



ADAMS STATE UNIVERSITY
Part III: Academic Policy
Chapter 100-13: Undergraduate Academic Policies: Transfer Policies

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Subject: International Baccalaureate Recognition Policy
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Policy Statement

Adams State University recognizes the International Baccalaureate (IB) program and accords special consideration for students presenting IB credentials on an individual basis. ASU follows the state policy for awarding IB credit:

Students who have successfully completed the IB diploma programme shall, at a minimum, receive 24 semester credits (or their equivalent), which shall apply to general education, elective or major requirements (at the public institution's discretion), for IB exams administered as part of the diploma program on which the student received a score of 4 or higher, per §23-1-13.3, Colorado Revised Statute.

Any course with a Guaranteed Transfer (GT) Pathways notation is guaranteed to transfer and apply to [GT Pathways general education requirements listed in this link](#) in any Liberal Arts & Sciences associate or bachelor degree at any Colorado public college or university. All ASU degrees contain the GT Pathways curriculum to which these courses apply. Please also note:

1. The statewide minimum cut score for awarding GT Pathways credit for both [Standard Level \(SL\) and Higher Level \(HL\) IB exams](#) listed is 4.
2. At least 3 credit hours shall apply first to the appropriate GT Pathways content area requirements until the amount of credit has been met for that GT Pathways content area. Once a GT Pathways content area requirement has been met, any additional credit may be awarded to fulfill other degree requirements, such as general education, elective or major/prerequisite credit. For example, the GT Pathways history requirement is 3 credits. If a student brings passing cut scores on two different history exams (such as US History and also World History, which qualifies the student for at least 6 credits), then the student shall receive 3 credits applied towards the GT Pathways history requirement. Any additional credits may be awarded to fulfill other degree requirements, such as general education, elective or major/prerequisite credit at the institution's discretion.

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3. Institutions determine the amount of credit to award for IB scores of 5, 6 & 7 but they must award at least 3 credits, or at least 4 credits for GT-SC1 (science courses with labs).

Credit awarded shall be transcribed as a course satisfying the appropriate GT Pathways category at the institution. When there is no equivalent, the institution shall create a generic transfer equivalency for a course in that GT Pathways content area (i.e., GT-AH1, GT-AH2, and etc.).

Students seeking credit in the major must obtain approval from the relevant program chair.

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines for the awarding of ASU credit to students based on their success on IB examinations and/or the completion of an IB diploma.

Definitions

- A. Academic Records Coordinator: The ASU staff member in the Office of the Registrar charged with reviewing International Baccalaureate transcripts and assigning appropriate credit for ASU courses.
- B. General Education Requirements: The program of general studies courses required of all students in order to complete a degree, regardless of major.
- C. International Baccalaureate Program: The IB program is a rigorous pre-university course of study that leads to examinations in six academic areas. Its core components follow a traditional liberal arts model. It is typically a 2-year curriculum completed by a student while in high school.
- D. Registrar's Office: The ASU Office responsible for assessing and maintaining student records.
- E. Vice President for Academic Affairs: The individual responsible for determining general education substitutions for transfer credits.

Procedures

- A. Students who take the higher level IB examination(s) must request that their scores be sent to the Adams State University Registrar's Office.
- B. Upon receipt of the scores the Academic Records Coordinator, or designee, will perform an evaluation of credits.
- C. If necessary, the Academic Records Coordinator will consult with the relevant program chair regarding which IB scores may be applied to courses in the major. The program chair will approve any IB scores applied for credit within the major.
- D. Students will be notified by mail of the results of that evaluation.

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Responsibility

- A. It is the student's responsibility to request that their official IB scores be sent to ASU.
- B. It is the Academic Records Coordinator's responsibility to evaluate the IB scores and assign the appropriate credit.
- C. It is the program chair's responsibility to approve course credit within the major.
- D. It is the Academic Records Coordinator's responsibility to notify the student of the results of the evaluation of their IB scores.

Authority

[CDHE Prior Learning Assessment Policy](#)

Related Policies

None

Related Stakeholders for Policy Review

None

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