

AP score calculator: every exam's 2027 format, points, estimated cut points and 2025 results

The College Board publishes the arithmetic (section weights and free-response point values) and the score distributions; it sets the cut points after each exam and does not publish them, so the cut points below are estimates from released curves. Composite = multiple-choice share x (correct / questions) + free-response share x (points / total). Read 27 October 2026.

Exam	Multiple choice	Free response	Composite for a 5 / 4 / 3 (est.)	2025: 5 / 4 / 3 / 2 / 1	Mean
AP Calculus AB	42 questions, 1 hour 40 minutes, 50%	6 questions, 54 points (9 + 9 + 9 + 9 + 9 + 9), 50%	64% / 53% / 42%	20.3 / 28.9 / 15.0 / 22.8 / 13.0	3.21
AP English Language and Composition	45 questions, 1 hour, 45%	3 questions, 18 points (6 + 6 + 6), 55%	72% / 61% / 48%	13.4 / 28.0 / 32.8 / 16.1 / 9.7	3.19
AP Chemistry	60 questions, 1 hour 30 minutes, 50%	7 questions, 46 points (10 + 10 + 10 + 4 + 4 + 4 + 4), 50%	72% / 58% / 44%	17.9 / 28.6 / 31.4 / 15.9 / 6.2	3.36
AP Biology	60 questions, 1 hour 30 minutes, 50%	6 questions, 34 points (9 + 9 + 4 + 4 + 4 + 4), 50%	67% / 55% / 42%	18.9 / 24.1 / 27.4 / 21.0 / 8.6	3.24
AP English Literature and Composition	55 questions, 1 hour, 45%	3 questions, 18 points (6 + 6 + 6), 55%	70% / 58% / 46%	16.2 / 26.9 / 31.0 / 15.9 / 10.0	3.24
AP Calculus BC	42 questions, 1 hour 40 minutes, 50%	6 questions, 54 points (9 + 9 + 9 + 9 + 9 + 9), 50%	61% / 49% / 38%	44.0 / 21.9 / 12.8 / 15.2 / 6.2	3.82
AP United States Government and Politics	55 questions, 1 hour 20 minutes, 50%	4 questions, 17 points (3 + 4 + 4 + 6), 50%	71% / 59% / 46%	23.7 / 24.8 / 23.2 / 18.4 / 9.9	3.34
AP Physics 1	42 questions, 85 minutes, 50%	4 questions, 40 points (10 + 12 + 10 + 8), 50%	67% / 53% / 40%	19.8 / 24.7 / 22.9 / 13.4 / 19.2	3.12
AP Statistics	42 questions, 1 hour 30 minutes, 50%	4 questions, 40 points (10 + 10 + 10 + 10), 50%	70% / 57% / 44%	17.0 / 21.4 / 21.9 / 15.9 / 23.7	2.92

Changed for May 2027

[] Calculus AB and BC: 42 multiple-choice questions (29 without a calculator in 62 minutes, 13 with one in 38 minutes), 3 hours 10 minutes; was 45 questions and 3 hours 15 minutes

[] Physics 1: 42 multiple-choice questions in 85 minutes and 95 minutes of free response; was 40 in 80 minutes and 100 minutes

[] Statistics: 42 multiple-choice questions and four 10-point free-response questions; was 40 and six 4-point questions with an investigative task

A worksheet for any AP exam

Fill in the format from the table on page 1 (or the exam's own calculator page), then score a practice paper marked to the scoring guidelines.

Exam:

1. Multiple-choice questions on the exam:

2. Multiple choice correct:

3. Line 2 / line 1 x multiple-choice share (%):

4. Free-response points on the exam:

5. Free-response points scored (each question, then the total):

6. Line 5 / line 4 x free-response share (%):

7. Composite = line 3 + line 6 (%):

8. Estimated score (from the exam's table):

9. Points to the next score up:

How the College Board scores an AP exam

[] Section I is machine-scored, one point per correct answer, no penalty for a wrong one: answer every question

[] Section II is scored by readers in June with the scoring guidelines; each point is a specific thing (a thesis, a labelled axis, a set-up written before the number)

[] The composite weights the sections to their published shares (half and half on most exams; 45 to 55 on English Language and Literature)

[] The cut points are set after each administration so a 5 means the same from year to year; they are not released, so every calculator estimates

[] Scores are released in early July; colleges set their own credit policies by score (the College Board's credit policy search lists them)

What the 2025 distributions say

A 5 is the top 44.0% of Calculus BC students and the top 13.4% of English Language students. The widest spreads are Statistics (17.0% at 5, 23.7% at 1), Physics 1 (19.8 and 19.2) and Calculus AB (20.3 and 13.0): the exams whose free response is scored strictly on method and reasoning. The narrowest are Chemistry (6.2% at 1), English Language (9.7) and English Literature (10.0).

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