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Subject: Advanced Placement (AP) Credit for Languages  

Jacqueline,  

After careful study and on the advice of the Chair of the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures, I am recommending that the university adjust the credit/courses provided to students who enroll with AP credit from language exams. In making this change, CSU Bakersfield’s AP credit calculations will be aligned with those of the CSU.  

Currently, CSUB students who make a 3 on the AP exams have been given credit for language classes at the 2000 level, which is above their actual proficiency levels. I am recommending the following: A student earning a score of 3 on an AP language exam should receive credit for courses at the 1000 level. Students making a 4 should receive credit at the 1000 and 2000 level depending on the course. Students making a 5 should receive credit at the 2000 level.  

Students will still receive the 6 units as allotted by the Chancellor’s guidelines, but the actual courses will vary based on score.

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