

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE (IB) EXAMS

A score of 5, 6 or 7 on International Baccalaureate (IB) Higher Level (HL) exams is required to grant credit for Cal-GETC certification. An acceptable IB score for Cal-GETC equates to 3 semester units for certification purposes. Students who have earned credit from an IB exam should not take a comparable college course because transfer credit will not be granted for both.

Exam	CAL-GETC/ AA GE/AS GE AREA	CAL-GETC/ AA GE/AS GE Units	Degree Elective Units	Total Units For Degree Completion
IB Biology HL	5B	3	3	6
IB Chemistry HL	5A	3	3	6
IB Economics HL	4	3	3	6
IB Geography HL	4	3	3	6
IB History (any region) HL	3B or 4	3	3	6
IB Language A: Literature (any language - except English) HL	3B	3	3	6
IB Language A: Language and Literature (any language - except English) HL	3B	3	3	6
IB Language A: Literature (any language) HL	3B	3	3	6
IB Language A: Language and Literature (any language) HL	3B	3	3	6
IB Mathematics: Analysis and Approaches HL	2	3	3	6
IB Mathematics: Applications and Interpretations HL	2 (may not be	3	3	6
IB Physics HL	5A	3	3	6

IB Psychology HL	4	3	0	3
IB Theatre HL 3A		3	3	6

Note: IB courses that have been discontinued are not shown on this table. A student with catalog rights may be able to use a now discontinued course if accepted under the directly comparable area of IGETC or under Cal-GETC at the time the course was taken.

Example: History IB HL at a CCC is approved for Cal-GETC Area 3B (Humanities). History IB HL may be used in Cal-GETC Area 3B (Humanities) or Cal-GETC Area 4 (Social and Behavioral Sciences).

Actual IB transfer credit (including possible differences in units to be awarded beyond those used for Cal-GETC certification) awarded for these and other IB exams at admission is determined by the CSU and UC.

- The UC Policy for IB credit (<https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/admission-requirements/ap-exam-credits/ib-credits.html>)
- The CSU system-wide minimums policy, CSU Systemwide Credit for External Examinations (<https://calstate.policystat.com/policy/14685671/latest/>) governing the use of these and other IB exams for awarding general education credit