

UMBC UGC Program Changes & Other Request: History Major

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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 give them no more than 3.00 credits for any one AP test; to limit the total AP credits counting toward the major to 6.00 credits, and to accept only tests with scores of 4 or 5.

Here is the current language from the Undergraduate catalog:

The CEEB Advanced Placement Examination allows students achieving a minimum score to be exempted from the corresponding required 100-level courses and may earn credit toward both the history major and the university's graduation requirements. Students may be exempted for up to two 100 or 200 level required courses.

The new policy would be:

Here is the updated language for the Undergraduate catalog:

“The CEEB Advanced Placement Examination allows students achieving a minimum score to earn credit toward the university's graduation and general education requirements. Students may also be exempted for up to 6 credits of lower-level courses required for the history major, provided they receive scores of 4 or 5 on an AP Examination and provided that no more than 3 credits may come from each AP Examination. The following table outlines the course equivalencies:

AP Examination	Score	Credits	Course Equivalency
History–European	4 or 5	3	HIST 110
History–World	4 or 5	3	HIST 200
History–United States	4 or 5	3	HIST 101

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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 high school, we feel strongly that allowing AP scores of 3 and higher, and allowing up to 6 credits from a single AP examination, is not commensurate with the expectations for lower-level courses in the history major.