103	4		Physical Sciences	Elementary
Chemistry	6 or 7	CHEM 103 & CHEM 104	9		Physical Sciences	Elementary
Computer Science	4-7	COMP SCI 200	3	Quantitative Reasoning B	Natural Sciences	Elementary
Design Technology	4-7	GEN ELCT X12	3			Elementary

Physics	4-7	PHYSICS 103 and PHYSICS 104	8	Quantitative Reasoning B	Physical Science	Elementary
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Studies in Language and Literature

Exam/ Subject	Score	Course	Credits	General Education	L&S Breadth	L&S Level
Chinese A: Literature	4-7	ASIAN X19	6		Literature	Advanced
Chinese A: Language and Literature	4-7	ASIAN X19	6		Literature	Advanced
English A: Literature	4	ENGL X25	3	Communicative A	Literature	Elementary
English A: Literature	5-7	ENGL X19 and ENGL X25	6	Communicative A	Literature	Elementary
English A: Language and Literature	4	ENGL X25	3	Communicative A	Literature	Elementary
English A: Language and Literature	5-7	ENGL X19 and ENGL X25	6	Communicative A	Literature	Elementary
French A: Literature	4-7	FRENCH X17	6		Literature	Advanced
French A: Language and Literature	4-7	FRENCH X17	6		Literature	Advanced
German A: Literature	4-7	GERMAN X17	6		Literature	Advanced
German A: Language and Literature	4-7	GERMAN X17	6		Literature	Advanced
Indonesian A: Literature	4-7	ASIAN X19	6		Literature	Advanced
Italian A: Literature	4-7	ITALIAN X16	6		Literature	Advanced
Italian A: Language and Literature	4-7	ITALIAN X16	6		Literature	Advanced
Japanese A: Literature	4-7	ASIAN X19	6		Literature	Advanced
Japanese A: Language and Literature	4-7	ASIAN X19	6		Literature	Advanced
Korean A: Literature	4-7	ASIAN X19	6		Literature	Advanced
Korean A: Language and Literature	4-7	ASIAN X19	6		Literature	Advanced
Portuguese A: Literature	4-7	PORTUG X12	6		Literature	Advanced

Portuguese A: Language and Literature	4-7	PORTUG X12	6	Literature	Advanced
Spanish A: Literature	4-7	SPANISH X17	6	Literature	Advanced
Spanish A: Language and Literature	4-7	SPANISH X17	6	Literature	Advanced

GCE ADVANCED LEVEL (A-LEVEL)

In many cases, students may receive advanced-standing credit for some A-level exams. After a student has been admitted, the Office of Admissions and Recruitment (<https://www.admissions.wisc.edu/>) will perform an official evaluation of credit for A-Level exam results. In order to grant the credit, we require an official copy of the A-Level exam certificate from the examination board. Credits will not be posted from Results Slips or internal school transcripts. Examinations not listed in the A-Level table will be evaluated by the Office of Admissions and Recruitment for appropriate advanced standing credit.

A-LEVEL CREDIT TABLES

AQA

Exam/Subject	Score	Course	Credits	General Education	L&S Breadth	L&S Level
Chemistry	A-D	CHEM 103 and CHEM 104	9		Physical Science	Elementary
Chemistry	E	CHEM 103	5		Physical Science	Elementary
Drama & Theatre	A-E	THEATRE X18	4		Literature	Elementary
English Literature	A-E	ENGLISH X19	10		Literature	Elementary
French	A-E	FRENCH 227 and FRENCH 228	10		Literature	Intermediate
German	A-E	GERMAN X19	3		Literature	Intermediate
Physics	A-E	PHYSICS 103 and PHYSICS 104	8	Quantitative Reasoning B	Physical Science	Elementary
Psychology	A-E	PSYCH 202 or PSYCH X15	8		Social Science	Elementary
Statistics	A-E	STAT 301	3	Quantitative Reasoning A	Natural Science	Intermediate

Caribbean CAPE

Exam/Subject	Score	Course	Credits	General Education	L&S Breadth	L&S Level
Biology Unit 2	1-3	BIOLOGY/ BOTANY/ ZOOLOGY 151	5		Biological Science	Elementary
Chemistry Unit 2	1-3	CHEM 103 and CHEM 104	9		Physical Science	Elementary
Computer Science Unit 2	1-3	COMP SCI 368 and COMP SCI X13	4			Intermediate

Economics Unit	1-3	ECON 101 and ECON 102	8	Quantitative Reasoning B	Social Science	Elementary
Pure Math Unit 2	1-3	MATH 114, MATH 221, and MATH 222	14	Quantitative Reasoning A and B	Natural Science	Elementary, Intermediate

Malaysian STPM

Exam/Subject	Score	Course	Credits	General Education	L&S Breadth	L&S Level
Accounting				No Credit		
Biology	A-D	ZOOLOGY/ BIOLOGY/ BOTANY 151 and BIOSCI X12	10		Biological Science	Elementary
Chemistry	A-C	CHEM 103 and CHEM 104	9		Physical Science	Elementary
Chemistry	D	CHEM 103	4		Physical Science	Elementary
Malay	A-D	ASIAN X12 and ASIAN X13	6		Humanities and Literature	Intermediate
Mathematics T	A-D	MATH 114 and MATH 221	10	Quantitative Reasoning A and B	Natural Science	Elementary and Intermediate

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Exam/Subject	Score	Course	Credits	General Education	L&S Breadth	L&S Level
Biology	A-E	BOTANY/ BIOLOGY 130, BIOLOGY/ ZOOLOGY 101, and BIOLOGY/ ZOOLOGY 102	10		Biological Science	Elementary
Chemistry	9	CHEM 103 and CHEM 104	9		Physical Science	Elementary
Chemistry	E	CHEM 103	4		Physical Science	Elementary
Mathematics A	A-E	MATH 221	5	Quantitative Reasoning B	Natural Science	Intermediate
Mathematics A, Further	A-E	MATH 222	4	Quantitative Reasoning B	Natural Science	Intermediate
Mathematics B	A-E	MATH 221	5	Quantitative Reasoning B	Natural Science	Intermediate
Mathematics B, Further	A-E	MATH 222	4	Quantitative Reasoning B	Natural Science	Intermediate
Media Studies	A-E	JOURN X14	6			Elementary
Psychology	A-E	PSYCH 202 and PSYCH X15	5		Natural Science	Intermediate
Religious Studies	A-E	RELIG ST X15	3		Humanities	Elementary
Spanish	A-E	SPANISH 204 and SPANISH 226	8			Intermediate

Singapore Cambridge

Exam/ Subject	Score	Course	Credits	General Education	L&S Breadth	L&S Level
Biology H2	A-E	BOTANY/ BIOLOGY 130, BIOLOGY/ ZOOLOGY 101, and BIOLOGY/ ZOOLOGY 102	10		Biological Science	Elementary
Chemistry H2	A-D	CHEM 103 and CHEM 104	9		Physical Science	Elementary
Chemistry H2	E	CHEM 103	4		Physical Science	Elementary
English H2	A-E	ENGL X19	6		Literature	Elementary
Economics H2	A-E	ECON 101 and ECON 102	8	Quantitative Reasoning B	Social Science	Elementary
Further Math H2	A-E	MATH X15	5		Natural Science	Intermediate
Geography H2	A-E	GEOG X18 and GEOG X22	10		Physical Science and Social Science	Elementary
History H2	A-E	HISTORY X29	10		Humanities or Social Science	Elementary
Mathematics A-E H2		MATH 221	5	Quantitative Reasoning B	Natural Science	Intermediate
Physics H2	A-E	PHYSICS 103 and PHYSICS 104	8	Quantitative Reasoning B	Physical Science	Elementary

University of Cambridge CIE

Exam/ Subject	Score	Course	Credits	General Education	L&S Breadth	L&S Level
Accounting	A-E	ACCT I S 100	3			
Biology	A-E	BOTANY/ BIOLOGY 130, BIOLOGY/ ZOOLOGY 101, and BIOLOGY/ ZOOLOGY 102	10		Biological Science	Elementary
Chemistry	A-D	CHEM 103 and CHEM 104	9		Physical Science	Elementary
Chemistry	E	CHEM 103	4		Physical Science	Elementary
Chinese	A-E	ASIALANG X11	3			Intermediate
Computer Science	A-E	COMP SCI/ L I S 102	3	Quantitative Reasoning A	Natural Science	Elementary
Economics	A-E	ECON 101 and ECON 102	8	Quantitative Reasoning B	Social Science	Elementary
Further Mathematics	A-E	MATH X15	5		Natural Science	Intermediate
Geography	A-E	GEOG X18 and GEOG X22	10		Physical Science and Social Science	Elementary
History	A-E	HISTORY X29	10		Humanities or Social Science	Elementary

Mathematics	A-E	MATH 221	5	Quantitative Reasoning B	Natural Science	Intermediate
Physics	A-E	PHYSICS 103 and PHYSICS 104	8	Quantitative Reasoning B	Physical Science	Elementary
Psychology	A-E	PSYCH 202 and PSYCH X15	8		Social Science	Elementary

University of London-Edexcel

Exam/ Subject	Score	Course	Credits	General Education	L&S Breadth	L&S Level
Accounting	A-E	ACCT I S 100	3			
Biology	A-E	BOTANY/ BIOLOGY 130, BIOLOGY/ ZOOLOGY 101, and BIOLOGY/ ZOOLOGY 102	10		Biological Science	Elementary
Chemistry	A-D	CHEM 103 and CHEM 104	9		Physical Science	Elementary
Chemistry	E	CHEM 103	4		Physical Science	Elementary
Computer Science			No Credit			
Economics	A-E	ECON 101 and ECON 102	8	Quantitative Reasoning B	Social Science	Elementary
English Literature	A-E	ENGL X19 and ENGL X21	10		Literature	Elementary, Intermediate
Further Mathematics	A-E	MATH X15	5	Quantitative Reasoning B	Natural Science	Intermediate
Geography	A-E	GEOG X18 and GEOG X22	10		Physical Science and Social Science	Elementary
Government and Politics	A-E	POLI SCI X20	4		Social Science	Elementary
History	A-E	HISTORY X29	10		Humanities or Social Science	Elementary
Mathematics	A-E	MATH 221	5	Quantitative Reasoning B	Natural Science	Intermediate

COLLEGE-LEVEL EXAMINATION PROGRAM (CLEP)

The College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) (<https://clep.collegeboard.org/>) allows students who have gained college-level knowledge outside the classroom to take examinations for possible college credit. Each exam is 90 minutes long and is made up primarily of multiple-choice questions. Some exams include an essay; however, UW-Madison does not require the essay for any CLEP exam. Credit will be granted only to those students who have completed fewer than 16 semester hours of college credit when the examinations are taken. Students must earn a minimum score of 65 to receive credit. The scores for awarding credit

at the University of Wisconsin–Madison do not necessarily match those recommended by the American Council on Education.

COLLEGE-LEVEL EXAMINATION PROGRAM (CLEP CREDIT TABLE)

Exam/Subject	Score	Course	Credits	General Education	L&S Breadth	L&S Level
American Government	65	POLI SCI X20	3		Social Science	Elementary
American Literature	65	ENGL X19	3		Literature	Elementary
Analyzing and Interpreting Literature	65	ENGL X19	3		Literature	Elementary
Biology	65	BIO SCI X12	3		Biological Science	Elementary
Calculus	65	MATH X12	3			Elementary
English Literature	65	ENGL X19	3		Literature	Elementary
Humanities	65	HUMNTIES X11	3		Humanities	Elementary
Principles of Macroeconomics	65	ECON X16	3		Social Science	Elementary
Principles of Microeconomics	65	ECON X16	3		Social Science	Elementary
Natural Sciences	65	NATSCI X11	3		Natural Science	Elementary
Introduction to Psychology	65	PSYCH X19	3		Social Science	Elementary
Social Sciences and History	65	SOC ST X11	3		Social Science	Elementary
Introduction to Sociology	65	SOC X17	3		Social Science	Elementary

CREDIT BY DEPARTMENTAL EXAMINATION

This is a summary of the Departmental Credit by Exam policy. Click [here](https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1005/) (<https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1005/>) to view the official policy in its entirety in the UW-Madison Policy Library.

Students may acquire knowledge, skills, and competencies through experiences that are academic in nature but may not necessarily correspond to a setting in which UW–Madison awards traditional credit. Credit by department examination is one opportunity for undergraduate students to demonstrate mastery of material that is equivalent to what would be learned in a specific UW–Madison course. The course credits granted through departmental examination are based on a student's demonstration that they have mastered the learning outcomes equivalent to those for the specified course. Examples of circumstances that will lead students to seek credit by examination may be: they completed preparation for advanced placement exams in high school but were unable to take the AP test; they have placement test scores that place them in a course lower than what they think they are prepared for; they did not get transfer equivalency for a course but they judge that they have completed the material in a course at another university.

Departments must propose and have approved the exams they offer. Listed below are the courses that have been approved for credit by exam.

ANIMAL AND DAIRY SCIENCE

Code	Title	Credits
AN SCI/DY SCI 101	Introduction to Animal Sciences	3

For more information on how to earn credit by exam for this course, see the exam information (<https://andysci.wisc.edu/animal-science-dairy-science-101-credit-by-exam/>).

CHEMISTRY

Code	Title	Credits
CHEM 105	General Chemistry I ¹	3
CHEM 106	General Chemistry II ²	4

For more information on how to earn credit by exam for these courses, see the exam information (<https://chem.wisc.edu/chemistry-credit-by-examination/>).

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CHEM 101 General Chemistry I Laboratory + CHEM 105 General Chemistry I = CHEM 103 General Chemistry I

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CHEM 102 General Chemistry II Laboratory + CHEM 106 General Chemistry II = CHEM 104 General Chemistry II

EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY

Code	Title	Credits
ED PSYCH 640	Foundations of Instructional Coaching	3

MATH

Code	Title	Credits
MATH 221	Calculus and Analytic Geometry 1	5
MATH 222	Calculus and Analytic Geometry 2	4
MATH 234	Calculus--Functions of Several Variables	4

For more information on how to earn credit by exam for these courses, see the exam information (<https://www.math.wisc.edu/undergraduate/calculusexam/>).