AWARD OF ACCELERATION CREDIT BASED ON ADVANCED PLACEMENT TEST SCORES

An acceleration credit, the equivalent of one course credit, may be used to complete the bachelor’s degree in fewer than eight terms. Acceleration credits may be awarded on the basis of AP test scores. The Table of Acceleration Credit gives the specific criteria for the award of acceleration credit based on AP scores.

Students may receive acceleration credits by earning scores comparable to AP test scores on such tests as the International Baccalaureate (IB) higher-level examinations or the General Certificate of Education (GCE) A-level examinations. In subjects for which an AP score of 5 earns acceleration credit, a score of 7 on IB higher-level exams, or A on A-levels, is required.

- For an AP test score to earn acceleration credit, you must have taken the test while you were in secondary school.
- You will forfeit acceleration credit in a subject if, in any term at Yale, you take a course that is the equivalent of the work for which you received that credit. In general, taking a course numbered lower than the lowest-numbered course awarding acceleration credit will result in the forfeit of acceleration credit in that subject. If, for example, your high score on the AP Calculus BC test gives you two acceleration credits on entrance, you will forfeit both credits by taking MATH 112; you will lose one by taking MATH 115. Courses that result in the forfeit of acceleration credit are listed in the third column of the Table of Acceleration Credit.
- In some subjects, such as economics, a high score on the AP test does not in itself give you acceleration credits. But the AP test score may qualify you to enroll in intermediate-level courses, by which you may earn acceleration credits during the first two terms of enrollment. The Table of Acceleration Credit gives the acceleration criteria for each department.
- You may earn acceleration credit in a subject either because you received a high score on AP tests or because you did advanced work at Yale, but not both ways. If, for example, you have two acceleration credits in physics on the basis of your AP scores, you do not earn any more by taking PHYS 260, PHYS 261.