

UMBC UGC Program Changes & Other Request: History Minor

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Specifics (see instructions):

We want to make some changes to our AP credit rules. Currently students may use AP credits for any lower level courses in the major. We want to limit the AP credits students can transfer into the major to 100 level courses only.

The current policy is the following:

Examination	Score	Credits	Course exemption
History - European	5, 4, 3	6	HIST 110 and HIST Elective (SS/C)
History - World	5,4,3	6	HIST 200 and HIST Elective (SS/C)
History - US	5, 4, 3	6	HIST 101 and 102

The new policy would be:

Examination	Score	Credits	Course exemption
History - European	5, 4, 3	6	HIST 110 and 111
History - World	5,4,3	6	HIST 110 and 111
History - US	5, 4, 3	6	HIST 101 and 102

Rationale (see instructions):

While we are happy to allow students to use AP credits, and eager to attract and reward ambitious students who took such courses in highschool, we feel strongly that AP courses are not commensurate with courses above the 100 level. The type of analysis, and the level of skills taught and required in our 200 level courses vastly exceed what is taught in AP courses. This mis alignment is even more apparent in the case of the HIST elective, which might allow a student to substitute an upper level course for the AP credit.

