

Graduation

Graduation Requirements and Catalog Rights

Each academic year commences with the fall semester and includes the spring and summer of the following calendar year. Each catalog is applicable to one academic year. Graduation requirements are subject to change with each catalog. Catalog rights ensure that, although a catalog may change, applicable graduation requirements will always be those delineated in the selected catalog at the time of a student's enrollment.

- Graduation requirements are determined based on the following:
 - **If continuous enrollment is maintained**, students may choose the degree or certificate requirements that are in effect at either the time of entrance into MPC, or any catalog thereafter. Continuous enrollment is defined as having any grading symbol ("A" through "F", "P", "NP", "I", "IP", "EW", "MW", "RD" or "W") for a credit course entered on an official transcript during an academic year.
 - **If there is an absence of at least one academic year and a student returns to MPC**, catalog rights will be reestablished using the current academic catalog determined by the student's semester/term of reentry to the college.
 - **If there is an absence of at least one academic year and a student does not re-enroll at MPC**, the student can choose the degree or certificate requirements from a catalog during their time of continuous enrollment or the catalog requirements in effect at the time of submitting a graduation petition.
- Students must complete general education and major requirements under the same catalog.
- Students planning to use a course to fulfill a CSU-GE or IGETC requirement should confirm that the course is approved for the academic year in which it is taken. If a course is taken before it is approved for inclusion or after it is removed, it cannot be used to meet the requirement for CSU-GE or IGETC. The general education courses may be subject to change each academic year. It is advised that students meet with a counselor regularly to review any changes.
- Students planning to use a course to fulfill an MPC-GE requirement should confirm that the course is approved for the academic year in which it is taken or is included in MPC-GE from their selected catalog.
- Students pursuing an AA or AS (non-transfer) degree may use the MPC-GE, CSU-GE, or IGETC requirements. Students pursuing an AA-T or AS-T (transfer) degree may follow the CSU-GE or IGETC requirements.
- The college reserves the right to change catalog rights or program requirements based upon legal mandate and accreditation standards at any time.
- Requests for exception to this policy may be addressed by submitting a petition to the Academic Council.

Graduation Petition

Students who expect to graduate from the College must file a petition to graduate with the Admissions and Records Office. The form is available in the Admissions and Records Office and on the forms section of their website.

All external transcripts, military records, advanced placement scores, International Baccalaureate scores, CLEP scores, counselor course evaluations, and any other materials being used to complete graduation requirements must be on file in the Admissions and Records Office by the following petition deadlines:

Graduation Term

Deadline to Receive Materials (projected dates)

FALL	NOVEMBER 1
SPRING	APRIL 15
SUMMER	JULY 1

Students are advised to make an appointment with a counselor to evaluate eligibility for the associate degree. A counselor's signature is required on all degree petitions.

Commencement

Commencement is held once a year, in May or June, at the end of the Spring semester for students who have completed the requirements for their degree any semester during the school year, including the previous summer session.

Exceptions to Regulations and Requirements

Requests for exceptions to the admissions, academic, and curricular regulations may be made by petition to the Academic Council. Exceptions are made only for extenuating circumstances. The Academic Council Petition form is available from the Admissions and Records Office and on the MPC website.

Credit for Prior Learning

Credit for Prior Learning (CPL) may be obtained by the methods listed below. Credits acquired through credit for prior learning shall not be counted in determining the 12 semester hours of credit in residence required for Associate degrees. A maximum of 30 units may be earned through CPL (See AP 4235 for more information about Credit for Prior Learning).

Advanced Placement (AP) Examinations: Students who complete the College Entrance Examination Board Advanced Placement exams with test scores of 5, 4, or 3, depending on the examination taken, may be granted credit.

Articulation of High School Courses: An articulation agreement enables students to receive either a course waiver or college credit for completion of courses at the secondary level, Regional Occupational Program, or Adult School which are comparable to courses offered at Monterey Peninsula College (MPC). The granting of a course waiver and/or college credit is based on the achievement of competencies through a course, or a sequence of courses, as defined on the Course Waiver or the Credit by Proficiency Examination which specifies the conditions of the articulation agreement. Students must initiate the process to receive a waiver or credit and enroll in the College and be in good standing prior to being granted articulated credit.

College Level Examination Program (CLEP): An enrolled student may receive credit by requesting a transcript from the College Level Examination Program. Test score must be at a 50% minimum. A maximum of 30 units may be earned through CLEP.

International Baccalaureate (IB) Examinations: Monterey Peninsula College considers for transfer credit high-level International Baccalaureate examinations where a grade of 5, 6, or 7 has been earned. The official International Baccalaureate transcript must be submitted to the Admissions and Records Office for review once the student has enrolled. The examinations may also be used to meet prerequisites for other courses.

Credit by Examination (CBE): The purpose of Credit by Examination (CBE) is to provide students who have previously acquired knowledge and/or skills the opportunity to receive college credit for these achievements through an appropriate examination.

Students may earn credit for College Board Advanced Placement (AP) exams with scores noted below. AP may be used to meet IGETC, CSU GE, and AA/AS general education requirements. For credit to be applied, students must have the College Board send their official AP exam results to the Monterey Peninsula College Admissions and Records Office; only official, sealed copies will be accepted. All units denote semester.

Advanced Placement (AP)	AP Score	MPC Course Equivalent	MPC AA/AS Degree GE Area	MPC AA/AS Degree Units	CSU GE Units/Area	CSU Credit Earned Toward Admission	IGETC Area	UC Credit Earned Toward Admission	UC Limitations Toward Credit
Art History	3, 4, or 5	ARTH 3 & 4	Humanities	6	3 units; C1 or C2 (C1 if taken before F09)	6	3A or 3B	5.3	
Biology	3, 4, or 5	BIOL 10	Natural Science w/lab	6	4 units; B2 & B3	6	5B & 5C	5.3	
Calculus AB ¹	3, 4, or 5	MATH 20A	Communication/Analytical Thinking	3 (6 units max for all Calculus exams)	3 units; B4 ¹	3 ¹	2A	2.6	• 5.3 units max for both AB and BC exams; • 2.6 units max for both AB and AB Subscore
Calculus BC ¹	3, 4, or 5	MATH 20A (score of 3); MATH 20B (score of 4 or 5)	Communication/Analytical Thinking	6 (6 units max for all Calculus exams)	3 units; B4 ¹	6 ¹	2A	5.3	• AB Subscore on Calc BC exam: Students who take the BC exam and earn a subscore of 3 or higher on AB portion will receive credit for the AB exam, even if they do not receive a score of 3 or higher on the BC exam (note that the max credit awarded is 5.3).
Calculus BC/AB Subscore ¹	3, 4, or 5	MATH 20A (score of 3 or higher)	Communication/Analytical Thinking	3 (6 units max for all Calculus exams)	3 units; B4 ¹	3 ¹	2A	2.6	
Chemistry	3, 4, or 5	CHEM 2	Natural Science w/lab	6	4 units (6 if taken before F09); B1 & B3	6	5A & 5C	5.3	
Chinese Language and Culture	3, 4, or 5	No equivalent	Humanities	6	3 units; C2	6	3B & 6A	5.3	
Comparative Government and Politics	3, 4, or 5	POLS 2	Social Science	3	3 units; D	3	4	2.6	
Computer Science A ¹	3, 4, or 5	CSIS 10A	Communication/Analytical Thinking	3 (6 units max for both Comp Sci exams)	N/A	3 ¹	N/A	5.3 (1.3 prior to F18)	2.6 units max for both exams
Computer Science AB ¹ (only if taken before F09)	3, 4, or 5	No equivalent	N/A	6 (6 units max for both Comp Sci exams)	N/A	6 ¹	N/A	2.6	
Computer Science Principles ¹	3, 4, or 5	CSIS 9	Communication/Analytical Thinking	6	3 units; B4 ¹ (0 units/N/A before F18)	6 ¹	N/A	5.3	
English Language and Composition	3, 4, or 5	ENGL 1A	English Composition	6	3 units; A2	6	1A	5.3	
English Literature and Composition	3, 4, or 5	ENGL 1A & 1B	English Composition (3 units)	6	6 units; A2 & C2	6	1A or 3B	5.3	
Environmental Science	3, 4, or 5	BIOL 31 & 32	Natural Science w/lab	4	4 units; B1 & B3 (either B1 & B3 or B2 & B3 if taken before F09)	4	5A & 5C	2.6	
European History	3, 4, or 5	HIST 4 & 5	Social Science	6	3 units; C2 or D (D if taken before Spr09)	6	3B or 4	5.3	
French Language (only if taken before F11)	3, 4, or 5	FREN 2A	Humanities	6	3 units (6 if taken before F09); C2	6	3B & 6A	5.3	
French Language and Culture	3, 4, or 5	FREN 2A	Humanities	6	3 units; C2	6	3B & 6A	5.3	
French Literature (only if taken before F09)	3, 4, or 5	No equivalent	Humanities	6	3 units; C2	6	3B & 6A	5.3	
German Language (only if taken before F11)	3, 4, or 5	No equivalent	Humanities	6	3 units (6 if taken before F09); C2	6	3B & 6A	5.3	
German Language and Culture	3, 4, or 5	No equivalent	Humanities	6	3 units; C2	6	3B & 6A	5.3	
Human Geography	3, 4, or 5	GEOG 4	Social Science	3	3 units; D	3	4	2.6	
Italian Language and Culture	3, 4, or 5	No equivalent	Humanities	6	3 units; C2	6	3B & 6A	5.3	
Japanese Language and Culture	3, 4, or 5	JPNS 2A	Humanities	6	3 units; C2	6	3B & 6A	5.3	
Latin Literature (only if taken before F09)	3, 4, or 5	No equivalent	Humanities	6	3 units; C2	6	3B & 6A	2.6	
Latin	3, 4, or 5	No equivalent	Humanities	6	3 units; C2	6	3B & 6A	5.3 (offered May 2013 and beyond)	
Latin; Virgil (only if taken before F12)	3, 4, or 5	No equivalent	Humanities	3	3 units; C2	3	3B & 6A	2.6	

Advanced Placement (AP) (cont.)	AP Score	MPC Course Equivalent	MPC AA/AS Degree GE Area	MPC AA/AS Degree Units	CSU GE Units/Area	CSU Credit Earned Toward Admission	IGETC Area	UC Credit Earned Toward Admission	UC Limitations Toward Credit
Macroeconomics	3, 4, or 5	ECON 2	Social Science	3	3 units; D	3	4	2.6	
Microeconomics	3, 4, or 5	ECON 4	Social Science	3	3 units; D	3	4	2.6	
Music Theory (only if taken before F09)	3, 4, or 5	MUSI 10A	Humanities	6	3 units; C1	6	N/A	5.3	Credit for full Music Theory exam only; no exam credit for a subscore.
Physics 1 ²	3, 4, or 5	PHYS 2A	Natural Science w/lab	4 (6 units max for all Physics exams)	4 units; B1 & B3 ²	4 ²	5A & 5C	5.3	
Physics 2 ²	3, 4, or 5	PHYS 2B	Natural Science w/lab	4 (6 units max for all Physics exams)	4 units; B1 & B3 ²	4 ²	5A & 5C	5.3	
Physics B ² (only if taken before F15)	3, 4, or 5	PHYS 2A	Natural Science w/lab	6 (6 units max for all Physics exams)	4 units (6 if taken before F09); B1 & B3 ²	6 ²	5A & 5C	5.3	5.3 units max for all exams
Physics C ² : Electricity and Magnetism	3, 4, or 5	No equivalent	Natural Science w/lab	4 (6 units max for all Physics exams)	4 units; B1 & B3 ²	4 ²	5A & 5C	2.6	
Physics C ² : Mechanics	3, 4, or 5	No equivalent	Natural Science w/lab	4 (6 units max for all Physics exams)	4 units; B1 & B3 ²	4 ²	5A & 5C	2.6	
Psychology	3, 4, or 5	PSYC 1	Social Science	3	3 units; D	3	4	2.6	
Seminar	3, 4, or 5	No equivalent	N/A	0	N/A	3	N/A	N/A	
Spanish Language (only if taken before Spr14)	3, 4, or 5	SPAN 3	Humanities	6	6 units; C2	6	3B & 6A	5.3	
Spanish Language and Culture	3, 4, or 5	SPAN 3	Humanities	6	3 units; C2	6	3B & 6A	5.3	
Spanish Literature (only if taken before Spr13)	3, 4, or 5	No equivalent	Humanities	6	6 units; C2	6	3B & 6A	5.3	
Spanish Literature and Culture	3, 4, or 5	SPAN 3	Humanities	6	3 units; C2	6	3B & 6A	5.3	
Statistics	3, 4, or 5	MATH 16	Communication/ Analytical Thinking	3	3 units; B4	3	2A	2.6	
Studio Art: 2D Design	3, 4, or 5	ARTB 2	Humanities	3	N/A	3	N/A	5.3	
Studio Art: 3D Design	3, 4, or 5	ARTB 3	Humanities	3	N/A	3	N/A	5.3	
Studio Art: Drawing	3, 4, or 5	ARTS 10A	Humanities; or Career Exploration	3	N/A	3	N/A	5.3	5.3 units max for all exams
U.S. Government and Politics	3, 4, or 5	POLS 1	Social Science	3	3 units; D & US-2 ³	3	4 (3 units) & US-2 ³	2.6	
U.S. History	3, 4, or 5	HIST 17 & 18	Social Science	6	3 units; C2 or D; & US-1 ³	6	3B or 4 (3 units); & US-1 ³	5.3	
World History - Modern (formerly World History before F20)	3, 4, or 5	HIST 8 (HIST 7 & 8 before F20)	Social Science	3 (6 if taken before F20)	3 units; C2 or D	3 (6 if taken before F20)	3B or 4	5.3	

¹ If a student passes more than one AP exam in calculus or computer science, only one examination may be applied to the baccalaureate.

² If a student passes more than one AP exam in physics, only six units of credit may be applied to the baccalaureate; and only four units of credit may be applied to a certification in GE Breadth.

³ Student needs to complete a US-3 course which covers California State and Local Government in order to satisfy CSU American Institutions requirement.

NOTE:

- Each AP exam may be applied to one IGETC equates to one course requirement, with the exception of Language Other Than English (Area 6A).
- An acceptable AP score for IGETC equates to 3 semester units for certification purposes.
- For IGETC certification: Biology, Chemistry, Physics 1, 2, or B; apply 4 semester units; Environmental Science, both Physics C exams; apply 3 semester units. Students who complete these exams will be required to complete at least 4 additional semester units to satisfy the minimum required units for Area 5.
- Students who have earned credit from an AP exam should not take a comparable college course because transfer credit will not be granted for both.
- AP credit may not meet specific UC campus or UC major requirements. Consult a counselor or the UC Admissions site: admission.universityofcalifornia.edu under "Requirements."

Students may earn credit for College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) exams with scores of 50 or higher. CLEP credit may be used to meet CSU GE and AA/AS general education and/or major requirements. For credit to be applied, students must have the College Board send their official CLEP exam results to the Monterey Peninsula College Admissions and Records Office; only official, sealed copies will be accepted.

CLEP does not apply to IGETC and is not accepted at UC.

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College-Level Examination Program (CLEP)	CLEP Score	MPC AA/AS Degree GE Area	MPC AA/AS Degree Units	CSU GE Units/Area	CSU Credit Earned Toward Admission
American Government	50	Social Science	3	3 units; D	3
American Literature	50	Humanities	3	3 units; C2	3
Analyzing and Interpreting Literature	50	Humanities	3	3 units; C2	3
Biology	50	N/A	3	3 units; B2	3
Calculus	50	Communication/Analytical Thinking	3	3 units; B4	3
Chemistry	50	N/A	3	3 units; B1	3
College Algebra	50	Communication/Analytical Thinking	3	3 units; B4	3
College Algebra - Trigonometry	50	Communication/Analytical Thinking	3	3 units; B4	3
College Composition	50	N/A	0	N/A	0
College Composition – Modular	50	N/A	0	N/A	0
College Mathematics	50	Communication/Analytical Thinking	3	N/A	0
English Composition (no essay)	50	N/A	0	N/A	0
English Composition with Essay	50	N/A	0	N/A	0
English Literature (only if taken before F11)	50	Humanities	3	3 units; C2	3
Financial Accounting	50	Career Exploration	3	N/A	3
French Level I ⁴	50	N/A	6	N/A	6
French Level II ⁴	59	Humanities	9 (12 if taken before F15)	3 units; C2	9 (12 if taken before F15)
Freshman College Composition	50	N/A	0	N/A	0
German Level I ⁴	50	N/A	6	N/A	6
German Level II ⁴	60	Humanities	9 (12 if taken before F15)	3 units; C2	9 (12 if taken before F15)
History, United States I	50	Social Science	3	3 units; D & US-1	3
History, United States II	50	Social Science	3	3 units; D & US-1	3
Human Growth and Development	50	Social Science; or Wellness	3	3 units; E	3
Humanities	50	Humanities	3	3 units; C2	3
Information Systems and Computer Applications	50	Communication/Analytical Thinking; or Career Exploration	3	N/A	3
Introduction to Educational Psychology	50	N/A	3	N/A	3
Introductory Business Law	50	N/A	3	N/A	3
Introductory Psychology	50	Social Science	3	3 units; D	3
Introductory Sociology	50	Social Science	3	3 units; D	3
Natural Sciences	50	N/A	3	3 units; B1 or B2	3
Pre-Calculus	50	Communication/Analytical Thinking	3	3 units; B4	3
Principles of Accounting	50	Career Exploration	3	N/A	3
Principles of Macroeconomics	50	Social Science	3	3 units; D	3
Principles of Management	50	N/A	3	N/A	3
Principles of Marketing	50	N/A	3	N/A	3

College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) (cont.)	CLEP Score	MPC AA/AS Degree GE Area	MPC AA/AS Degree Units	CSU GE Units/Area	CSU Credit Earned Toward Admission
Principles of Microeconomics	50	Social Science	3	3 units; D	3
Social Sciences and History	50	Social Science	0	N/A	0
Spanish Level I ⁴	50	N/A	6	N/A	6
Spanish Level II ⁴	63	Humanities	9 (1.2 if taken before F15)	3 units; C2	9 (1.2 if taken before F15)
Trigonometry (only if taken before F06)	50	Communication/ Analytical Thinking	3	3 units; B4	3
Western Civilization I	50	Social Science	3	3 units; C2 or D	3
Western Civilization II	50	Social Science	3	3 units; D	3

⁴ If a student passes more than one CLEP test in the same language other than English (e.g., two exams in French), only one examination may be applied to the baccalaureate. For each test in a language other than English, a passing score of 50 is considered "Level I" and earns six units of baccalaureate credit; a passing score higher than 50 listed for a test is considered "Level II" and earns additional units of credit and placement in Area C2 of CSU-GE Breadth, as noted.

NOTE: A maximum of 30 units may be earned through CLEP.

Students may earn credit for International Baccalaureate (IB) exams with scores noted below. IB credit may be used to meet IGETC, CSU GE, and AA/AS general education requirements. For credit to be applied, students must have the International Baccalaureate Organization send their official IB exam results to the Monterey Peninsula College Admissions and Records Office; only official, sealed copies will be accepted.

All units denote semester.

International Baccalaureate (IB)	IB Score	MPC AA/AS Degree GE Area	MPC AA/AS Degree Units	CSU GE Units/Area	CSU Credit Earned Toward Admission	IGETC Units/Area	UC Credit Earned Toward Admission	UC Limitations Toward Credit
Biology HL	5, 6, or 7	N/A	6	3 units; B2	6	3 units; 5B	5.3	The units granted for IB exams are not counted toward the maximum number of credits required for declaration of a major or the maximum number of units a student may accumulate prior to graduation. Students who enter the UC with IB credit do not have to declare a major earlier than other students, nor are they required to graduate earlier.
Chemistry HL	5, 6, or 7	N/A	6	3 units; B1	6	3 units; 5A	5.3	
Economics HL	5, 6, or 7	Social Science	6	3 units; D	6	3 units; 4	5.3	
Geography HL	5, 6, or 7	Social Science	6	3 units; D	6	3 units; 4	5.3	
History (any region) HL	5, 6, or 7	Social Science	6	3 units; C2 or D	6	3 units; 3B or 4	5.3	
Language A Literature HL (any language except English)	4, 5, 6, or 7 (UC: 5, 6, or 7 only)	Humanities	6	3 units; C2	6	3 units; 3B & 6A	5.3	
Language A Language and Literature HL (any language except English)	4, 5, 6, or 7 (UC: 5, 6, or 7 only)	Humanities	6	3 units; C2	6	3 units; 3B & 6A	5.3	
Language A Literature HL (any language) (formerly Language A1 before F13)	4, 5, 6, or 7 (UC: 5, 6, or 7 only)	Humanities	6	3 units; C2	6	3 units; 3B	5.3	
Language A Language and Literature HL (any language) (formerly Language A2 before F13)	4, 5, 6, or 7 (UC: 5, 6, or 7 only)	Humanities	6	3 units; C2	6	3 units; 3B	5.3	
Language B (any language) HL	4, 5, 6, or 7 (UC: 5, 6, or 7 only)	Humanities	6	N/A	6	3 units; 6A	5.3	
Mathematics HL	4, 5, 6, or 7 (UC: 5, 6, or 7 only)	Communication/ Analytical Thinking	6	3 units; B4	6	3 units; 2A	5.3	
Physics HL	5, 6, or 7	N/A	6	3 units; B1	6	3 units; 5A	5.3	
Psychology HL	5, 6, or 7	Social Science	3	3 units; D	3	3 units; 4	5.3	
Theatre HL	4, 5, 6, or 7 (UC: 5, 6, or 7 only)	Humanities	6	3 units; C1	6	3 units; 3A	5.3	

• The IB curriculum offers language at various levels for native and non-native speakers. Language B courses are offered at the intermediate level for non-natives. Language A1 and A2 are advanced courses in literature for native and non-native speakers, respectively.

• UC awards students who complete the IB diploma with a score of 30 or above with 30 quarter (20 semester) units toward their UC degree.

NOTE: Additional IB exams may be accepted by UC for elective credit. Consult a counselor or the UC Admissions site: admission.universityofcalifornia.edu under "Requirements."