The APC recommends a change in policy to put an upper limit of 32 on the number of credits derived from scores on AP and other like (e.g., IB) exams that may be applied to the 128-credit total for the BA.

Clarification: This 32-credit cap was previously approved by the CAS faculty on the recommendation of a task force led by Professor Fred Kleiner. It was never formally implemented, however, because of concerns in other areas of the University that it would have a negative impact on applications for admissions and decisions by high-achieving high school students to attend Boston University. Indications are that, if reaffirmed by a vote of the faculty, the cap will gain traction this time around, whether as CAS-specific or as all-BU policy.

Rationale: A 32-credit (8-course) cap would mean that students with qualifying scores on a large number of advanced placement exams could enter CAS with the equivalent of sophomore standing, but could not complete more than one fourth of the credits required for graduation before setting foot in college. Many other institutions observe this upper limit, including all of those that award either sophomore standing or no credit at all for AP exams.