

Earn AP Credits

Advanced Placement

If you have taken Advanced Placement (AP) courses in your high school and have some questions about how to apply these college credits to your USM record, here are some frequently asked questions. Please contact Prior Learning Assessment at 780-4663 or www.usm.maine.edu/pla if you have more.

Q. How do I make my AP Examination transcripts available to USM?

If you haven't already contacted The College Board to have your AP examination scores sent to USM, you may do so in the following ways:

E-mail: apexams@info.collegeboard.org

Phone: (609) 771-7300 or (888) 225-5427

Mail: AP Services, P.O. Box 6671, Princeton, NJ 08541-6671

Web: www.apcentral.collegeboard.com

Have your scores sent to: Joyce Lapping, Director
Prior Learning Assessment
University of Southern Maine
253 Luther Bonney Hall
Portland, Maine 04104-9300

Q. How will I know that my scores have arrived at USM?

Upon receipt of your AP scores, the Office for Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) will send you a letter with an enclosed posting form apprising you of the credits you can earn with your AP Examination results.

Q. How much does it cost to have AP credits applied to my USM transcript?

The University charges a single \$25 fee to post all the scores which appear on one AP examination transcript.

Q. What is my part in making sure these AP credits are posted to my transcript?

Send or bring a PLA Posting Fee Form, accompanied with the posting fee to the above address. You may download this form, and more information about AP Examination credits, at PLA's website at: www.usm.maine.edu/pla.

Q. What if I sign up for a USM course for which my AP examination scores have already earned me credit?

Once you receive your scores, please call us at 780-4867 to review your choices for fall semester courses. Credit for the same course cannot be awarded twice.