

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE POLICY
(applies to students admitting in 2026-27 and beyond)

Since 1967, the International Baccalaureate Organization, a chartered foundation under the Swiss civil code, has promoted a common curriculum and university entry credential for geographically mobile students. The director general supervises from Geneva; curriculum and assessment activities are based in Cardiff, Wales; regional offices are maintained in New York, Geneva, Buenos Aires, and Singapore. Member schools are located in 110 countries. Web site is www.IBO.org.

Seattle University, in company with many North American colleges and universities, grants recognition to students who have completed courses in an IB program. When making admission decisions, the university recognizes the academic challenge undertaken in high school, and in some cases coursework and examination will be considered equivalent to university-level work with credit granted toward graduation. Granted for work completed in secondary school, the Seattle University credits awarded for IB examinations are not considered to be transfer credits but do fall within the maximum lower division transfer credit restriction. IB examination results will be evaluated according to the policies outlined below.

In general, students with "higher level" (HL) courses and examinations have been deemed to be eligible for course credit and advance standing with scores of 5, 6, or 7. Such credits fall within the 90 allowable in lower division transfer. Credit for AP, IB, CLEP, and/or A-level may not exceed 45 total credits.

"Subsidiary/standard" (SL) courses will not ordinarily be recognized for credit, but with a score of 6 or 7, some exceptions may be made as determined by the appropriate department.

Credit may be granted to satisfy University Core requirements if not already granted for major or College requirements. A minimum score of 5 is required to apply to University Core requirements. The following departments have determined equivalency for their programs, and no petition is required for the following unless indicated:

Exam Name	Min Score	Major Requirement	UCOR Requirement
Biology			
Biology (standard)			
Biology (higher)	5	BIOL 1010 (5)*	UCOR 1800 (5)*
*With a score of 5, 6, or 7, five credits for BIOL 1010. Science majors see department for applicability toward major. The exam covers material from the BIOL 1610-1620-1630 series but is not equivalent to one single course in the series. Placement may be considered via a petition initiated by the Biology department chairperson. If credit is approved for BIOL 1610, it may alternatively fulfill UCOR 1800.			
Business			
Business Management (standard)	6	General Elective (5)	
Business Management (higher)	5	General Elective (5)	
Chemistry			
Chemistry (standard)	6	See department	
Chemistry (higher)	5	CHEM 1500 + 1501 (5)	UCOR 1800 (5)
Computer Science			
Computer Science - Object Oriented Programming (higher)	5	CPSC 1420 (5)	
		General Elective (5)	
Design			
Design Tech	5	General Elective (5)	
Economics			
Economics (standard)	6	ECON 2130 (5)	UCOR 1600 (5)
Economics (higher)	5	ECON 2110 (5) and ECON 2130 (5)	UCOR 1600 (5)
English			
English (standard)			

English (higher)	5	General Elective (5)	
Environmental Studies			
Environmental Systems and Societies (standard)	6	General Elective (5)	
Modern Languages			
Modern Language (standard)	6	MDLG 1150 (5)	
Modern Language (higher)	5	MDLG 1150 + 1250 (10)	
Geography			
Geography (standard)			
Geography (higher)	5	General Elective (5)	UCOR 1600 (5)
History			
History (standard)			
History (higher - American)	5	HIST 2310 (5)	UCOR 1400 (5)
History (higher - other)	5	HIST 1210 (5)	UCOR 1400 (5)
Information Technology			
Information Technology in a Global Society (standard)	6	General Elective (5)	
Information Technology in a Global Society (higher)	5	General Elective (5)	
Mathematics			
Mathematics - Analysis and Approaches (standard)	6		UCOR 1200 (5)
	7	MATH 1210 (5)	UCOR 1200 (5)
Mathematics - Analysis and Approaches (higher)	5	MATH 1210 (5)	UCOR 1200 (5)
	6	MATH 1130 or 1230 (5)	UCOR 1200 (5)
Mathematics - Applications and Interpretation (standard)	6	MATH 1130 or 1230 (5)	UCOR 1200 (5)

Mathematics - Applications and Interpretation (higher)	5	MATH 1130, 1230, or 1334 (5)	UCOR 1200 (5)
	7	above plus MATH 1335 (5)	UCOR 1200 (5)
Philosophy			
Philosophy (standard)			
Philosophy (higher)	5	PHIL 1000 elective	UCOR 1400 (5)
Physics			
Physics (standard)			
Physics (higher)	5	General Elective (5)	
Psychology			
Psychology (standard)			
Psychology (higher)	5	PSYC 1200 (5)	UCOR 1600 (5)
Anthropology			
Social and Cultural Anthropology (standard)			
Social and Cultural Anthropology (higher)	5	General Elective (5)	UCOR 1600 (5)
Theatre			
Theatre (standard)			
Theatre (higher)	5	General Elective (5)	UCOR 1300 (5)
Visual Arts			
Visual Arts (standard)			
Visual Arts (higher)	5	General Elective (5)	UCOR 1300 (5)
World Religions			
World Religions (standard)			
World Religions (higher)	5	General Elective (5)	UCOR 1400 (5)

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