

International Baccalaureate Exams

Victor Valley College recognizes achievements by students who have successfully completed International Baccalaureate Examinations as authorized by the International Baccalaureate (IB) Organization. Students who have completed exams with a score of 4 or 5 may be granted credit for the purposes of major, general education, elective and/or to serve as prerequisites in the college's sequence of courses.

Students enrolled at Victor Valley College will receive credit for International Baccalaureate Examinations if official scores are sent to the Admissions & Records Office and an External Transcript Evaluation is submitted. Please be aware that other institutions may evaluate International Baccalaureate credits differently. Students should check with a counselor or the institution to which they plan to transfer for an evaluation of their International Baccalaureate credits.

This chart provides information on specific credit awarded at VVC relating to equivalent courses, general education areas cleared, and units awarded. Information related to transfer units for California State University (CSU) and University of California (UC), CSU GE Breadth, IGETC, CalGETC, and UC transfer eligibility is also provided for reference. Please refer to the CSU and UC system websites and IGETC and CalGETC Standards Manuals for updates and additional information. The information presented here is based on the [IGETC version 2.4](#) and [Cal-GETC version 1.2](#) Standard, Policies, and Procedures manuals.

CSU and UC systems have credit limitations. Please see official sources (links below) for information. Individual university campus policies may vary. Please check with each campus website for specific details regarding the awarding of IB credit for each institution.

Duplication with college courses. Students should be advised that college courses taken after passing an standardized exam may duplicate AP, IB (International Baccalaureate) and/or A-Level examinations. Additionally, exams may duplicate each other (for example, an AP or IB exam in the same subject area). This may also apply to CLEP (College-Level Examination Program). If the student does duplicate an exam with another exam of the same subject content, and/or an exam with a college course, VVC and most institutions will award credit only once.

Policy Websites

California Community Colleges

- <https://www.cccco.edu/-/media/CCCCO-Website/docs/memo/ess-23-20-ib-ap-clep-announcement-a11y.pdf> and
- <https://www.cccco.edu/-/media/CCCCO-Website/About-Us/Divisions/Educational-Services-and-Support/Academic-Affairs/What-we-do/Curriculum-and-Instruction-Unit/Files/AA17-20 AP Credit Policy Final pdf.pdf> and
- <https://www.cccco.edu/-/media/CCCCO-Website/About-Us/Divisions/Educational-Services-and-Support/Academic-Affairs/What-we-do/Curriculum-and-Instruction-Unit/Files/FAQs-CCC-GE-AP-Policy Attmt-AA17-33 pdf.pdf?la=en&hash=157593898832BDB00CF4C8DC6AA231820CE1DB4D>

California State University

- <https://calstate.policystat.com/policy/17652222/latest/> and
- <https://calstate.policystat.com/policy/17651164/latest/#autoid-9xvbm> and
- <https://calstate.policystat.com/policy/17651164/latest/#autoid-qz3mq> and
- <https://www.calstate.edu/apply/transfer/Pages/External-Exam-Credit.aspx>

University of California

- <https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/admission-requirements/ap-exam-credits/ib-credits.html>

International Baccalaureate (IB) Exam	Passing Score	Equivalent Course at VVC	Sem. Units at VVC	VVC GE and/or Competency Area	Sem. Units at CSU	Sem. Units at CSU towards CSU GE	CSU GE Breadth Area	Sem. Units at UC	Sem. Units towards IGETC & CalGETC Area ²	IGETC Area ²	CalGETC Area ²	UC Transfer Eligibility
Biology HL	5	BIOL 100 ¹	4.0	5	6.0	3.0	B2	5.3	3.0	5B	5B	UC-S
Chemistry HL	5	CHEM 201	5.0	5	6.0	3.0	B1	5.3	3.0	5A	5A	UC-S
Economics HL	5	ECON 101 and 102	6.0	4	6.0	3.0	D	5.3	3.0	4	4	UC-B
Geography HL	5	GEOG 102	3.0	4	6.0	3.0	D	5.3	3.0	4	4	UC-B
History (any region) HL	5	N/A	3.0	3 or 4	6.0	3.0	C2 or D	5.3	3.0	3B or 4	3B or 4	UC-H or UC-B
Language A Literature HL	4	ENGL 102	3.0	3	6.0	3.0	C2	5.3 ³	3.0	3B ³ and 6 ^{3,4}	3B	UC-H
Language A Language and Literature HL	4	SPAN 101 or SPAN 110 or FREN 101	5.0	3	6.0	3.0	C2	5.3 ³	3.0	3B ³ and 6 ^{3,4}	3B	UC-H
Language B HL	4	N/A	0	N/A	6.0	0.0	N/A	5.3 ³	3.0	6 ³	N/A	N/A
Mathematics: Analysis and Approaches HL	4	MATH 109	4.0	2	6.0	3.0	B4	5.3 ³	3.0	2	2	UC-M
Mathematics: Applications and Interpretation HL	4	N/A	3.0	2	6.0	3.0	B4	5.3 ³	3.0	2 ⁵	2 ⁵	UC-M ⁵
Physics HL	5	N/A	3.0	5	6.0	3.0	B1	5.3	3.0	5A	5A	UC-S
Psychology HL	5	PSYC C1000	3.0	4	3.0	3.0	D	5.3	3.0	4	4	UC-B
Theatre HL	4	TA 101	3.0	3	6.0	3.0	C1	5.3 ³	3.0	3A	3A	UC-H

Footnotes

VVC Limitations

1. Biology exam equivalent course will not be used in lieu of published course prerequisites for BIOL 221 – Microbiology and BIOL 231 – Human Physiology. An appropriate college course must be completed prior to admission into these advanced biology courses.

IGETC and CalGETC Limitations

2. A score of 5, 6 or 7 on Higher Level exams is required to grant credit for IGETC and CalGETC certification. An acceptable IB score (5, 6, or 7) equates to either 3 semester or 4 quarter units for certification purposes.

UC Limitations

UC system has a systemwide policy for admission and GE. Note, even an exam with multiple designations can only meet one requirement. In addition, credit per campus and major vary. See <https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/admission-requirements/ap-exam-credits/ib-credits.html> and search by campus for further details.

3. UC requires a minimum score of 5 on IB exams to award admission and GE credit.
4. In languages other than English.
5. May not be at all UC campuses.

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