

AP, IB, CLEP, GCE Credit For Students Entering Fall 2026

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Drake University awards advanced standing credit through several programs. In consultation with faculty advisors, all credits accepted are applied toward completion of Drake Curriculum, major, or elective requirements. The course equivalencies shown are used as guidelines in the process and are subject to change.

During orientation and registration, students are encouraged to register for classes according to the guidelines for advanced credit and the scores they expect to achieve. If actual scores are different from those anticipated, class schedules may be adjusted accordingly after arrival on campus. Official transcripts must be provided to the Office of Student Records and Academic Information directly from the issuing organizations prior to the beginning of a student's first semester at Drake.

ADVANCED CREDIT LIMITATIONS.

Duplication: Credit will not be granted for any AP, IB, or CLEP exam for which college credit has already been earned. Students will not be granted credit for a lower-level course in a sequence of courses after credit in a higher-level course has been earned.

Science Majors: Students majoring in a science, a pre-professional science-related field, or pharmacy should contact the appropriate department or college to verify how science credits earned through these programs will be applied to the major.

We have issues getting scores to automate for the **English Language & Composition, English Literature & Composition, and European History**. Make sure to check your record after school starts. Contact the Registrar's Office if they are missing.

Advanced Placement Program (AP)

Faculty advisors will determine whether acceptable AP coursework will be applied toward Drake Curriculum, major, or elective requirements. Credit for other AP examinations will be reviewed as needed.

AP EXAM	REQUIRED SCORE	HOURS EARNED	DRAKE EQUIVALENT	AOI Attribute
African American Studies	4	3	WLC 151	GLOB
Art History	4	3	ART 075	ARTS OR HISF
Art: Drawing	4	3	ART 015	ARTS
Art: 2-D Art and Design	4	3	ART 013	ARTS
Art: 3-D Art and Design	4	3	ART 014	ARTS
Biology	4	8	BIO 001, 001L, BIO Elective	LIFE OR SCI

Business with Personal Finance	4	6	BUS Elective	
Calculus AB*	4	6	MATH 050	QUAN
Calculus AB subgrade	4	6	MATH 050	QUAN
Calculus BC*	4	8	MATH 050, MATH 070	QUAN
Capstone				
Research	4	3	GENERAL ELECTIVE	
Seminar	4	3	GENERAL ELECTIVE	
Chemistry****	4	8	CHEM 001, CHEM 002, CHEM 003, CHEM 004	PHSC or SCI
Chinese Lang & Culture	4	6	CHIN 001, CHIN 002	GLOB
Comparative Gov't & Politics	4	3	POLS 065	GLOB
Computer Science A	4	3	CS 065	CRIT OR INFO
Computer Science Principles	4	3	CS 010	CRIT OR INFO
Cybersecurity	4	3	CYB 010	INFO
Economics: Macro	4	3	ECON 010	
Economics: Micro	4	3	ECON 002	
English Language & Composition**	4	6	ENG Elective	WRIT
English Literature & Composition**	4	6	ENG Elective	WRIT
Environmental Science	4	3	ENSS 035	LIFE
European History	4	6	HIST Elective	HISF
French Lang*****	4	6	FREN 001, FREN 002	GLOB
French Literature***	4	9	FREN 001, FREN 002, FREN 003	GLOB
German Lang*****	4	6	GERM 001, GERM 002	GLOB

Human Geography	4	3	SCSG 002	
Italian Language & Culture*****	4	6	General Elective	
Japanese Language & Culture*****	4	6	JAPN 001, JAPN 002	GLOB
Latin Literature	4	6	General Elective	
Latin: Vergil	4	6	General Elective	
Music Theory	4	4	Evaluated on an individual basis	
Physics 1	4	4	PHY 011	PHSC OR SCI
Physics 2	4	4	PHY 012	
Physics B	4	8	PHY 011, PHY 012	PHSC OR SCI
Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism	4	4	PHY 002	
Physics C: Mechanics	4	4	PHY 001	PHSC OR SCI
Precalculus	4	5	MATH 020, MATH Elective	QUAN
Psychology	4	4	PSY 001	LIFE OR SCI
Spanish Lang*****	4	6	SPAN 001, SPAN 002	GLOB
Spanish Literature***	4	9	SPAN 001, SPAN 002, SPAN 003	GLOB
Statistics	4	3	STAT 071	QUAN
U.S. Government & Politics	4	3	POLS 001	
U.S. History	4	6	HIST 075, HIST 076	HISF
World History	4	6	HIST 011, HIST 012	HISF

* Not more than 8 semester hours of Advanced Placement credit for Calculus will be granted.

** Not more than a total of 6 semester hours of Advanced Placement English credit will be granted.

*** Students who complete both Language and Literature classes in French and Spanish will receive only 3 additional credits for the Literature exam.

**** Students who opt to take CHEM 001-004 at Drake will receive credit for CHEM 006, CHEM 007, and CHEM Elective credit. Pharmacy students will receive credit for CHEM 006, CHEM 007, and CHEM Elective credit.

*****Students who wish to minor in a world language cannot count transfer credits towards their minor. Students will have to take a placement exam before enrolling in the language of their choosing.

International Baccalaureate Program (IB)

Faculty advisors will determine how IB coursework will be applied toward Drake Curriculum, major, or elective requirements. Credit for other IB examinations will be reviewed as needed.

IB COURSEWORK	REQUIRED SCORE	HOURS EARNED	DRAKE EQUIVALENT	AOI Attributes
Arabic Language (AB)*** <i>Standard Level</i>	5	6	ARAB 001, ARAB 002	GLOB
Arabic Language (A1)*** <i>Higher Level</i>	5	9	ARAB 001, ARAB 002, ARAB 003	GLOB
Arabic Language (A1)*** <i>Standard Level</i>	5	6	ARAB 001, ARAB 002	GLOB
Arabic Language (B)*** <i>Higher Level</i>	5	12	ARAB 001, ARAB 002, ARAB 003, ARAB 004	GLOB
Arabic Language (B)*** <i>Standard Level</i>	5	9	ARAB 001, ARAB 002, ARAB 003	GLOB
Art <i>Higher Level</i>	5	3	ART Elective	
Art <i>Standard Level</i>	5	3	ART Elective	
Biology <i>Higher Level</i>	5	8	BIO 001, BIO 001L, BIO Elective	LIFE OR SCI
Biology <i>Standard Level</i>	5	4	BIO 001, BIO 001L	LIFE OR SCI
Business & Management <i>Higher Level</i>	4	6	BUS Elective	
Business & Management <i>Standard Level</i>	4	3	BUS Elective	
Cantonese Language (AB) <i>Standard Level</i>	5	6	General Elective	
Cantonese Language (B) <i>Higher Level</i>	5	12	General Elective	
Cantonese Language (B) <i>Standard Level</i>	5	9	General Elective	
Chemistry * <i>Higher Level</i>	4	8	CHEM 001, CHEM 002, CHEM 003, CHEM 004	PHSC OR SCI
Chemistry ** <i>Standard Level</i>	5	4	CHEM 001, CHEM 003	
Chinese Language (AB) <i>Standard Level</i>	5	6	CHIN 001, CHIN 002	GLOB
Chinese Language (A1)*** <i>Higher Level</i>	5	9	CHIN 001, CHIN 002, CHIN 003	GLOB
Chinese Language (A1) *** <i>Standard Level</i>	5	6	CHIN 001, CHIN 002	GLOB

Computer Science <i>Higher Level</i>	4	6	CS 065, CS Elective	CRIT, INFO
Computer Science <i>Standard Level</i>	5	3	CS 065	CRIT, INFO
Dance <i>Higher Level</i>	4	6	THEA ELECTIVE	
Dance <i>Standard Level</i>	4	3	THEA ELECTIVE	
Design Technology <i>Higher Level</i>	4	7	PHSC 001, PHSC Lab, PHSC Elective	PHSC OR SCI
Design Technology <i>Standard Level</i>	4	3	PHSC 001, PHSC Lab	PHSC OR SCI
Digital Society <i>Higher Level</i>	4	3	General Elective	
Digital Society <i>Standard Level</i>	NA	0	NO CREDIT	
Economics <i>Higher Level</i>	5	6	ECON 002, ECON 010	
Economics <i>Standard Level</i>	5	3	ECON 010	
English Language A: Literature <i>Higher Level</i>	5	6	ENG Elective	WRIT
English Language A: Literature <i>Standard Level</i>	5	3	ENG Elective	WRIT
English Language A: Lang & Lit <i>Higher Level</i>	5	6	ENG Elective	
English Language A: Lang & Lit <i>Standard Level</i>	5	3	ENG Elective	
English Literature & Performance <i>Standard Level</i>	5	3	ENG Elective ENG LIT & PERFORM - STANDARD	
Env and Soc <i>Standard Level</i>	5	3	ENSS 061	
Film <i>Higher Level</i>	5	3	ENG 041	
Film <i>Standard Level</i>	4	3	ENG 030	
French Language (AB) *** <i>Standard Level</i>	5	6	FREN 001, FREN 002	GLOB
French Language (A1) *** <i>Higher Level</i>	5	9	FREN 001, FREN 002, FREN 003	GLOB

French Language (A1) *** <i>Standard Level</i>	5	6	FREN 001, FREN 002	GLOB
French Language (B) *** <i>Higher Level</i>	5	12	FREN 001, FREN 002, FREN 003, FREN 004	GLOB
French Language (B) *** <i>Standard Level</i>	5	9	FREN 001, FREN 002, FREN 003	GLOB
Geography <i>Higher Level</i>	4	8	SCSG Elective	
Geography <i>Standard Level</i>	5	3	SCSG Elective	
German Language (AB) *** <i>Standard Level</i>	5	6	GERM 001, GERM 002	GLOB
German Language (A1) *** <i>Higher Level</i>	5	9	GERM 001, GERM 002, GERM 003	GLOB
German Language (A1) *** <i>Standard Level</i>	5	6	GERM 001, GERM 002	GLOB
German Language (B) *** <i>Higher Level</i>	5	12	GERM 001, GERM 002, GERM 003, GERM 004	GLOB
German Language (B) *** <i>Standard Level</i>	5	9	GERM 001, GERM 002, GERM 003	GLOB
Global Politics <i>Higher Level</i>	4	3	POLS 075	CITZ
Global Politics <i>Standard Level</i>	4	3	POLS 075	CITZ
Hebrew Language (AB) *** <i>Standard Level</i>	5	6	General Elective	
Hebrew Language (B) *** <i>Higher Level</i>	5	12	General Elective	
Hebrew Language (B) *** <i>Standard Level</i>	5	9	General Elective	
Hindi Language (AB) *** <i>Standard Level</i>	5	6	General Elective	
Hindi Language (B) *** <i>Higher Level</i>	5	12	General Elective	
Hindi Language (B) *** <i>Standard Level</i>	5	9	General Elective	
History <i>Higher Level</i> (including subcategories)	5	3	HIST Elective	
History <i>Standard Level</i>	5	3	HIST Elective	
Information Technology <i>Higher Level</i>	4	3	IS Elective	
Information Technology <i>Standard Level</i>	NA	0	NO CREDIT	

Islamic History <i>Higher Level</i>	4	3	HIST Elective	
Islamic History <i>Standard Level</i>	4	3	HIST Elective	
Japanese Lang (AB) *** <i>Higher Level</i>	5	9	JAPN 001, JAPN 002, JAPN 003	GLOB
Japanese Lang (AB) *** <i>Standard Level</i>	5	6	JAPN 001, JAPN 002	GLOB
Latin Language <i>Higher Level</i>	4	6	General Elective	
Latin Language <i>Standard Level</i>	5	3	General Elective	
Mandarin Lang (AB) *** <i>Standard Level</i>	5	6	General Elective	
Mandarin Lang (B) *** <i>Higher Level</i>	5	12	General Elective	
Mandarin Lang (B) *** <i>Standard Level</i>	5	9	General Elective	
Advanced Math <i>Standard Level</i>	5	4	MATH 054	QUAN
Mathematics <i>Higher Level</i>	4	9	MATH 050, MATH Elective	QUAN
Mathematics <i>Standard Level</i>	5	3	MATH 050	QUAN
Math Methods <i>Standard Level</i>	5	4	MATH 020	QUAN
Math Studies <i>Standard Level</i>	5	4	MATH 020	QUAN
Math Analysis & Approaches <i>Higher Level</i>	4	15	MATH 020, MATH 050, MATH 070, STAT 071, Math Elective	QUAN
Math Analysis & Approaches <i>Standard Level</i>	5	9	MATH 050, MATH 070, STAT 071	QUAN
Math Applications & Interpretation <i>Higher Level</i>	4	9	MATH 050, STAT 071, MATH Elective	QUAN
Math Applications & Interpretation <i>Standard Level</i>	5	6	MATH 020, STAT 071	QUAN
Music <i>Higher Level</i>	4	3	MUS Elective	ARTS
Music <i>Standard Level</i> (Including subcategories)	4	3	MUS Elective	ARTS

Philosophy <i>Higher Level</i>	4	3	PHIL Elective	
Philosophy <i>Standard Level</i>	4	3	PHIL Elective	
Physics <i>Higher Level</i>	4	8	PHY 011, PHY Elective	PHSC OR SCI
Physics <i>Standard Level</i>	4	4	PHY 011	PHSC OR SCI
Psychology <i>Higher Level</i>	4	4	PSY 001 NO LAB	LIFE
Psychology <i>Standard Level</i>	4	3	PSY 001 NO LAB	LIFE
Social Anthropology <i>Higher Level</i>	4	6	ANTH 002, ANTH Elective	GLOB
Social Anthropology <i>Standard Level</i>	5	3	ANTH 002	GLOB
Spanish A: Lang & Lit <i>Higher Level</i>	5	12	SPAN Upper Elective	
Spanish A: Lang & Lit <i>Standard Level</i>	5	9	SPAN Upper Elective	
Spanish Lang (AB) *** <i>Standard Level</i>	5	6	SPAN 001, SPAN 002	GLOB
Spanish Lang (B) *** <i>Higher Level</i>	5	12	SPAN 001, SPAN 002, SPAN 003, SPAN 004	GLOB
Spanish Lang (B) *** <i>Standard Level</i>	5	9	SPAN 001, SPAN 002, SPAN 003	GLOB
Sports Ex Sci <i>Higher Level</i>	4	6	BIO Elective	
Sports Ex Sci <i>Standard Level</i>	4	3	BIO Elective	
Swahili (AB) *** <i>Standard Level</i>	5	6	General Elective	
Swahili (A) *** <i>Higher Level</i>	5	9	General Elective	
Swahili (A) *** <i>Standard Level</i>	5	6	General Elective	
Theatre <i>Higher Level</i>	4	4	THEA Elective	
Theatre <i>Standard Level</i>	4	3	THEA Elective	
Visual Arts <i>Higher Level</i>	5	3	ART Elective	
Visual Arts <i>Standard Level</i>	5	3	ART Elective	
World Religions <i>Standard Level</i>	5	3	REL Elective	GLOB

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** Students who opt to take CHEM 001 and CHEM 003 at Drake will receive credit for CHEM 006 and CHEM 007. Pharmacy students will receive credit for CHEM 006 and CHEM 007.

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College-Level Education Program (CLEP)

Any undergraduate student may qualify to earn credit toward graduation through the CLEP Subject Examinations listed below. The subject exams are essentially end-of-term tests designed to measure achievement in specific college courses.

For any subject exam, the required score may change from year to year. Students are not eligible to earn credit through an examination if they have withdrawn from an equivalent course after the midpoint of the semester. Students who have taken either semester of introductory accounting are not eligible to earn credit by exam for the remaining semester. **The maximum possible credit granted through CLEP is 39 hours.**

Students with strong backgrounds in any of the following subjects are advised to take the corresponding subject examination. Students must achieve the Drake required score to earn credit in the subject area.

CLEP EXAM	REQUIRED SCORE	ACE STANDARD	HOURS EARNED	DRAKE EQUIVALENT
American Government	65	50	3	POLS 001
American Literature	50	50	3	ENG Elective
Analyzing and Interpreting Lit	51	50	3	ENG Elective
Biology*	50	50	4	BIO 001, BIO 001L
Business Law	50	50	3	BLAW 060
Calculus with Elementary Functions	61	50	3	MATH 050
College Mathematics	61	50	3	MATH 017
English Literature	50	50	3	ENG Elective
Financial Accounting	50	50	3	ACCT 041
French Language Part 1	50	50	6	FREN 001 + FRENC 002
French Language Part 2	59	59	3	FREN Lower Elective
German Language Part 1	50	50	6	GERM 001 + GERM 002
German Language Part 2	63	63	3	GERM LOWER ELECTIVE

History of the United States I	50	50	3	HIST 075
History of the United States II	50	50	3	HIST 076
Human Growth & Development	50	50	3	EDUC 108
Humanities	50	50	3	GE ELECTIVE
Macroeconomics, Principles	50	50	3	ECON 010
Microeconomics, Principles	50	50	3	ECON 002
Natural Science	50	50	6	PHSC 001
Pre-Calculus	61	50	4	MATH 020
Psychology, Intro	59	50	3	PSY 001 NO LAB
Social Sciences and History	50	50	6	GE ELECTIVE
Sociology, Intro	56	50	3	SOC 001
Spanish Language Part 1	50	50	6	SPAN 001 + SPAN 002
Spanish Language Part 2	63	63	3	SPAN Lower Elective
Western Civilization I	50	50	3	HIST Elective
Western Civilization II	50	50	3	HIST Elective

Credit will not be granted for the following exams: Chemistry, College Composition, College Composition Modular, Information Systems, Algebra/Trigonometry, Trigonometry, College Algebra, Principles of Management, Principles of Marketing, and Intro to Educational Psychology.

*None of these apply to the 32 BIO credits and 6 BIO lab courses required for the BIO major. For BIO majors CLEP can count towards the 120 credits required for graduation. BIO 001 and 001L fulfills the life science or scientific literacy AOI with lab.

GCE

Faculty advisors will determine whether acceptable GCE coursework will be applied toward Drake Curriculum, major, or elective requirements. Credit for other GCE examinations will be reviewed as needed.

If students take AS levels instead of A-levels credits are half of A-Levels.

GCE NAME	REQUIRED SCORE	HOURS EARNED	DRAKE EQUIVALENT
Accounting	C	6	ACCT ELECTIVE
Accounting (CAPE)	4 OR LOWER	Varies	ACCT 041 + ACCT ELECTIVE
Afrikaans	C	9	GENERAL ELECTIVE
Arabic	C	12	ARAB ELECTIVE
Art & Design	C	6	ART ELECTIVE
Biblical Studies	C	3	REL ELECTIVE
Biology	C	8	BIO ELECTIVE
Biology	4 OR LOWER	Varies	BIO ELECTIVE
Business	C	6	BUS ELECTIVE
Caribbean Studies (CAPE)	4 OR LOWER	3	GENERAL ELECTIVE
Chemistry	C	6	CHEM 001 & CHEM 002
Chinese	C	9	CHIN ELECTIVE
Classical Studies	C	3	GENERAL ELECTIVE
Communication Studies (CAPE)	4 OR LOWER	3	GENERAL ELECTIVE
Computer Science	C	6	GENERAL ELECTIVE
Design & Technology	C	6	GENERAL ELECTIVE
Digital Media & Design	C	3	GENERAL ELECTIVE
Divinity	C	3	GENERAL ELECTIVE
Drama	C	6	THEA ELECTIVE
Economics	C	6	ECON 002 & ECON 010
English 1A	C	6	ENG ELECTIVE

English Abitur		6	MATH ELECTIVE, QUAN AOI
English Language	C	3	ENG ELECTIVE, WRIT AOI
English Language & Literature	C	6	ENG ELECTIVE
Eng Literature	C	6	ENG ELECTIVE
Entrepreneurship (CAPE)	4 OR LOWER	Varies	ENTR ELECTIVE
Family & Religious Studies	C	3	GENERAL LOWER ELECTIVE
French	C	6	FREN ELECTIVE
Further Math	C	6	MATH ELECTIVE, QUAN AOI
General Paper (AS Level Only)	C	3	GENERAL ELECTIVE
Geography	C	8	SCSG ELECTIVE
German	C	6	GERM ELECTIVE
Global Perspectives & Research	C	3	GENERAL ELECTIVE
Government	C	6	POLS ELECTIVE
Govt/Politics	C	6	POLS ELECTIVE
Greek	C	3	GENERAL ELECTIVE
Hindi	C	3	GENERAL ELECTIVE
History Arbitur		6	HIST ELECTIVE
Hist E. Asia	C	3	HIST 021, HISTORICAL & GLOB AOI
History	C	6	HIST ELECTIVE, HISTORICAL AOI
Information Technology	C	6	IS UPPER LEVEL ELECTIVE
Islamic Studies	C	3	GENERAL ELECTIVE
Japanese (AS level)	C	3	JAPN ELECTIVE
Language	C	Varies	GENERAL ELECTIVE
Law	C	6	GENERAL ELECTIVE
Literature	C	Varies	ENG ELECTIVE
Literature in English	C	Varies	ENG ELECTIVE

Management of Business (CAPE)	4 OR LOWER	Varies	MGMT ELECTIVE
Marine Science	C	Varies	ENSS ELECTIVE
Mathematic Arbitur		8	MATH ELECTIVE
Maths C	C	Varies	MATH ELECTIVE, QUAN AOI
Mathematics	C	8	MATH ELECTIVE, QUAN AOI
Mathematics (Pakistan)	C	6	MATH 020, MATH 050, QUAN AOI
Media Studies	C	6	JMC ELECTIVE
Music	C	6	MUSIC ELECTIVE, ARTS AOI
Management of Business	C	6	BUS ELECTIVE
MGMT of Business (CAPE)	C	Varies	BUS ELECTIVE
Pakistan Studies	C	3	GENERAL ELECTIVE
Physical Education	C	4	GENERAL ELECTIVE
Physics Arbitur		8	PHY ELECTIVE
Physics	C	8	PHY ELECTIVE, PHYSICAL SCI AOI
Physics (CAPE)	4 OR LOWER	Varies	PHY 0-- PHY 011, PHY 012, PHYSICAL OR SCI AOI- if both1 & 2 units are taken
Portuguese	C	6	GENERAL ELECTIVE
Psychology	C	4	PSY ELECTIVE, LIFE AOI
Pure Math (CAPE) Unit 1	4 OR LOWER	Varies	MATH 050, QUAN AOI
Pure Math (CAPE) Unit 2	4 OR LOWER	Varies	MATH ELECTIVE, QUAN AOI
Religion	C	6	RELIGION ELECTIVE
Social Science Arbitur		6	GENERAL ELECTIVE
Social Studies	C	6	GENERAL ELECTIVE
Sociology	C	6	SOC ELECTIVE
Spanish Lang & Lit	C	Varies	SPAN ELECTIVE

Spanish	C	6	SPAN ELECTIVE
Sport & Physical Ed	C	Varies	GENERAL ELECTIVE
Statistics	C	6	STAT ELECTIVE
Tamil	C	6	GENERAL ELECTIVE
Thinking Skills	C	Varies	GENERAL ELECTIVE
Travel & Tourism	C	3	CAREER TECH
Urdu-Pakistan Only	C	6	GENERAL ELECTIVE
Urdu	C	6	GENERAL ELECTIVE

*For CAPE courses 1 unit will equate to 3 credits. If both units are taken, they will receive 6 credits.