



## Admissions & Records Update

### December 22nd, 2025

#### Fall 2025 Ends – Grades Due

The Fall 2025 semester ended on December 18th and Fall 2025 grades are due on January 2nd.

#### Spring 2026 Begins

The first day of Spring 2026 will be Saturday, January 17th . For more information on semester deadlines, see the [Spring 2026 Academic Calendar](#) page.

#### Payment Due Date & Autodrop for Spring 2026

The payment deadline for students enrolling on or before December 26th for Spring 2026 is Friday, January 9th. The autodrop will be scheduled overnight the morning of Saturday, January 10th. For more information see the [Fee Payment Deadlines](#) page.

#### Placement Update and Q&A for English and math Placements

In November, 2025, the rule that limited English and math placement to high school outcomes in the last 10 years ended was removed due to changes in state regulations. Additionally, colleges must now accept self-reported high school outcomes for placement purposes when high school transcripts are not available or are difficult to obtain. As a result, placements are now automatically generated for all students who indicate on their CCCApply application that they graduated from a US high school and report their high school GPA and English and math outcomes.

College websites have been updated with this information and new webforms have been launched at all colleges to guide students to the Placement Re-Evaluation Request Form or Guided Self Placement based on their circumstances and to collect Placement Re-Evaluation Request Forms. Below is a FAQ on the changes:

**Q: Who will receive their initial placements when they apply to the college?**

**A:** Students who have graduated from a US high school and report their high school information, including high school GPA, graduation year, and highest English and math classes completed will receive an automatic placement based on their application responses.

**Q: How are students placed when they did not receive placements when they applied?**

**A:** Students may receive initial placements or updated placements either from the Placement Re-Evaluation Request Form or by using the Guided Self Placement tool. The Re-Evaluation Request form is the preferred method of placement. Each college has a [Placement Process](#) page that includes a tool to match students to the placement method that best meets their needs. This form is based on a form CRC had developed to guide students to the correct placement process prior to this update.

**Q: Who can use the Placement Re-Evaluation Request Form?**

**A:** The [Placement Re-Evaluation Request Form](#) is intended for use by anyone who has a US high school or adult school GPA and graduation year (or anticipated graduation year) and who can report their highest English and math courses completed in high school or adult school. This includes:

- Students who have graduated from a US high school and were not placed via CCCApply

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students who graduated from a US high school, but misreported high school information on CCCApply that impacted placement</li> <li>• Students who graduated from a US adult school and have a high school or adult school GPA and did not receive a placement</li> <li>• Dual Enrollment students who need an initial placement or who have completed additional math, or English classes since their prior placement</li> </ul> <p><b>Q: Who can use Guided Self Placement?</b></p> <p><b>A:</b> Guided Self Placement is available for students who cannot use the Placement Re-Evaluation Request Form. This will include students who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attended a foreign high school</li> <li>• Attended an adult school and do not have a GPA to report</li> <li>• Exited high school without completion and have not attended adult school or received a GED/high school diploma.</li> </ul> <p><b>Q: What if a student can't get copies of their high school transcripts?</b></p> <p><b>A:</b> High school transcripts are no longer needed for Placement Re-Evaluation. The form allows students to submit transcripts for placement, but students may alternatively provide their high school information to the best of their recollection for placement.</p> <p><b>Q: How are dual enrollment (special admit) students placed?</b></p> <p><b>A:</b> Dual enrollment students intending to take English or math classes in college while enrolled in high school are asked to submit high school transcripts for placement purposes as part of their admission process. If a student later decides to take English or math classes and does not have placements, they may use the Placement Re-Evaluation Request Form for placement. Additionally, dual enrollment students whose high school GPA has improved or who have completed additional high school English or math courses following their initial placement may use the Placement Re-Evaluation Request Form to have new placements created.</p> <p><b>Q: How are students who completed a GED at an adult school that did not use GPA placed?</b></p> <p><b>A:</b> High school GPA is required by our placement algorithms, so students who do not have a high school or adult school GPA to report will be referred to Guided Self Placement.</p>
<p><b>Advanced Placement (AP) Course Credit Update &amp; Q&amp;A</b></p>	<p>In November, 2025, Admissions began posting course credit based on AP scores by student request. The credit is posted at the college the request is made to, but the credit is available to use at any college. Course credit is available in Degree Audit and Degree Planner; however AP course credit will not be used in Degree Audit to satisfy ADT major requirements because transfer institutions may not accept AP scores the same as Los Rios for major courses. Below is an updated and expanded FAQ based on questions received from the FAQ shared in October.</p> <p><b>Q: What are the requirements for AP course credit?</b></p> <p><b>A:</b> Per R-7137, students must be in good standing, have prior enrollment history or be a current student at a Los Rios college, have an educational plan on file (if a current student), have passed an AP exam with a score of three or better, and request AP credit be posted. For the purposes of posting AP credit, as colleges are required to award credit under AB1985 outside of the Credit for Prior Learning (CPL) regulations, student access to Degree Planner will meet</p>

this requirement. A&R will recommend students see a counselor before requesting AP credit be posted and will ensure that the catalog and other sources of information on AP course credit encourage counseling prior to requesting credit.

**Q: Why is this process being driven by student request instead of receipt of scores?**

**A:** R-7137 requires students to initiate the process by requesting a review of their AP scores. Students are not informed up front that the college will post credit when scores are received; while AP course credits are generally aligned in the district, there may be circumstances where a student would request credit be posted at a different college than they had scores sent to, and finally, posting AP credit may have Financial Aid implications in terms of units awarded and in terms of repetition for FACA purposes.

**Q: Can AP Course Credit impact a student's Financial Aid?**

**A:** Yes, there are two potential impacts receiving credit for AP exams on Financial Aid:

1. Course credits awarded have the potential to cause duplicative credit in the event a student later enrolls in the course they had already been awarded credit for. In this event, A&R can reevaluate the credit awarded and award the applicable local area credit to address the duplication.
2. Where the course or area credit is applicable to a student's program of study, the units will be included in the maximum timeframe calculation for Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP).

**Q: Can AP Credit still be used if credit is not posted to the transcript, or does the student miss out?**

**A:** A&R will continue to check the student record for and apply AP credit while processing graduation petitions even if the credit has not been transcribed; however, A&R will only post AP credit that has been initiated by a student request to review and apply AP credit to their transcript.

**Q: Can students with multiple eligible AP scores choose which tests AP Credit is awarded for on their transcript?**

**A:** Community colleges are required to award credit for all eligible AP scores.

In 2016, Governor Brown signed AB1985 requiring the CCCCO to establish an aligned policy for awarding credit based on AP scores throughout the state's community college system commencing in 2017. Pam Walker issued a 'policy change' directive in March 2017 ([AA 17-20](#)) requiring community colleges to award credit as follows:

"In accordance with the law, the policy is that any student who passes a College Board AP examination with a minimum score of three in a subject matter similar to that of the AP Examination, the student will be awarded credit in a general education area."

The Title 5 regulations establishing Credit for Prior Learning did not update the Title 5 regulations on awarding credit for AP exams. Instead, when 5 CCR 55050 was implemented, colleges were directed to integrate their existing policies on AP with Credit for Prior Learning to develop consistent practice. These regulations reference 5 CCR 55052, which has not been updated following the implementation of AB1985 or the issuance of AA 17-20, which stated it supersedes 5 CCR 55052 and requires community colleges to award AP credit for all eligible students. This has been carried forward in updated guidance, including [ESLEI 24-35](#).

**Q: Can a student request AP course credit from multiple colleges?**

**A:** Students may request AP course credit from a college they are active for enrollment at and credit for each exam may only be posted once districtwide. If a student requested AP course credit from a college that did not offer credit for one or more of the courses a student would be eligible for, a student may request those credits from another college they are active at. Ideally, most students will only need to request credit from one college; but there may be circumstances where requests are made at multiple colleges based on credit availability or based on additional scores (e.g. a dual enrollment student sending scores as they complete them in high school and potentially changing colleges in their career).

**Q: Can a student request AP credit be posted as Area General Education (GE) credit rather than course credit?**

**A:** Yes, per the CCCCCO policy on AP credit, colleges are required to award area GE credit where applicable and may post elective credit where the AP exam would not be applicable to a GE area; specific course credit within the GE area may also be awarded as determined by college faculty. While A&R will post course credit as approved by faculty, a student may request GE area credit be posted instead of the course credit and such requests will be honored by A&R before or after credit is posted.

Posting area credit also provides a mechanism to maximize the number of units awarded, prevent duplicative credit, remediate duplicative credit without discounting, and prevent misidentification of repetition in Financial Aid Course Applicability (FACA).

**Q: If a student passes two distinct AP exams that overlap in AP course credit to be awarded, how will A&R address the overlap?**

**A:** This overlap would be addressed by awarding the AP course credit for one exam and awarding area credit for the other exam. For example, a student who received a score of at least 3 on both the AP English Literature and Composition and AP English Language and Composition would receive 9 units of credit – 3 units for ENGL C1000 and 6 Units of Language and Rationality GE credit because both AP exams have course credit for ENGL C1000' rather than post and discount the second ENGL C1000, A&R will post this credit as GE credit.

**Q: What happens if a student 'repeats' a class they received AP course credit for?**

**A:** A&R does not consider this course repetition, and course credit does not count as a repeat attempt. When a student receives duplicative credit from course completion and AP course credit for the same course, A&R will reassess the AP course credit awarded and may either reevaluate the course credit as local GE credit or discount the AP course credit on the student's transcript.

**Q: A student received AP course credit for a course they will need to complete to meet UC requirements, but FACA says the course is not applicable to the student's major because of the AP course credit. How can we make this course eligible for aid?**

**A:** A&R will be running reports to identify and reassess duplicative AP course credits as GE credit. If a counselor identifies this before A&R, we recommend the counselor or the student request A&R reassess the AP course credit to resolve this issue. Alternatively, counselors may use a course applicability override when course completion is required for the student's Los Rios major requirements.

**Q: Can a student's request to have AP course credit removed from a transcript once posted be approved?**

**A:** Under title 5 section 59023(d)(1)(G), awarded credit is a permanent record and there are specific rules in place on how and when permanent records can be removed. Typically, credit would only be removable if it were applied in error.

**Q: Do students have a right to appeal AP credit awarded?**

**A:** Yes, students have the right to appeal credit that was posted in error, or request that area GE or elective credit (where applicable) is posted instead of course credit.

5 CCR 55050(k) requires colleges to include a process for students to "accept, decline, or appeal" decisions related to Credit for Prior Learning; this requirement is specific to "assessments adopted by the governing board of a community college district" and is largely not inclusive of AP credit because the CCCCCO issued policy directing colleges to issue uniform credit for AP. However, determination of applicable AP course credit may be considered a local 'assessment' and therefore students have the right to appeal that determination. In that event, applicable GE area or potentially elective credit would be awarded per CCCCCO directive.



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