

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE (IB) EXAMINATION EQUIVALENCY LIST FOR VC, CSU GE-BREADTH, AND IGETC

Rules for Using International Baccalaureate (IB) Credit for the Associate Degree

1. Students who complete the IB Diploma with a score of 30 or above will receive 20 semester units of credit for Ventura College.
2. A score of 4 or higher on the IB Mathematics HL exam will satisfy the math competency requirement for the associate degree.
3. Students completing IB Higher Level exams with scores of 5, 6, or 7 will receive credit for each exam as specified above.
4. Students will not receive credit for Standard Level exams.
5. Credits awarded for IB exams shall not impact a student's GPA.
6. Units granted for IB will not be subject to the unit limits for Credit for Prior Learning or Pass/No Pass grading which otherwise apply within the district.
7. Credits acquired by exam are not counted in determining the 12 semester units in residence at the granting institution required for an Associate Degree.

| International Baccalaureate Exam (IB Exam) | Minimum Passing Score | Total Units Earned (includes GE) | GE Units Earned | AA/AS GE Area | Course Equivalent |
|--|-----------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Biology HL | 5 | 6 | 3 | A1 | |
| Chemistry HL | 5 | 6 | 3 | A2 | |
| Economics HL | 5 | 6 | 3 | B2 | |
| Geography HL | 5 | 6 | 3 | B2 | |
| History (any region) HL | 5 | 6 | 3 | B2 | |
| Language A Literature HL | 4 | 6 | 3 | C2 | |
| Language A Literature HL | 4 | 6 | 3 | C2 | |
| Language A1 (any language) HL (prior F13) | 4 | 6 | 3 | C2 | |

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| Language A2 (any language) HL (prior F13) | 4 | 6 | 3 | C2 |
| Language B (any language) HL | 4 | 6 | 0 | n/a |
| Mathematics HL | 4 | 6 | 3 | D2 |
| Mathematics HL: Analysis and Approaches | 4 | 6 | 3 | D2 |
| Mathematics HL: Applications and Interpretation | 4 | 6 | 3 | D2 |
| Physics HL | 5 | 6 | 3 | A2 |
| Psychology HL | 5 | 6 | 3 | B2 |
| Theatre HL | 4 | 6 | 3 | C1 |

Reference:

1. VCCCD AP 4235 Credit for Prior Learning June 2022.

Rules for Using International Baccalaureate (IB) Credit for Transfer and CSU GE-Breadth

The International Baccalaureate (IB) exam assesses student work and measures students' academic, intercultural and basic skills. The California State University (CSU) faculty has determined passing scores and, when appropriate, certification areas (for General Education Breadth and United States History, Constitution, and American Ideals) for CSU-approved IB examinations. Each campus in the CSU system determines how it will apply external examinations toward credit in the major. For students not already certified in GE ((<https://www.calstate.edu/apply/transfer/Pages/upper-division-transfer.aspx#genEdBasicReq>) General Education (<https://calstate.policystat.com/policy/8919100/latest/>) and/or (<https://www.calstate.edu/apply/transfer/Pages/upper-division-transfer.aspx#amerInsReqTab>) American Institutions, (<https://calstate.policystat.com/policy/14110255/latest/>) the campus also determines how to apply credit from such exams toward the local degree requirements.

- An acceptable IB score of 4, 5, 6, or 7 (except where noted) on Higher Level (HL) exams is required to grant credit for CSU GE-Breadth certification.
- An acceptable IB score equates to 3 semester or 4 quarter units for GE certification purposes, except where noted otherwise.
- Students will not receive credit for Standard Level exams.
- Students who have earned credit for an IB exam should not take a comparable college course because credit will **not** be granted for both.

| International Baccalaureate Exam (IB Exam) | Minimum Passing Score | Minimum Semester Units Earned | Semester Units toward CSU GE-Breadth Certification | CSU GE-Breadth and/or American Institutions Area |
|--|-----------------------|-------------------------------|--|--|
| Biology HL | 5 | 6 | 3 | B2 |
| Chemistry HL | 5 | 6 | 3 | B1 |
| Economics HL | 5 | 6 | 3 | D2 |
| Geography HL | 5 | 6 | 3 | D5 |
| History (any region) HL | 5 | 6 | 3 | C2 or D6 ¹ |
| Language A: Literature HL | 4 | 6 | 3 | C2 |
| Language A: Language and Literature HL | 4 | 6 | 3 | C2 |
| Language A1 (any language) HL (prior F2013) ² | 4 | 6 | 3 | C2 |
| Language A2 (any language) HL (prior F2013) ² | 4 | 6 | 3 | C2 |
| Language B (any language) HL ² | 4 | 6 | 0 | n/a |
| Mathematics HL (prior F2022) | 4 | 6 | 3 | B4 |
| Mathematics HL: Analysis and Approaches | 4 | 6 | 3 | B4 |
| Mathematics HL: Applications and Interpretation | 4 | 6 | 3 | B4 |
| Physics HL | 5 | 6 | 3 | B1 |
| Psychology HL | 5 | 3 | 3 | D9 |
| Theatre HL | 4 | 6 | 3 | C1 |

¹ IB exam may be used in either area regardless of where the certifying CCC's discipline is located.

² The IB curriculum offers language at various levels for native and non-native speakers. Language B courses are offered at the intermediate level for non-natives. Language A1 and A2 are advanced courses in literature for native and non-native speakers, respectively.

Reference:

- CSU Systemwide Credit for External Examinations PolicyStat ID: 14685671 (<https://calstate.policystat.com/policy/14685671/latest/>) (last revised 1/6/2024).

International Baccalaureate (IB) Credit for Transfer and IGETC

The International Baccalaureate (IB) Organization awards either a diploma or a certificate for individual IB exams. UC awards students who complete the IB diploma with a score of 30 or above with 6 quarter (4 semester) units toward their UC degree, in addition to the units earned for individual Higher Level exams (usually 24 quarter/16 semester units). Students who receive IB certificates with scores of 5, 6 or 7 on Higher Level exams will receive 8 quarter (5.3 semester) units.

Designated examinations are awarded elective units which may be applied to UC graduation requirements for specific subjects and/or for general education/breadth requirements, as determined by each campus.

The units granted for IB exams are not counted toward the maximum number of credits required for declaration of a major or the maximum number of units a student may accumulate prior to graduation. Students who enter the UC with IB credit do not have to declare a major earlier than other students, nor are they required to graduate earlier.

IB and UC Transfer

Students should refer to the UC Admissions website (<https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/admission-requirements/ap-exam-credits/ib-credits.html>) and the individual campus catalogs/bulletins for information on how subject credit may be granted for the IB exams. Below are the Rules and the IB exams that can be applied to the IGETC.

Rules for IB and IGETC Certification

- A score of 5, 6 or 7 on Higher Level exams is required to grant credit for IGETC certification.
- An acceptable IB score equates to either 3 semester or 4 quarter units for GE certification purposes, except where noted otherwise.
- Students will not receive credit for Standard Level exams.
- Students who have earned credit for an IB exam should not take a comparable college course because credit will **not** be granted for both.
- The IB curriculum offers language at various levels for native and non-native speakers. Language B courses are offered at the intermediate level for non-natives.
- IB courses that have been discontinued are not shown on this table. A student with catalog rights may be able to use a now discontinued course if accepted under IGETC at the time the course was taken.

| International Baccalaureate Exam (IB Exam) | Minimum Passing Score | Units Earned toward UC Admission (qtr/sem) | Units Earned toward IGETC Certification (qtr/sem) | IGETC Area(s) |
|--|-----------------------|--|---|------------------|
| Anthropology, Social and Cultural | 5 | 8/5.5 | 0 | n/a |
| Biology HL | 5 | 8/5.3 | 4/3 | 5B (without lab) |

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| Business Management | 5 | 8/5.3 | 0 | n/a |
| Chemistry HL | 5 | 8/5.3 | 4/3 | 5A (without lab) |
| Computer Science | 5 | 8/5.3 | 0 | n/a |
| Dance | 5 | 8/5.3 | 0 | n/a |
| Economics HL | 5 | 8/5.3 | 4/3 | 4 |
| Film | 5 | 8/5.3 | 0 | n/a |
| Geography HL | 5 | 8/5.3 | 4/3 | 4 |
| Global Politics | 5 | 8/5.3 | 0 | n/a |
| History (any region) HL | 5 | 8/5.3 | 4/3 | 3B or 4 ¹ |
| Language A: Literature (any language except English) HL | 5 | n/a | 4/3 | 3B and 6A |
| Language A: Language and Literature (any language, except English) HL | 5 | 8/5.3 | 4/3 | 3B and 6A |
| Language A: Literature (any language) HL | 5 | 8/5.3 | 4/3 | 3B |
| Language A: Language and Literature (any language) HL | 5 | 8/5.3 | 4/3 | 3B |
| Language B (any language) HL | 5 | 8/5.3 | 4/3 | 6A |
| Mathematics HL ² | 5 | 8/5.3 | 4/3 | 2A |
| Mathematics: Analysis and Approaches HL | 5 | 8/5.3 | 4/3 | 2A |
| Mathematics: Applications and Interpretation HL ³ | 5 | 8.5.3 | 4/3 | 2A |
| Music | 5 | 8/5.3 | 0 | n/a |
| Philosophy | 5 | 8/5.3 | 0 | n/a |
| Physics HL | 5 | 8/5.3 | 4/3 | 5A |
| Psychology HL | 5 | 8/5.3 | 4/3 | 4 |

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| Theatre HL | 5 | 8/5.3 | 4/3 | 3A |
| Visual Arts | 5 | 8/5.3 | 0 | n/a |

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² A score of 4 or higher on the IB Mathematics Higher Level (HL) exam will satisfy Moorpark College's math competency.

³ Credit may not be granted at all UCs.

Reference:

- UC Admissions and IB Credit (<https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/admission-requirements/ap-exam-credits/ib-credits.html>)
- IGETC Standards, Policies, and Procedures Manual, Version 2.4 (<https://icas-ca.org/igetc/standards-policies-and-procedures-manual/>) (Approved 2023) Section 7.2 International Baccalaureate (IB).