International Baccalaureate Guidelines for 2006-2007
Bowdoin College

Individual academic departments at Bowdoin vary widely in how - and if - they award credit for students who hold an International Baccalaureate diploma. This information outlines the standard policies established by participating departments. Should you desire further explanation, please consult the appropriate academic department. Since a number of these offices maintain limited business hours during the summer, you may wish to correspond by mail. You will also find time during New Student Orientation to discuss your concerns with the appropriate individuals, including your academic advisor. IB credit will not meet a distribution or divisional requirement.

A student cannot receive Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate credit in the same subject nor will this credit meet a distribution requirement. First-year students may apply a maximum of eight course credits toward their Bowdoin degree from the following sources: Advanced Placement Program, International Baccalaureate Program, and college credits from other institutions earned prior to matriculation.

Biology: Pending

Chemistry: Students who received an IB score (higher level) of 5 or higher may enroll in any of the following: Chemistry 210, 225 or 240 in consultation with and permission from the instructor. Upon successful completion of any of these courses with a grade of C- or better one IB credit will be awarded. Students who enroll in Chemistry 109 and successfully complete this course with a grade of B- or better will receive one IB credit. Otherwise eligible students will not receive IB credit if they take Chemistry 101. (Contact Chemistry Department: 207-725-3218)

Computer Science: Students who have taken the IB exam in Computer Science should consult a member of the department regarding whether or not credit will be awarded. (Contact Computer Science Department: 207-725-3567)

Economics: Students who receive an IB score (higher level) of 6 or higher will receive one IB credit and they will meet the prerequisite for courses requiring Economics 101 or 102. Students who score a 4 or 5 should consult about placement. Otherwise eligible student will not receive IB credit if they take Economics 101 or 102. (Contact Economics Department: 207-725-3340)

English: Students who received IB scores of 6 or higher on the English examination will receive one credit upon the successful completion of an English first-year seminar or literature course with a grade of B or higher. This credit does not count toward a major or minor in English. (Contact English Department: 207-725-3552)

Environmental Studies: Students who have taken the IB exam in Environmental Science should consult a member of the department regarding whether or not credit will be awarded. (Contact Environmental Studies Department: 207-725-3396)

German: Students who took the IB examination in German, regardless of the score earned, should attend the placement test held during orientation and consult with faculty at that time regarding credit. (Contact German Department: 207-725-3357)

History: Students who received an IB score (higher level) of 5 or higher on a History examination will receive one IB credit upon the successful completion of a Bowdoin History course with a grade of B or higher. Please note: Students will not receive duplicate credit for AP and IB examinations that cover similar fields of history, nor will these credits count toward the major. (Contact History Department: 207-725-3291)
Latin: Students who have taken the IB exam in Latin should consult a member of the department regarding whether or not credit will be awarded. (Contact Classics Department: 207-725-3782)

Mathematics: Students who received IB scores (higher level) of 5 or higher on the Mathematics examination will receive one IB credit upon successful completion (C- or better) of a Bowdoin Mathematics course numbered 171 or higher. Students should consult a member of the Mathematics Department to determine the appropriate course to take. (Contact Mathematics Department: 207-725-3567)

Music: Students who received IB scores (subsidary level) of 6 or higher on a Music examination will receive two IB credits and will also have met the prerequisite for courses requiring Music 101. If the IB score was for the higher level, students will receive three IB credits and will also have met the requirement for courses requiring Music 101. IB credit to be counted toward the major/minor must be approved by the department chair. (Contact Music Department: 207-725-3321)

Physics: Students who have taken the IB exam in Physics should consult the department chair regarding whether or not credit will be awarded. (Contact Physics Department: 207-725-3308)

Psychology: Students who received an IB score (higher level) of 5 or higher on the Psychology exam will receive one IB credit, will have met the prerequisite for courses requiring Psychology 101, and will earn one course credit toward the major/minor. No IB credit for Psychology will be awarded if a student takes Psychology 101 or receives AP credit for Psychology. (Contact Psychology Department: 207-725-3339)

Romance Languages: Students who received IB scores of 6 or higher on the French or Spanish (higher level) examination will be awarded one IB credit upon the successful completion of a course, level 205 or higher, with a grade of B or better. Only one IB credit may be earned per person per language. Students who received IB scores of 6 or higher should still attend the placement test and consult with faculty. (Contact Romance Languages Department: 207-725-3357)

Sociology and Anthropology: Students who have taken the IB exam in Sociology/Anthropology should consult the chair of the department, regarding whether or not credit will be granted. (Contact: Sociology Department: 207-725-3651)

Visual Arts: Students who have taken the IB exam in Art should consult a member of the department regarding whether or not credit will be awarded. (Contact Art Department: 207-725-3697)