

Basic Skills Requirement

Beginning with the 2022-2023 academic year application cycle, the [California Commission on Teacher Credentialing \(CTC\)](#) is allowing applicants to teacher education graduate programs to submit test scores and/or evidence of sufficient coursework to fulfill their Basic Skills Requirement.

All Chapman University Teacher Education graduate program applicants for the 2022-2023 academic year may choose from the one of the following options to fulfill the Basic Skills Requirement:

- exam scores only,
- coursework only, or
- a combination of coursework and exam scores.

Note you must indicate on your program application if you are choosing the coursework option and identify the course numbers from your transcript that qualify you to waive an exam score.

All test scores and/or evidence of coursework must be submitted as part of your program application. See [Chapman's Office of Graduate Admission](#) for program application and program deadlines.

To learn more about Chapman's combined teaching credential and master's degree programs, full application requirements, and program admission deadlines, visit our [Teacher Education program webpages](#).

Basic Skills Requirement: Exam Scores

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| <p>CBEST</p> | <p>One must obtain a minimum scaled score of 41 in each of the three sections – reading, writing, and mathematics. However, a score as low as 37 on an individual section is acceptable if the total scaled score is at least 123.</p> |
| <p>ACT Exam</p> | <p>Math: Minimum Score of 23 English: Minimum Score of 22</p> |
| <p>SAT Exam</p> | <p>SAT (before March 2016):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Math: 550 • Critical Reading (or Verbal): 500 <p>SAT (after March 2016):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Math: 570 • Evidence-Based Reading and Writing: 560 |
| <p>AP Exam</p> | <p>Math: Score of 3 or above on one of the following</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AP Calculus AB • AP Calculus BC • AP Statistics <p>English: Score of 3 or above on one of the following</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AP English Language and Composition • AP English Literature and Composition |

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Basic Skills Requirement: Coursework Only

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| Coursework must meet the following conditions | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Earned a grade of "B" or better ("Pass" & "B-" are acceptable) in the qualifying coursework.• Taken at a regionally accredited college or university• Must provide 3 semester units (or 4 quarter units)• Must have been taken for academic credit• Must be degree applicable. AA degree applicable is acceptable. |
| Coursework must be in all 3 of the subjects specified | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Reading: critical thinking, literature, philosophy, reading, rhetoric, or textual analysis2. Writing: composition, English, rhetoric, written communications, or writing3. Math: algebra, geometry, mathematics, quantitative reasoning, or statistics |
| The following coursework is NOT acceptable | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Professional development or continuing education units• In-service teaching or workshops• Non-credit bearing courses• Courses where credits do not apply toward the requirements for an associate degree, bachelor's degree, or higher degree. |

Other Specifics

- Course taken outside of U.S. must be an English-based course and deemed equivalent to coursework taken at a regionally accredited college or university in the United States.
- Courses not listed may be accepted if the registrar or relevant academic department chair where the course was completed provides written documentation verifying the course content satisfies the basic skills content in question.
- A single course may satisfy the requirement of both Reading and Writing if the registrar or relevant academic department chair where the course was completed provides written documentation stating the course includes the study of reading and writing as outlined.

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If you feel you completed a course that may still qualify but does not fall within the course topic list above, please reach out to credentials@chapman.edu for assistance.

Basic Skills Requirement: Combination of Coursework & Exam Scores

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| <p>Coursework must meet the following conditions</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Earned a grade of "B" or better ("Pass" & "B-" are acceptable) in the qualifying coursework.• Taken at a regionally accredited college or university• Must provide 3 semester units (or 4 quarter units)• Must have been taken for academic credit• Must be degree applicable. AA degree applicable is acceptable. |
| <p>Coursework must be in the subjects specified</p> | <p>Reading: critical thinking, literature, philosophy, reading, rhetoric, or textual analysis</p> <p>Writing: composition, English, rhetoric, written communications, or writing</p> <p>Math: algebra, geometry, mathematics, quantitative reasoning, or statistics</p> |
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Mix & Match: Exam Minimum Scores

CBEST: Each subtest: 41

ACT: Math: 23 English: 22

SAT (before March 2016): Math: 550 Critical Reading (or Verbal): 500

SAT (after March 2016): Math: 570 Evidence-Based Reading and Writing: 560

AP Exam:

Math: Score of 3 or above on one of the following

- AP Calculus AB
- AP Calculus BC
- AP Statistics

English: Score of 3 or above on one of the following

- AP English Language and Composition
- AP English Literature and Composition

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