

Application of International Baccalaureate Exams (IB)

The following table shows how International Baccalaureate Exam (IB) results are applied for the purpose of educational planning.

- Column 1 – IB Exam Subject
- Column 2 – Application of IB Exam results to College of San Mateo Associate Degree requirements
- Column 3 – Application of IB Exam results to California State University units and California State University General Education certification
- Column 4 – Application of IB Exam results to Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum Certification. An acceptable IB score for IGETC equates to 3 units for certification purposes.

Scores required to receive credit are noted on the chart below. Students are responsible for sending official IB Exam results to College of San Mateo Admissions and Records Office.

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4
International Baccalaureate Exam Subject ***	Units applied to College of San Mateo Associate degree requirements	Units applied to CSU GE Certification and degree unit requirements	IB Results applied to IGETC Certification *2
Biology HL	Passing score of 5 3 units GE E5a and 3 units elective credit	Passing score of 5 3 units Area B2 and 3 elective units granted	Passing score of 5 3 units Area 5B (without lab)
Chemistry HL	Passing score of 5 3 units GE E5a and 3 units elective credit	Passing score of 5 3 units Area B1 and 3 elective units granted	Passing score of 5 3 units Area 5A (without lab)
Economics HL	Passing score of 5 3 units GE E5b and 3 units elective credit	Passing score of 5 3 units Area D and 3 elective units granted	Passing score of 5 3 units Area 4
Geography HL	Passing score of 5 3 units GE E5b and 3 units elective credit	Passing score of 5 3 units Area D and 3 elective units granted	Passing score of 5 3 units Area 4
History (any region) HL	Passing score of 5 3 units GE E5b and 3 units elective credit	Passing score of 5 3 units Area C2 or Area D and 3 elective units granted	Passing score of 5 3 units Area 3B or Area 4
Language A1 *1 (any language) HL	Passing score of 4 3 units GE E5c and 3 units elective credit	Passing score of 4 3 units Area C2 and 3 elective units granted	Passing score of 5 3 units Area 3B, and, if the IB exam is for a language OTHER THAN English, in addition to Area 3B, credit for Area 6A is granted
Language A2 *1 (any language) HL	Passing score of 4 3 units GE E5c and 3 units elective credit	Passing score of 4 3 units Area C2 and 3 elective units granted	Passing score of 5 3 units Area 3B, and, if the IB exam is for a language OTHER THAN English, in addition to Area 3B, credit for Area 6A is granted
Language B *1 (any language) HL	Passing score of 4 No associate degree GE credit 6 units of elective credit	Passing score of 4 No CSU GE credit 6 elective units granted	Passing score of 5 3 units Area 6A
Mathematics HL	Passing score of 4 Meets Math Competency Requirement but need CSM math placement test for course placement. 6 units of elective credit	Passing score of 4 3 units Area B4 and 3 elective units granted	Passing score of 5 3 units Area 2
Physics HL	Passing score of 5 3 units GE E5a and 3 units elective credit	Passing score of 5 3 units Area B1 and 3 elective units granted	Passing score of 5 3 units Area 5A (without lab)
Psychology HL	Passing score of 5 3 units GE E5b	Passing score of 5 3 units Area D	Passing score of 5 3 units Area 4
Theatre HL	Passing score of 4 3 units GE E5c and 3 units elective credit	Passing score of 4 3 units Area C1 and 3 elective units granted	Passing score of 5 3 units Area 3A

*** College of San Mateo applies IB credit toward the associate degree in the same manner as the California State University system applies IB credit to CSU general education/breadth and degree unit requirements as noted above. Applying IB credit to meet major requirements is more complicated. Each instructional division at College of San Mateo determines if and how IB credit can be applied to meet major requirements. How IB credit is applied to transfer majors and degree requirements is determined by evaluators at each college or university. Students should be aware college courses taken after the IB exam may duplicate the content of the IB exam and, in these cases, the College of San Mateo and/or the university will not award credit for both the course and the IB exam. Space does not permit discussion of how IB credit is granted for every university and program. Students are advised to investigate IB as it relates to university transfer. References for the chart above are 1) CSU Office of the Chancellor Memo Code: AA-2010-09 dated May 10, 2010: System-wide Credit for External Examinations, 2) Standards, Policies and Procedures for Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum Version 1.1 June 4, 2009, 3) UC Quick

Reference for Counselors 2009-2010.

- *1 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.
- *2 An acceptable IB score for IGETC equates to 3 units for certification purposes

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