

## 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](http://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 chronological 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 transfer from community colleges.

"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 101 which fulfills the core lab science requirements. Science majors see department for applicability toward major because the exam covers material from the BIOL 165-166-167 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 121 and 131 which fulfills the core lab science requirement.

## 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 271; no credit for 5 or lower.
Higher level	With a score of 5, 6, or 7, ten credits granted for ECON 271 and 272.

## English

Standard level	No credit given.
Higher level	With a score of 5, 6, or 7, five credits granted for ENGL 120, filling the core literature requirement.



## Mathematics

Mathematics Studies Standard level	No credit given.
Mathematical Methods Standard level	With a score of 6 or 7, five credits granted for MATH 130 or 131.
Mathematics Higher level	With a score of 5 or 6, five credits granted for MATH 130, 131, or 134.  With a score of 7, five additional credits granted for MATH 135.
Advanced Mathematics or Further Mathematics Standard level	With a score of 6 or 7, five credits granted for MATH 134.

## Physics

Standard level	No credit given.
Higher level	With a score of 5, 6, or 7, five credits granted for lab science which will satisfy one core requirement.

## Psychology

Standard level	No credit given.
Higher level	With a score of 5, 6, or 7, five credits granted for PSYC 120 which will satisfy a core Social Science I requirement.

## Theatre Arts

Standard level	No credit given.
Higher level	With a score of 5, 6, or 7, five credits granted for fulfilling core Fine Arts requirements.

## Visual Arts

Standard level	No credit given.
Higher level	With a score of 5, 6, or 7, five credits granted for fulfilling core Fine Arts requirements.

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