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.

IB Higher Level (HL) Exam with score of 5 or 6 or 7		UC Davis Course Equivalent	Duplicate Credit Allowed
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
Classical Greek	8	GRK 001, 002	Yes
Computer Science	8	None	N/A
Dance	8	None	N/A
Economics	8	ECN 001A, 001B	Yes
English A1 ¹	8	ENL 003	No
English A2	8	None	N/A
English A: Literature ¹ or English A: Language & Literature ¹	8	ENL 003	No
English B	8	None	N/A
Film	8	None	N/A
French A1	8	FRE 021, 022, 023	No
French A2	8	FRE 021, 022	No
French A: Language & Literature; Literature	8	FRE 021, 022, 023	No
French B	8	FRE 001, 002, 003	No

Geography	8	None	N/A
German A1; German A2	8	GER 001, 002	No
German A: Language & Literature	8	GER 001, 002, 003	No
German A: Literature	8	GER 001, 002	No
German B	8	GER 001, 002	No
Global Politics	8	None	N/A
History of Africa	8	HIS 015A, HIS 015B	Yes
History of the Americas	8	HIS 017A, 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 A1	8	ITA 021, 022	No
Italian A2	8	None	N/A
Italian A: Language & Literature	8	ITA 023	No
Italian A: Literature	8	ITA 021, 022	No
Italian B	8	None	N/A
Languages other than English (if not listed separately)	8	See department for level placement	
Latin	8	LAT 001, 002	Yes
Mathematics: Analysis & Approaches (beginning S21)	8	MAT 021A, 021B	Yes
Music	4	MUS 010	Yes
Philosophy	8	PHI 001	No
Physics	8	PHY 001A, 001B	No
Portuguese B	8	POR 001, 002, 003, 008	No
Psychology	8	PSC 001	No
Social & Cultural Anthropology	8	ANT 002	Yes
Spanish A	8	None	N/A
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.

Students who complete the IB diploma with a score of 30+ will receive 6 quarter units towards their UC degree, in addition to the units earned for individual Higher Level exams (effective S20).

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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.