INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE POLICY

Since 1967, the International Baccalaureate Organization, a chartered foundation under the Swiss civil code, has promoted a common curriculum and university entry credential for geographically mobile students. The director general supervises from Geneva; curriculum and assessment activities are based in Cardiff, Wales; regional offices are maintained in New York, Geneva, Buenos Aires, and Singapore. Member schools are located in 84 countries. Web site is www.IBO.org.

Seattle University, in company with many North American colleges and universities, grants recognition to students who have completed courses in an IB program. When making admission decisions, the university recognizes the academic challenge undertaken in high school, and in some cases coursework and examination will be considered equivalent to university-level work with credit granted toward graduation. Granted for work completed in secondary school, the Seattle University credits awarded for IB examinations are not considered to be transfer credits, but do fall within the maximum lower division transfer credit restriction. IB examination results will be evaluated according to the policies outlined below.

In general, students with "higher level" courses and examinations have been deemed to be eligible for course credit and advance standing with scores of 5, 6, or 7. Such credits fall within the 90 allowable in lower division transfer. Credit for AP, IB, CLEP, and/or A-level may not exceed 45 total credits.

"Subsidiary/standard" courses will not ordinarily be recognized for credit, but with a score of 6 or 7, some exceptions may be made as determined by the appropriate department.

The following departments have determined equivalency for their programs and no petition is required for the following unless indicated:

**Art Design**

With a score of 5 or higher, five credits granted for art elective. Art majors should see department chair to determine course equivalency via a petition initiated by the Fine Arts department chairperson.
Biology

Standard level
No credit given.

Higher level
With a score of 5, 6, or 7 five credits granted for BIOL 1010. Science majors see department for applicability toward major because the exam covers material from the BIOL 1610-1620-1630 series, but is not equivalent to one single course in the series. Placement can be done via a petition initiated by the Biology department chairperson.

Business Management

Standard level
With a score of 6 or 7, five credits of general elective granted.

Higher level
With a score of 5 or higher, five credits of general elective granted.

Chemistry

Standard level
With a score of 6 or 7 see department for evaluation.

Higher level
With a score of 5, 6, or 7 five credits granted for CHEM 1500 and 1501.

Design Tech
With a score of 5 or higher, five credits of general elective granted.

Economics

Standard level
With a score of 6 or 7, five credits granted for ECON 2130; no credit for 5 or lower.

Higher level
With a score of 5, 6, or 7, ten credits granted for ECON 2130 and 2110.

English

Standard level
No credit given.

Higher level
With a score of 5, 6, or 7, five credits of general elective granted.
Environmental Systems

Standard level With a score of 6 or higher, five elective credits granted.

Foreign/Modern Language

Standard level With a score of 6 or 7, five credits granted for language 1150. See department for testing to satisfy Arts and Sciences college requirement via a modern language placement exam.

Higher level With a score of 5, 6, or 7, ten credits granted for language 1150 and 1250. See department for testing to satisfy Arts and Sciences college requirement via a modern language placement exam.

Geography

Standard level No credit given.

Higher level With a score of 5, 6, or 7, five elective credits granted.

History

Standard level No credit given.

Higher level with Americas Specialization With a score of 5, 6, or 7, five credits granted for HIST 2310 which satisfies the Arts & Sciences college requirement for the history course.

Higher level with other area Specialization (i.e. European) With a score of 5, 6, or 7, five credits granted for HIST 1210 which satisfies the Arts & Sciences college requirement for the history course.

Information Technology In a Global Society

Standard level With a score of 6 or higher, five credits granted for CPSC 1100.

Higher level With a score of 5 or higher, five credits granted for CPSC 1100.
### Mathematics

**Mathematics: analysis and approaches Standard Level**

- With a score of 6 or 7: five credits for UCOR 1200 (have not discussed this with Core yet…)
- With a score of 7: five credits for MATH 1210 (similar to old Mathematics Studies Standard Level but has some new content in statistics)

**Mathematics: analysis and approaches Higher Level**

- With a score of 6 or 7: five credits for MATH 1130 or MATH 1230
- With a score of 5 – 7: five credits for MATH 1210
  - (this is a new test; credit is similar to old Mathematical Methods Standard Level plus some statistics credit)

**Mathematics: applications and interpretation Standard Level**

- With a score of 6 or 7: five credits for MATH 1130, or 1230
  - (similar to old Mathematical Methods Standard Level)

**Mathematics: applications and interpretation Higher Level**

- With a score of 5 or 6: five credits for MATH 1130, 1230, or 1334
- With a score of 7: five additional credits for MATH 1335
  - (similar to Mathematics Higher Level)

### Physics

**Standard level**

- No credit given.

**Higher level**

- With a score of 5, 6, or 7, five elective credits granted.

### Psychology

**Standard level**

- No credit given.

**Higher level**

- With a score of 5, 6, or 7, five credits granted for PSYC 1200.

### Theatre Arts

**Standard level**

- No credit given.

**Higher level**

- With a score of 5, 6, or 7, five elective credits granted.

### Visual Arts
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