

Competency Based Exams (CBE)

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Note: CBE scores are subject to change without notice. Consult UT San Antonio Testing Services website: <http://testing.utsa.edu> for updated test credit information

	Minimum Score Required for UT San Antonio Credit	
Subject	CBE	UT San Antonio Awarded Credit ¹
COLFA-School of Art		
TEEN Studio Intensive Program Portfolio	Portfolio Score 12	Credit by Porfolio up to 12 semester credit hours ²
TEEN Studio Intensive Program Year 1	Portfolio Score 12	3 credit hours awarded for Year 1: ART 1003
TEEN Studio Intensive Program Year 2	Portfolio Score 12	3 credit hours awarded for Year 2: ART 1213
TEEN Studio Intensive Program Year 3 & 4	Portfolio Score 12	3 credit hours awarded for Year 3, 3 credit hours awarded for Year 4 ART 1013 or ART 1023, ART 2113 or ART 2613, ART 2313 or ART 2413
Information Systems & Cybersecurity		
ISC 1403 Test Out Series (SAM 2019 Software)	70% Cumulative over 4 exam modules	ISC 1403
Microsoft Office Excel Certification	Microsoft Excel Certificate ³	ISC 1413
Mathematics		
College Algebra with Applications	70%	MAT 1023
College Algebra for Scientists & Engineers	70%	MAT 1073
Modern Languages & Literatures		
Avant Score ⁴ By taking a UT San Antonio placement exam in selected foreign languages (see details below in footnote), students may apply for and receive retroactive credit from the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures for selected courses in their language of study. After receiving their placement exam score, students will be contacted by the Undergraduate Advisor of Record (UGAR) for the language confirming placement. Credit is conditional on the completion of the course into which students placed with a grade of C- or higher. Students placing into and completing a 2023 course will have satisfied the requirements of the COLFA Second Language experience. Testing is provided through Avant assessment and administered through UT San Antonio Testing Services. Cost will be \$100 for most languages, some languages may be higher. Students may retake the test once after 3 months have passed.	Avant Score 6	3000 UT San Antonio level
	Chinese 3000 UT San Antonio level and above	CHN 1014, CHN 1024, CHN 2013, CHN 2023 possible retroactive credit
	French 3000 UT San Antonio level and above	FRN 1014, FRN 1024, FRN 2013, FRN 2023 possible retroactive credit
	German 3000 UT San Antonio level and above	GER 1014, GER 1024, GER 2013, GER 2023 possible retroactive credit
	Korean 3000 UT San Antonio level and above	KOR 1014, KOR 1024, KOR 2013, KOR 2023 possible retroactive credit
	Japanese 3000 UT San Antonio level and above	JPN 1014, JPN 1024, JPN 2013, JPN 2023 possible retroactive credit
	Spanish as a Second Language (L2) 3000 UT San Antonio level and above	SPN 1014, SPN 1024, SPN 2013, SPN 2023 possible retroactive credit
	Spanish as a Heritage Language (SHL)3000 UT San Antonio level and above	SPN 1014, SPN 1033, SPN 2013, SPN 2033 possible retroactive credit
	Avant Score 5	2023 UT San Antonio level
	Chinese 2023 UT San Antonio level	CHN 1014, CHN 1024, CHN 2013 possible retroactive credit
	French 2023 UT San Antonio level	FRN 1014, FRN 1024, FRN 2013 possible retroactive credit
	German 2023 UT San Antonio level	GER 1014, GER 1024, GER 2013 possible retroactive credit
	Korean 2023 UT San Antonio level	KOR 1014, KOR 1024, KOR 2013 possible retroactive credit
	Japanese 2023 UT San Antonio Level	JPN 1014, JPN 1024, JPN 2013 possible retroactive credit
	Spanish as a Second Language (L2) 2023 UT San Antonio Level	SPN 1014, SPN 1024, SPN 2013 possible retroactive credit
	Spanish as a Heritage Language (SHL) 2033 UT San Antonio level	SPN 1014, SPN 1033, SPN 2013 possible retroactive credit
	Avant Score 4	2013 UT San Antonio level
	Chinese 2013 UT San Antonio level	CHN 1014, CHN 1024 possible retroactive credit
	French 2013 UT San Antonio level	FRN 1014, FRN 1024 possible retroactive credit
	German 2013 UT San Antonio level	GER 1014, GER 1024 possible retroactive credit
	Korean 2013 UT San Antonio level	KOR 1014, KOR 1024 possible retroactive credit
	Japanese 2013 UT San Antonio level	JPN 1014, JPN 1024 possible retroactive credit
	Spanish as a Second Language (L2) 2013 UT San Antonio level	SPN 1014, SPN 1024 possible retroactive credit
	Avant Score 3	1024 UT San Antonio level
	Chinese 1024 UT San Antonio level	CHN 1014 possible retroactive credit
	French 1024 UT San Antonio level	FRN 1014 possible retroactive credit
	German 1024 UT San Antonio level	GER 1014 possible retroactive credit
	Korean 1024 UT San Antonio level	KOR 1014 possible retroactive credit
	Avant Score 2	1014 UT San Antonio level
	Avant Score 1	1014 UT San Antonio level
Political Science		
Texas Politics & Society ⁵	20 out of 40 with 5 on AP U.S. Government and Politics or an "A" in POL 1013 or equivalent course	POL 1133
	24 out of 40 with 4 on AP U.S. Government and Politics or a "B" in POL 1013 or equivalent course	POL 1133
	30 out of 40 with 3 on AP U.S. Government and Politics or a "C" in POL 1013 or equivalent course	POL 1133

¹ All credit shown in this table as elective credit is lower division unless otherwise indicated.

² TEEN Studio Intensive Program (COLFA School of Art) will provide credit by portfolio for up to 12 semester credit hours. The Program has prepared a curriculum map to assist students in course equivalencies. TEEN Studio Intensive Program Year 3 & 4-COLFA Foundations II: ART 1013 or Foundations III: ART 1023 or (Discipline Specific Courses). Basic Painting: ART 2113 or Basic Ceramics: ART 2613 or Basic Photography: ART 2313 or Basic Printmaking: ART 2413. The maximum amount of credit to be awarded is 12 semester hours for Year 1 through Year 4.

³ Proof of Certipoint Certificate required. Microsoft versions 2016 or 2019 including Microsoft 365 Apps are eligible.

⁴ Credit is conditional on the completion of the course into which students placed with a grade of C- or higher. After successful completion of the class, students can earn up to a maximum of 14 retroactive credits depending on the language of study. If students are eligible for retroactive credit, it will appear on their transcript after their final grade in the course has been posted. In most cases this will happen sometime during the term following course completion. **Retroactive credit for a course is only available if the student does not already have an equivalent AP, CLEP, or IB exam score or previous college credit for the course(s) in question.**

⁵ Students must be eligible for credit for AP U.S. Government and Politics or have college credit for POL 1013 (Introduction to American Politics) or equivalent course prior to attempting the Competency Exam. Students must meet the AP score or college course credit grade requirements. Students must have an AP score of 3-5 or college credit for POL 1013 or equivalent course with a grade of "A", "B", or "C". Students who do not meet the required AP scores or grades will not be eligible to take the Competency Exam. Passing of the exam is determined on a sliding scale in accordance with AP score and or letter grade.