

Report: Committee on Admissions
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Statement from University Admissions Committee on accepting AP Computer Science as fulfilling a math or science requirement for the purpose of admissions to USC:

The committee considered a proposal from the Computer Science department to allow AP Computer Science taken in high school to count toward satisfying the high school college preparatory course requirement in Mathematics and/or Laboratory Science. Representatives of the departments in Mathematics, Chemistry and Biology were informed about this proposal, as well as the Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. We took into consideration what other states are doing and we consulted with SC Commission on Higher Education (CHE), the SC State Department of Education, and the College Board (who administers the AP program), and we asked the Office of Undergraduate Admissions to provide an impact assessment. Taking all this into consideration, the Committee supports this proposal, provided CHE would also approve AP Computer Science A to be a suitable course for Mathematics and/or Laboratory Science. The Committee brings this recommendation forward for consideration and approval by the Faculty Senate. The committee asks the Faculty Senate to approve this request and to recommend to the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education that AP Computer Science should satisfy a college preparatory curriculum Mathematics or Lab Science course requirement.

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