

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE (IB) CREDIT & CHART

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Students who earn scores of 5, 6, or 7 on International Baccalaureate (IB) Higher Level (HL) Examinations taken before high school graduation will receive 8 units of credit toward graduation at UC Davis for each such test completed with the required scores, provided official scores are submitted to the Office of Admissions. Students who complete the IB diploma with a score of 30 or above will receive 6 quarter units in addition to the units earned for individual Higher Level exams (effective S20). The university does not grant credit for Standard Level (SL) exams.

Students should be advised that college courses taken before or after attending UC may duplicate Advanced Placement (AP), IB and/or A Level examinations. Additionally, exams may duplicate each other; for example, an AP or IB exam in the same subject area. If the student does duplicate an exam with another exam of the same subject content, and/or an exam with a college course, we will award credit only once.

Note: International Baccalaureate credit earned prior to entering the university will not be counted toward maximum unit limitations either for the selection of a major or for graduation.

Note: This is not a comprehensive list. If your exam is not listed, credit will be determined in consultation with an advisor.

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- Added entries:
 - Portuguese A: Languages & Literature
 - Portuguese A: Literature
 - Spanish A: Languages & Literature
 - Spanish A: Literature

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- Added Arabic entries.

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- Added Chinese, Japanese, & Russian entries.

IB Higher Level (HL) Exam with score of 5 or 6 or 7	Units Awarded	UC Davis Course Equivalent	Duplicate Credit Allowed
Arabic A: Language & Literature	8	None	N/A
Arabic A: Literature	8	None	N/A
Arabic B	8	None	N/A
Biology	8	BIS 010	No
Business Management	8	None	N/A
Chemistry			
With score of 5 or 6	8	CHE 010	No

With score of 7	8	CHE 002A	Yes
Chinese A: Language & Literature	8	None	N/A
Chinese A: Literature	8	None	N/A
Chinese B: Cantonese	8	None	N/A
Chinese B: Mandarin	8	None	N/A
Classical Greek	8	GRK 001 & GRK 002	Yes
Computer Science	8	None	N/A
Dance	8	None	N/A
Economics	8	ECN 001A & ECN 001B	Yes
English A: Language & Literature ¹	8	ENL 003	No
English A: Literature ¹	8	ENL 003	No
English B	8	None	N/A
Film	8	None	N/A
French A: Language & Literature	8	FRE 021 & FRE 022 & FRE 023	No
French A: Literature	8	FRE 021 & FRE 022 & FRE 023	No
French B	8	FRE 001 & FRE 002 & FRE 003	No
Geography	8	None	N/A
German A: Language & Literature	8	GER 001 & GER 002 & GER 003	No
German A: Literature	8	GER 001 & GER 002	No
German B	8	GER 001 & GER 002	No
Global Politics	8	None	N/A
History of Africa	8	HIS 015A & HIS 015B	Yes
History of the Americas	8	HIS 017A & HIS 017B	Yes
History of Europe	8	HIS 004C	Yes
History of Europe & the Islamic World	8	None	N/A
History of Europe & the Middle East	8	None	N/A
History of the Islamic World	8	HIS 006	Yes
History of Southeast Asia & Oceania	8	None	N/A
Italian A: Language & Literature	8	ITA 023	No
Italian A: Literature	8	ITA 021 & ITA 022	No
Italian B	8	None	N/A
Japanese A: Language & Literature	8	None	N/A
Japanese A: Literature	8	None	N/A
Japanese B	8	None	N/A
Languages other than English (if not listed separately)	8	See department for level placement	

Latin	8	LAT 001 & LAT 002	Yes
Mathematics: Analysis & Approaches	8	MAT 021A & MAT 021B	Yes
Music	8	MUS 010	Yes
Philosophy	8	PHI 001	No
Physics	8	PHY 001A & PHY 001B	No
Portuguese A: Languages & Literature	8	POR 021 & POR 022 & POR 023	No
Portuguese A: Literature	8	POR 021 & POR 022 & POR 023	No
Portuguese B	8	POR 001 & POR 002 & POR 003 & POR 008	No
Psychology	8	PSC 001	No
Russian A: Language & Literature	8	RUS 001 & RUS 002 & RUS 003	No
Russian A: Literature	8	RUS 002 & RUS 003	No
Russia B	8	RUS 002 & RUS 003	No
Social & Cultural Anthropology	8	ANT 002	Yes
Spanish A: Languages & Literature	8	SPA 021 & SPA 022	No
Spanish A: Literature	8	SPA 021 & SPA 022	No
Spanish B	8	None	N/A
Theatre	8	None	N/A
Visual Arts	8	None	N/A
IB Diploma (30+ points)	6	None	N/A

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6 or higher on the Standard Level (SL) exam satisfies the university Entry Level Writing Requirement, but does not result in any course credit.

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To have IB scores sent to UC Davis, contact International Baccalaureate Office at US +1 301 202 3025; More contact options; Requesting IB transcripts & certificates.