



Department of Biological Sciences

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To: Academic Policies Council

Re: AP and CLEP exam credit

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Academic Policies Council,

The Department of Biological Sciences has passed revisions regarding how we accept Advanced Placement and CLEP examination scores. The proposed changes in how we accept AP scores are both more rigorous (requiring at least a score of 4 for major credit), and more flexible (counting as Bio120 *or* elective credit). The proposed changes in how we accept CLEP exams only decrease the amount of credit hours that it would count for, with 4 hours being granted (directly equivalent with Bio101) instead of 6. The proposed changes, which would go into effect along with our new programs (presumably Fall 2007), are as follows:

**Advanced Placement (AP) Exam:**

Currently SUNY Oswego policy:

A grade of 3 or 4 on the AP exam for Biology results in Bio 213 being exempted, with 4 credit hours being granted. A grade of 5 results in the "Possibility of waiver for whole year of Bio w/only 4 credits awarded".

Proposed policy for SUNY Oswego:

A grade of 3 on the AP exam for Biology will count as Bio 101 (non-majors, knowledge foundations course).

A grade of 4 or 5 on the AP exam for Biology will count as either Bio 120 or 4 hours of free electives in the major, by advisement.

**CLEP Exam:**

Currently at SUNY Oswego:

A grade of 50 or above on the CLEP biology exam results in the equivalent of Bio 101, with 6 credit hours being granted (3 s.h. gen ed natural sciences and 3 s.h. A&S elective).

Proposed policy for SUNY Oswego:

A score of 50 or above on the CLEP biology exam will result in 4 credit hours being awarded, and will satisfy Bio101 (non-majors, knowledge foundations course).