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INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE POLICY

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 chronological 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 transfer from community colleges.

"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:

Art Design	With a score of 5 or higher, five credits granted for art elective. Art majors should see department chair to determine course equivalency via a petition initiated by the Fine Arts department chairperson.

Biology

Standard level	No credit given.
Higher level	With a score of 5, 6, or 7 five credits granted for BIOL 1010. Science majors see department for applicability toward major because the exam covers material from the BIOL 1610-1620-1630 series, but is not equivalent to one single course in the series. Placement can be done via a petition initiated by the Biology department chairperson.

Business Management

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

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 granted for CHEM 1500 and 1501.

Design Tech

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

Economics

Standard level	With a score of 6 or 7, five credits granted for ECON 2130; no credit for 5 or lower.
Higher level	With a score of 5, 6, or 7, ten credits granted for ECON 2130 and 2110.

English

Standard level	No credit given.
Higher level	With a score of 5, 6, or 7, five credits of general elective granted.

Environmental Systems

Standard level	With a score of 6 or higher, five elective credits granted.

Foreign/Modern Language

Standard level	With a score of 6 or 7, five credits granted for language 115. See department for testing to satisfy Arts and Sciences college requirement via a modern language placement exam.
Higher level	With a score of 5, 6, or 7, ten credits granted for language 1150 and 1250. See department for testing 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, 6, or 7, five elective credits granted.

History

Standard level	No credit given.
Higher level with Americas Specialization	With a score of 5, 6, or 7, five credits granted for HIST 2310 which satisfies the Arts & Sciences college requirement for the history course.
Higher level with other area Specialization (i.e. European)	With a score of 5, 6, or 7, five credits granted for HIST 1210 which satisfies the Arts & Sciences college requirement for the history course.

Information Technology In a Global Society

Standard level	With a score of 6 or higher, five credits granted for CPSC 1100.
Higher level	With a score of 5 or higher, five credits granted for CPSC 1100.

Mathematics

Mathematics Studies Standard level	No credit given.
Mathematical Methods Standard level	With a score of 6 or 7, five credits granted for MATH 1130 or 1230.
Mathematics Higher level	With a score of 5 or 6, five credits granted for MATH 1130, 1230, or 1334.
	With a score of 7, five additional credits granted for MATH 1335.
Advanced Mathematics or Further Mathematic Standard level	With a score of 6 or 7, five credits granted for MATH1334.

Physics

Standard level	No credit given.
Higher level	With a score of 5, 6, or 7, five elective credits granted.

Psychology

Standard level	No credit given.
Higher level	With a score of 5, 6, or 7, five credits granted for PSYC 1200.

Theatre Arts

Standard level	No credit given.
Higher level	With a score of 5, 6, or 7, five elective credits granted.

Visual Arts

Standard level	No credit given.
Higher level	With a score of 5, 6, or 7, five elective credits.

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