

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 California State University units
- Column 3 – Application of IB Exam results to California State University General Education certification
- Column 4 – Application of IB Exam results to Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum certification

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. For information about how IB exam results can be applied to the College of San Mateo Associate Degree, please use Counseling Services.

| Column 1 | Column 2 | Column 3 | Column 4 |
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| International Baccalaureate Exam | Minimum semester units applied to CSU | Of the minimum units applied, what is applied to CSU GE Certification | Application to IGETC Certification |
| Biology HL | Passing score of 5 6 units | Passing score of 5 3 units Area B2 | Passing score of 5 Area 5B (without lab) |
| Chemistry HL | Passing score of 5 6 units | Passing score of 5 3 units Area B1 | Passing score of 5 Area 5A (without lab) |
| Economics HL | Passing score of 5 6 units | Passing score of 5 3 units Area D | Passing score of 5 Area 4 |
| Geography HL | Passing score of 5 6 units | Passing score of 5 3 units Area D | Passing score of 5 Area 4 |
| History (any region) HL | Passing score of 5 6 units | Passing score of 5 3 units Area C2 or Area D | Passing score of 5 Area 3B or Area 4 |
| Language A1 (any language) HL | Passing score of 4 6 units | Passing score of 4 3 units Area C2 | Passing score of 5 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 (any language) HL | Passing score of 4 6 units | Passing score of 4 3 units Area C2 | Passing score of 5 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 (any language) HL | Passing score of 4 6 units | Passing score of 4 NO CSU GE CREDIT | Passing score of 5 Area 6A |
| Mathematics HL | Passing score of 4 6 units | Passing score of 4 3 units Area B4 | Passing score of 5 Area 2 |
| Physics HL | Passing score of 5 6 units | Passing score of 5 3 units Area B1 | Passing score of 5 Area 5A (without lab) |
| Psychology HL | Passing score of 5 3 units | Passing score of 5 3 units Area D | Passing score of 5 Area 4 |
| Theatre HL | Passing score of 4 6 units | Passing score of 4 3 units Area C1 | Passing score of 5 Area 3A |

How IB credit is applied to majors and other degree requirements at the University is determined by evaluators at each college or university. Students should be aware that a college course taken after the IB exam may duplicate the content of the test and, in these cases 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 so students are advised to thoroughly investigate this area.

References for 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) Quick Reference for Counselors 2009-2010.