

CPL: SECTION 4-CREDIT BY ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) EXAM

Credit for Prior Learning Webinar | First Friday of Every Month¹, 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. | Click here (https://vccs.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0qde2srj8vH9UCnc_y9hgBuARHW4eoXJkU/) to register.

¹ Except for January 2, 2026

Steps to Request an Evaluation of AP Credit

1. Apply (<https://www.nvcc.edu/admissions/apply/>) for admission and choose a program of study (<https://catalog.nvcc.edu/programs/>) (declare a major).
2. Enroll (<https://www.nvcc.edu/admissions/register/>) in a credit course.
3. Request the College Board (<https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/sending-scores/>) to send your official AP score report to NOVA's College Records Office (<https://www.nvcc.edu/about/offices/college-records-office/transfer-credit-evaluation.html>). If needed, the mailing address is: NVCC College Records Office, FX-P3 3924 Pender Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030.

It takes approximately four to twelve weeks to get credit posted to your record. Updates will be sent to your NOVA student email (<https://www.nvcc.edu/student-resources/technology/email.html>).

About Advanced Placement (AP) Exams

Administered by the College Board, the Advanced Placement (AP) program offers an opportunity for students to complete college level course work in high school. The following AP equivalencies are standardized across Virginia's 23 community colleges. The decision was made based on the recommendations of faculty across the Virginia Community College System (VCCS) in 2024. Northern Virginia Community College applies the new, standardized equivalencies to AP scores received on or after April 1, 2025. AP credit awarded prior to April 1, 2025 will not be retroactively reviewed.

Language AP Exams

AP Exam	Minimum Required Score	NOVA Equivalent	Credits
Chinese Language & Culture	3	CHI 201	4
	4	CHI 202	4
English Language & Composition 3		ENG 111	3
	4	ENG 111 & ENG 112	6
English Literature 3 & Composition		ENG 225	3
Italian Language & Culture 3		ITA 201	3
	4	ITA 202	3
French Language & Culture 3		FRE 201	3

	4	FRE 202	3
German Language & Culture	3	GER 201	3
	4	GER 202	3
Japanese Language & Culture	3	JPN 202	4
Latin	3	LAT 202	3
Spanish Language & Culture	3	SPA 201	3
	4	SPA 202	3
Spanish Literature & Culture	Under Review	N/A	N/A

Mathematics and Computer Science AP Exams

AP Exam	Minimum Required Score	NOVA Equivalent	Credits
Pre-calculus	3	MTH 162	3
Calculus AB	3	MTH 263	4
Calculus BC	3	MTH 263 & MTH 264	8
Statistics	3	MTH 245	3
Computer Science A	3	CSC 221	3
Computer Science Principles	3	CSC 110	3

Physical and Life Science AP Exams

AP Exam	Minimum Required Score	NOVA Equivalent	Credits
Biology	3	BIO 101	4
	4	BIO 101 & BIO 102	8
Chemistry	3	CHM 111	4
	4	CHM 111 & CHM 112	8
Environmental Science	3	ENV 121	4
Physics 1	3	PHY 201	4
Physics 2	3	PHY 202	4
Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism	3	PHY 202	4
Physics C: Mechanics	3	PHY 201	4

History and Social Science AP Exams

AP Exam	Minimum Required Score	NOVA Equivalent	Credits
African American Studies	Pending Faculty Review	N/A	N/A

Comparative Government & Politics	3	PLS 140	3
European History	3	HIS 102	3
Human Geography	3	GEO 210	3
Macroeconomics	3	ECO 201	3
Microeconomics	3	ECO 202	3
Psychology	3	PSY 200	3
U.S. Government & Politics	3	PLS 135	3
U.S. History	3	HIS 121 & HIS 122	6
World History: Modern	3	HIS 112	3

Visual, Performing, and Media Arts AP Exams

AP Exam	Minimum Required Score	NOVA Equivalent	Credits
Art History	3	ART 101 & ART 102	6
Drawing	3	ART 121	3
2-D Art Design	3	ART 131	3
3-D Art Design	3	ART 132	3
Music Theory	3	MUS 111	4