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INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE POLICY (applies to students admitted in 2025-26 and earlier)

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 84 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" 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" 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.

The following departments have determined equivalency for their programs and no petition is required for the following unless indicated:

Biology

Standard level No credit given.

Higher level 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 Management

Standard level With a score of 6 or 7, five general elective credits.

Higher level With a score of 5 or higher, five general elective credits.

Chemistry

Standard level With a score of 6 or 7, see department for evaluation.

Higher level With a score of 5, 6, or 7, five credits for CHEM 1500 and

1501. If credit is approved for CHEM 1500 and 1501, it may

alternatively fulfill UCOR 1800.

<u>Computer Science – Object</u> <u>Oriented Programming HL</u>

5+ OOP

Higher level With a score of 5 or higher, five credits for CPSC 1420.

<u>Design Tech</u> With a score of 5 or higher, five general elective credits.

Economics

Standard level With a score of 6 or 7, five credits for ECON 2130.

Higher level With a score of 5, 6, or 7, ten credits for ECON 2130 and

2110.

English

Standard level No credit given.

Higher level With a score of 5, 6, or 7, five general elective credits.

Environmental Systems

Standard level With a score of 6 or 7, five general elective credits.

Foreign/Modern Language

Standard level With a score of 6 or 7, five credits for language 1150. See

department for assessment to satisfy Arts and Sciences college

requirement via a modern language placement exam.

Higher level With a score of 5 or higher, ten credits for language 1150 and

> 1250. See department for assessment to satisfy Arts and Sciences college requirement via a modern language

placement exam.

Geography

Standard level No credit given.

Higher level With a score of 5 or higher, five general elective credits.

History

Standard level No credit given.

Higher level with Americas Specialization

With a score of 5 or higher, five credits for HIST 2310 which satisfies the College of Arts & Sciences history course

requirement.

Higher level with

other area

Specialization (i.e.,

European)

With a score of 5 or higher, five credits for HIST 1210 which

satisfies the College of Arts & Sciences history course requirement.

<u>Information Technology in a</u> **Global Society**

> Standard level With a score of 6 or 7, five credits for CPSC 1100.

With a score of 5 or higher, five credits for CPSC 1100. Higher level

Mathematics

Mathematics: With a score of 6 or 7, five credits for UCOR 1200. analysis and

approaches Standard

level

level

With a score of 7, five credits for MATH 1210 or UCOR

1200.

Mathematics: With a score of 6 or 7, five credits for MATH 1130, MATH

1230, or UCOR 1200. analysis and

approaches Higher With a score of 5 or higher, five credits for MATH 1210 or

UCOR 1200.

Mathematics: applications and interpretation Standard level

With a score of 6 or 7, five credits for MATH 1130, MATH 1230, or UCOR 1200.

Mathematics: applications and interpretation

With a score of 5 or 6, five credits for MATH 1130, MATH

1230, MATH 1334, or UCOR 1200.

Higher level With a score of 7, five additional credits for MATH 1335 or

UCOR 1200.

Philosophy

Standard level No credit given.

Higher level With a score of 5 or higher, five credits for PHIL 1000RS.

<u>Physics</u>

Standard level No credit given.

Higher level With a score of 5 or higher, five general elective credits.

<u>Psychology</u>

Standard level No credit given.

Higher level With a score of 5 or higher, five credits for PSYC 1200.

Social and Cultural
Anthropology

Standard level No credit given.

Higher level With a score of 5 or higher, five general elective credits.

<u>Theatre</u>

Standard level No credit given.

Higher level With a score of 5 or higher, UCOR 1300 or five general

elective credits.

Visual Arts

Standard level No credit given.

Higher level With a score of 5 or higher, UCOR 1300 or five general

elective credits.

World Religions

Standard level No credit given.

Higher level With a score of 5 or higher, five general elective credits.

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