

Rancho Santiago Community College District
ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION
Chapter 4
Academic Affairs

AR 4236 Advanced Placement Credit

Reference(s):

Education Code Section 79500
Title 5 Section 555052

Credit by Examination may be obtained by one of the following methods:

- Achievement of a score of 3, 4 or 5 on an Advanced Placement Examination administered by the College Entrance Examination Board. Students should submit official copies of Advanced Placement Examinations test scores to the Office of Admissions and Records for evaluation.
- Achievement of a score that qualifies for credit by examination in the College Level Examination Program.
- Credit by satisfactory completion of an examination administered by the college in lieu of completion of a course listed in the college catalog.
- Achievement of an examination administered by other agencies approved by the college.

Determination of Eligibility to Take the Examination:

- The student must be currently registered in the college and in good standing,
- The course is listed in the college catalog,
- Credits acquired by examination are not applicable to meeting of such unit load requirements as Selective Service deferment, Veteran's or Social Security benefits.

Credits acquired by examination shall not be counted in determining the 12 semester hours of credit in residence required for an Associate degree.

In addition:

- Courses eligible for Credit by Exam must appear in the College Catalog – Credit by Exam section.
- The student's academic record clearly indicates that the credit was earned by examination.
- Limits on the number of units may be applied to requirements for the Associate degree.

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