



California University of Pennsylvania

POLICY: Awarding of Credit for International Baccalaureate

A. Purpose & Scope:

To define and describe awarding of International Baccalaureate credits.

B. Definitions(s):

International baccalaureate (IB) – The IB Program, for students aged 16 to 19, is an internationally recognize curriculum, culminating with a set of examinations that are used in many countries as a qualification for going to university. To earn the IB diploma, students complete and test in six main areas of study: language and literature, language acquisition, individuals and societies, experimental sciences, mathematics and computer science, and the arts. Normally three of the IB program areas are studied at the "higher level". Three additional elements round out the program: a theory of knowledge course, learning outside the classroom, and a 4,000-word essay. IB classes and assessments tend to involve more research, writing, and hands-on evaluation. Students who take IB courses without completing the entire program may earn IB certificates by testing in selected IB courses.

C. Policy:

California University of Pennsylvania recognizes excellence demonstrated by students on the International Baccalaureate (IB) examinations and may award undergraduate credits to students who score 4 or above on higher level IB exams. Cal U will grant credits only for “higher” level subjects (not standard). Credits are awarded upon receipt of an official IB transcript from the IB Americas’ office. IB credits granted by other colleges or universities does not automatically translate into course credit at Cal U, and original IB college exam scores must be submitted for determination of credits to be awarded. If a student has both AP and IB credit, the IB credit is awarded first; then any additional AP credit will be awarded. If IB credit has been awarded and duplicates AP credit, the AP credit will be reduced by the amount of credit awarded for an IB higher level subject in a specific area.

D. Procedure(s):

- a. The student must score a 4 or above on the IB higher level exam.
- b. Students must submit their original IB transcript to the Office of Articulation and Transfer Evaluation to initiate the credit review process.
- c. A list of the available course credits to be awarded is available through the Office of Articulation & Transfer Evaluation.

E. Effective date: 5/1/2015