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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 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.

<u>Design Tech</u> 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.

Environmental Systems

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

and satisfaction of the core laboratory science

requirement.

Foreign/Modern Language

Standard level With a score of 6 or 7, five credits granted for

language 115. 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 115 and 125. 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 which will satisfy the core Social Science I requirement.

History

Standard level No credit given.

Higher level with Americas

Specialization

With a score of 5, 6, or 7, five credits granted for HIST 231 which satisfies the Arts & Sciences college requirement for

the history course beyond core.

Higher level with other area

Specialization (i.e. European)

With a score of 5, 6, or 7, five credits granted for HIST 121 which satisfies the Arts & Sciences college requirement for

the history course beyond core.

<u>Information Technology In a Global Society</u>

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

CSSE 103.

Higher level With a score of 5 or higher, five credits granted for

CSSE 103.

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 222.

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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