

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN UConn ECE AND AP

	UConn ECE	Advanced Placement
Institution/Course Type/Program	Courses offered are University of Connecticut courses.	College-level coursework is offered through an organization known as College Board®.
Location	Courses are taught in the high school classroom.	
High School Credit	Students receive high school credit.	
Advanced Standing in College	There is potential recognition of successful high school coursework/exams, which may be applied to your college plan of study (POS). This may be credited to your POS and could reduce the number of courses needed to complete your degree.	
College Admissions	Rigorous coursework in high school supports a strong college application.	
Credits/ Score Earned on a College Transcript?	Yes.	No.
How is the Grade/ Score Earned?	Students are in a UConn Course and earn final letter grades based on work completed throughout the course.	Students complete a standardized test at the end of the course for an AP numeric score.
Grade Reporting	Students earn an A through F grade on an official UConn transcript.	Students receive a score of 5 through 1, which universities interpret for potential credit.
Cost	UConn ECE Courses cost \$50/ credit , and most courses are 3 or 4 credits. This is a 90% savings of a traditional on-campus UConn course.	Students who choose to complete a test pay \$97/ test.
Financial Assistance	UConn ECE waives all fees for Students who qualify for the Federal Free & Reduced Lunch Program and for all students at schools where 80% of students are on F&RL.	For those who qualify, and depending on the high school, AP, State, and/or district subsidies are available for tests at reduced or no cost to the student.
College Affiliation	Yes.	No.
College Enrollment	Students are enrolled as a non-degree UConn student.	No.
Course Offerings	UConn ECE hosts 87 unique UConn courses from 36 academic departments.	AP hosts 38 subject area tests in 7 subject categories.

Accreditation (Third-Party Oversight)	UConn ECE is accredited by the National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships (NACEP).	No.
Credit Transfer	UConn credits earned through UConn ECE transfer to other colleges and universities 87% of the time .	AP does not report on the transferability/acceptance rates of credit earned through the program.
Where do Credits/ Score Transfer?	UConn ECE's Credit Transfer Database allows users to find the likelihood of credit transfer.	AP's Credit Policy Search allows users to find how colleges interpret an AP test score.
How to Transfer Credits/ Score?	Students can request an official transcript from UConn.	Students can request official score report from College Board.
Cost of Credit/ Score Transfer	Students can receive free official transcripts (in person) or pay \$5 for a digital copy (PDF), or \$7 for a hard copy (via mail).	Students receive their first score report free; additional score reports cost \$15-\$25.
Students Experience Registering for College Courses	Yes.	No.
How to Participate	A school's UConn ECE Site Representative, typically a counselor at the high school, will disseminate registration materials. Students register and pay for their courses online, just as a traditional college student would.	A high school's AP coordinator or teacher will let students know when and how to register. The AP coordinator will order the materials, collect fees, and let students know when and where to take the exams.
Library Access	Students have UConn library privileges.	No.
Student Events	Students have opportunities to participate in student events .	No.
Program-sponsored Scholarship Opportunities	The UConn ECE program sponsors several UConn ECE Student Scholarships .	No.
Alumni networking opportunities	UConn ECE Alumni have a group on LinkedIn.	No.
High School Oversight (course quality)	UConn ECE Faculty Coordinators conduct site visits to the high schools and review syllabi and other course materials to assure course comparability to those taken on a UConn campus.	AP Course Audits are required of each course, which supports a teacher's understanding of course scope and content of the AP test.

High School Oversight (student readiness)	UConn ECE Site Representatives ensure that students meet the minimum course eligibility guidelines.	N/A
High School Oversight (on-site support)	UConn ECE Site Representatives provide information for interested students, parents, and instructors; manage student registration; ensure that students meet minimum course eligibility guidelines; are familiar with the billing process and course evaluation procedures; and assist with the UConn ECE class roster verification process.	AP coordinators assume primary responsibility for organizing and administering the AP programs at their schools. They also manage the ordering, receipt, distribution, administration, and return of AP Exam materials.
Instructor Certification Standards	UConn ECE Instructors have advanced degrees and are approved by UConn academic departments based on specific qualifications.	AP does not require teachers to meet any formal requirements or complete any mandatory trainings (except for teachers of AP Seminar or AP Research).
Instructor Professional Development Opportunities	UConn ECE provides over 350 hours of hands-on, discipline-specific, course content-relevant workshops annually (at UConn ECE's expense).	AP offers workshops that focus on course management, instructional plans, and scoring guidelines (at either the teacher's or high school's expense).
Support for Instructors	UConn supports instructors with full academic access to UConn (library, labs, equipment, and UConn faculty/staff), discipline-specific listservs, and classroom scholarship opportunities.	AP offers online resources, discussion boards, and mentoring program to teachers.