

# Virginia State University Policies Manual

Title: IB, AP, and CI Credit Acceptance

Policy: 3010

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## **Purpose**

In accordance with state policy, Virginia State University (VSU) accepts credit from Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), AND Cambridge International (CI) examinations based on annual faculty and university program review. VSU awards AP, IB, and CI examination equivalencies not to exceed a maximum of 38 credit hours per student.

## **Authority, Responsibility, and Duties**

The student must designate the Virginia State University Registrar as a recipient of the scores, and scores must be sent directly from the testing agency. Credit is awarded consistent with state and University policies and the sourcing agencies' guidelines.

## **Policy Statements**

### ***IB Credit***

The student must designate the Virginia State University Registrar as a recipient of the scores, and scores must be sent directly from the testing agency. Credit is awarded consistent with state and University policies and the sourcing agencies' guidelines.

VSU offers **possible credit** for scores of 4, 5, 6, or 7 on most higher-level IB examinations and on select standard-level examinations in accordance with the pre-approved equivalencies for qualifying IB examination scores shown in Table One (below).

After matriculation, students should direct questions about their IB credit to the College Dean's office in which their major field of study is organized.

### ***AP Credit***

VSU awards advanced standing credit (course exemption and academic credit hours) to entering students who have qualifying scores on the AP tests. Students may receive credit in any academic discipline in which an AP test is offered so long as they take the test before the end of their senior year of high school. The pre-approved equivalencies for qualifying AP examination scores are shown in Table Two (below).

After matriculation, students should direct questions about their AP credit to the College Dean's office under which their major field of study is organized.

### ***CI Credit***

The University may grant credit for Cambridge International Examinations (CIE) levels Advanced (A) and Advanced Subsidiary (AS) offered through the University of Cambridge in England. These courses and examinations are administered through registered CIE Centers in public high schools throughout the United States. A-level syllabuses and exams cover approximately two years of college-level curriculum in a subject and the AS level syllabus and exam covers the first year of the two-year A-level curriculum.

Cambridge tests passed with final grades of A, B or C will be considered for advanced standing and credit for the corresponding courses at VSU. The applicability of such credit toward the student's degree program is interpreted by the department or school in which the student seeks a degree. Table Three (below) provides information about the VSU equivalent for various Cambridge examinations.

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Table One. *IB Course Credit Equivalencies*

<b>IB COURSE</b>	<b>MINIMUM SCORE</b>	<b>VSU EQUIVALENT</b>	<b>CREDIT HOURS EARNED</b>
Social Anthropology	5 (HL) 5 (SL)	SOC 102 SOC 102	3 3
Art	5 (HL) in a studio area	Portfolio reviewed & credit assigned on Individual basis	
Biology	7 (SL) 5 (HL)	BIOL 120 & 121 BIOL 120 & 121	8
Geography	5 (HL)	GEOG 210	3
Chemistry	6 (SL) 5 (HL)	CHEM 151 & 152 CHEM 151 & 152	8
Physics	5 (SL) 5 (HL)	PHYS 105 & 106 PHYS 105 & 106	8
Computer Science	5 (HL)	CSCI 100	3
Mathematics	6 or 7 (SL) 5 (HL)	MATH 120 & 121	3
Economics	7 (SL) 6 (HL)	ECON 100 & 210	3
Philosophy	6 (SL) 5 (HL)	PHIL 180	3
World History	5 (HL)	GEHI 114 & 115	3
Music	4 (SL) 4 (HL)	MUSI 101, 102, 121 & 122	2
Psychology	6 (SL) 5 (HL)	PSYC 212	3
Theatre Arts	4 (HL)	DRAM 1123, 215 & 213	3
English	5 (HL)	ENGL	3
French	6 or 7 (SL) 4 or 5 (HL)	FREN 110 & 111 FREN	6 3
German	6 or 7 (SL) 4 or 5 (HL)	GERM 110 & 111 GERM 110	6 3
Spanish	6 or 7 (SL) 4 or 5 (HL)	SPAN 110 & 111 SPAN 110	6 3

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Table Two. *AP Course Credit Equivalencies*

AP COURSE	VSU CLASS EQUIVALENT	GENERAL EDUCATION CREDIT HOURS EARNED
Art 4 or 5	ARTS 199	3
Chemistry 3, 4 or 5	CHEM 111	4
Computer Science 3, 4 or 5	COBU 155	3
Economics 4 or 5	ECON 210	3
Environmental Science 3, 4, or 5	AGRI 150	4
English 4 or greater	ENGL 110	3
French 3, 4, or 5	FREN 210	3
German 3, 4, or 5	GERM 210	3
Government 4 or 5	GEPO 150	3
U S History 4 or 5	GEHI 122	3
Physics 4 or 5	PHYS 112	3
Psychology 3, 4, or 5	PSYC 212	3
Spanish 3, 4, or 5	SPAN 210	3
Statistics 3	STAT 210	3
World History 4 or 5	GEHI 123	3

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Table Three. *Cambridge Exam Equivalencies*

CAMBRIDGE EXAM	A-LEVEL VSU EQUIVALENT	AS-LEVEL VSU EQUIVALENT	ACADEMIC CREDIT
Biology	BIOL 120	BIOL 120	4
Chemistry	CHEM 151	CHEM 151	4
English	*	ENGL 110	3
English literature	ENGL 210	ENGL 210	3
Mathematics	MATH 120	MATH 120	3
Physics	PHYS 105	PHYS 105	4
Psychology	PSYC 212	PSYC 212	3
Music	MUSI 1XX	MUSI 1XX	3
Computing	COBU 155	COBU 155	3
Economics	ECON 210	ECON 210	3
Art and Design	ARTS 1XX	ARTS 1XX	3

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