

Exam Overview

The AP Chemistry Exam assesses student application of the science practices and understanding of the learning objectives outlined in the course framework. The exam is 3 hours and 15 minutes long and includes 60 multiple-choice questions and 7 free-response questions. A scientific or graphing calculator is recommended for use on **both sections** of the exam. Students are provided with the periodic table and a formula sheet that lists specific and relevant formulas for use on the exam (see Appendixes). The details of the exam, including exam weighting and timing, can be found below:

| Section | Question Type | Number of Questions | Exam Weighting | Timing |
|---------|------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------|-------------|
| I | Multiple-choice questions | 60 | 50% | 90 minutes |
| II | Free-response questions | | 50% | 105 minutes |
| | Long questions (10 points each) | 3 | | |
| | Short questions (4 points each) | 4 | | |

How Student Learning Is Assessed on the AP Exam

Section I: Multiple-Choice

Science Practices 1, 2, 4, 5, and 6 are all assessed in the multiple-choice section with the following exam weighting (Science Practice 3 is not assessed in the multiple-choice section):

| Science Practice | Exam Weighting |
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| Practice 1: Models and Representations | 8–12% |
| Practice 2: Question and Method | 8–12% |
| Practice 4: Model Analysis | 23–30% |
| Practice 5: Mathematical Routines | 35–42% |
| Practice 6: Argumentation | 8–12% |

Section II: Free-Response

All six science practices are assessed in the free-response section with the following exam weighting:

| Science Practice | Exam Weighting |
|--|----------------|
| Practice 1: Models and Representations | 2–4% |
| Practice 2: Question and Method | 10–16% |
| Practice 3: Representing Data and Phenomena | 8–16% |
| Practice 4: Model Analysis | 5–9% |
| Practice 5: Mathematical Routines | 43–53% |
| Practice 6: Argumentation | 15–24% |