

Accelerated Programs and Advanced Placement Options

Accelerated Program Options

Students may accelerate their Alma degree program to finish in less than four years through a combination of concentrated academic scheduling, advanced credits gained while in high school and transferred credits from other college work.

Advanced Placement (AP)

Students may earn college credit for work done in high school if they have participated in the College Entrance Examination Board Advanced Placement Program. The results of examinations should be sent to the Registrar's Office. The Advanced Placement courses and qualifying scores for the examinations are listed on the following table.

College Level Examination Program (CLEP)

Alma College does not accept credit from the College Level Examination Program (CLEP).

International Baccalaureate (IB)

Alma College awards 32 credits to students who earn the International Baccalaureate Diploma. Alternatively, the College awards credit for individual exams taken at the Higher Level (HL) with a score of "5" or above. Alma College course credit earned by achievement on the IB HL exam with a score of "5" or above (unless otherwise indicated by the appropriate department), will satisfy distributive requirements for graduation.

Advanced Placement Courses and Qualifying Scores

AP Course Name	Minimum Scores	Alma College Course Equivalents Credit Awards*
American Government and Politics	4 C	POL 101 (4)
Art History	3 C Appr, 4 C	ART 112 (4)
Art 2D Design	4 C	ART 180 (4)
Art (Studio)	4 C	ART 180 (4)
Biology	4 C	BIO 180 (4)
Chemistry	4 C	CHM 115 (4)
Comparative Government and Politics	4 C	POL 111 (4)
Computer Science A	4 C Appr, 5 C	CSC 120 (4)
Computer Science AB	4 C, 5 C Appr	4 C = CSC 120 (4), 5 C Appr = CSC 120-220 (4-8)
Economics: Macro	4 C	ECN 201 (4)
Economics: Micro	4 C	ECN 202 (4)
English Language and Comp	3 C	ENG 100 (4)
English Literature and Comp	3 C	ENG 180 (4)
Environmental Science	4 C	ENV 180 (4)
European History	4 C	HST 180 (4)
French Language (Level 3)	4 C	FRN 221 (4)
French Literature (Level 3)	4 C	FRN 222 (4)
German Language (Level 2, 3)	4 C	GRM 221 (4)
German Literature (Level 3)	4 C	GRM 222 (4)
Human Geography	4 C	GGR 102 (4)
Math: Calculus AB	4 C	MTH 121 (4)
Math Calculus: BC	3-4 C	3 C = MTH 121 (4), 4 C = MTH 121-122 (8)
Music: Listening and Literature	3 C Appr, 4 C	MUS 180 (4)
Music Theory	4 C Appr	MUS 111-112 (4-8)
Physics B	4 C	PHY 112-113 (8)
Physics C	4 C	PHY 121-122 (8)
Psychology	4 C	PSY 180 (4)
Spanish Language	4 C	SPN 221 (4)
Spanish Literature	4 C	SPN 222 (4)
Statistics	4 C	MTH 116 (4)
U.S. History	4 C	HST 180 (4)
World History	4 C	HST 180 (4)

C=Credit Granted Automatically

C Appr=Credit with Department Approval

* All AP credit must have department approval to count in the major or minor.