

2020-21 Rocky Mountain College Advanced Placement Program (AP) Credit

Rocky Mountain College welcomes Advanced Placement (AP) test scores and awards credit for students who meet minimum score requirements.

AP Scores

- RMC follows the American Council on Education (ACE) guidelines for awarding AP credit (minimum exam score 3), with the exception that a minimum score of 4 is required for the following: English Language and Composition, English Literature and Composition, and Computer Science.
- AP exam scores should be sent directly to Rocky Mountain College (school code 4660) from College Board/AP (<https://apstudent.collegeboard.org/home>).
- Scores should be submitted before the end of the student's second semester of attendance. RMC is not responsible for any fees associated with score submission.

AP Credit and Requirements

- AP credit may be included in the total number of credits required for graduation and can reduce the number of courses a student needs to take while in college.
- Students may use AP credit to meet core curriculum (general education) requirements, except for the following subjects, which count as general elective credit: math (Calculus, Statistics), English (Language/Literature and Composition), and computer science.
- AP credit that does not correspond to a core requirement area counts as elective credit.
- AP credit requires faculty approval to count toward a major or minor requirement. Incoming students are advised to request approvals early, to ensure their course schedule is correct. New students may request assistance with the approval process from the Office of Student Records.
- Nontraditional credit, including AP credit, may apply to no more than 30 semester hours toward a bachelor's degree (120 credits).

Evaluation and Posting of AP Credit

- Credit earned through AP examination will be posted after the student has successfully completed one semester at RMC.
 - An email will be sent to the student and his or her academic advisor via the student's rocky.edu email when AP credit has been awarded.
- AP credits are not assigned to a specific RMC course on the student's transcript. AP credits are recorded on the student's transcript as AP Art History, AP Biology, etc.
 - Students may take a similar course at RMC for which they earned AP credit. In this case, the AP credits will count as general elective credit.
- AP credits are assigned a grade of "P," which does not affect GPA.

Advanced Placement (AP) Scores and Credits

AP for RMC Core Requirements (General Education)

AP Examination	RMC Minimum Score	Max Credits Awarded	Meets RMC Core Requirement Area
Art History	3	6	Fine Arts (aesthetic): Art
Art/Studio (Drawing or General Portfolio)	3	6	Fine Arts (performance): Art
Biology	3	8	Natural Science w/ lab: Biology
Chemistry	3	8	Natural Science w/ lab: Chemistry
Environmental Science	3	4	Natural Sciences w/ lab: Environmental Science
European History	3	6	Humanities: History
Government & Politics: Comparative	3	3	Social Science: Political Science
Government & Politics: United States	3	3	Social Science: Political Science
Human Geography	3	3	Social Science: Geography
Macroeconomics	3	3	Social Science: Economics
Microeconomics	3	3	Social Science: Economics
Physics 1 or 2	3	4	Natural Science w/ lab: Physics
Physics B	3	8	Natural Science w/ lab: Physics
Physics C: Mechanics	3	4	Natural Science w/ lab: Physics
Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism	3	4	Natural Science w/ lab: Physics
Psychology	3	3	Social Science: Psychology
U.S. History	3	6	Humanities: History
World History	3	6	Humanities: History

Note: AP credit is recorded on the student's transcript as AP Art History, AP Biology, etc. Faculty approval is required to count AP credit toward a requirement in a major or minor.

AP for RMC Elective Credit (*continues next page*)

AP Examination	RMC Minimum Score	Max Credits Awarded	
Calculus AB	3	4	General Elective Credit
Calculus BC	3	8	General Elective Credit
Computer Science A	4	4	General Elective Credit
English Language and Composition	4	6	General Elective Credit
English Literature and Composition	4	6	General Elective Credit
Statistics	3	3	General Elective Credit

AP for RMC Elective Credit, *continued*

AP Examination	RMC Minimum Score	Max Credits Awarded
Chinese Language and Culture	3	8
	4	12
	5	16
French Language and Culture	3	6
	4	9
	5	12
German Language and Culture	3	8
	4	12
	5	16
Italian Language and Culture	3	8
	4	12
	5	16
Japanese Language and Culture	3	8
	4	12
	5	16
Latin	3	8
	4	12
	5	16
Music Theory	3	5
Spanish Language and Culture	3	6
	4	9
	5	12
Spanish Literature and Culture	3	9
	4	12
	5	12

**RMC may also award credit for AP exams approved and offered by College Board after publication of this list.*

For Additional Information

Students with questions about how AP credits may apply toward prerequisites or program requirements in their major or minor may contact their faculty/academic advisor or the Office of Student Records: 406-657-1030/studentrecords@rocky.edu.