

International Baccalaureate Exam Regulations for Students Matriculating in Fall 2016

Subject	Exam	Minimum IB Score (Higher Level Only)	College Credit	Equivalent Course	Additional Information
Biology	Biology	n/a	0	n/a	Scores, in addition to the Biology placement exam, are only used for placement.
Chemistry	Chemistry	5	1*	n/a	*Must complete one of the following courses with a minimum grade of C-; CHEM 2050, 2100, 2250, 2400, 2510, or 2520. Counts toward major/minor credit. Credit will not be given if a student places into, or elects to take CHEM 1091, 1101, or 1109. Regardless of IB score, all students must take the placement exam.
Chinese	Chinese	n/a	0	n/a	Scores, in addition to the language placement exam, are only used for placement.
Computer Science	Computer Science				Consult the Computer Science department regarding credit
Economics	Economics	6	1	ECON 1101 & ECON 1102	
English	English	6	1*	n/a	*Must complete an English first-year seminar or literature course (not a creative writing course) with a minimum grade of B-. No major/minor credit.
Francophone Studies	French	6	1*	n/a	*Must complete FRS 2305 or higher level course with a minimum grade of B-. Credit will not be given if a student places into, or elects to take, a course lower than FRS 2305. Regardless of IB score, all students must take the placement exam. No major/minor credit.
German	German				Regardless of IB score, all students must take the placement exam. Consult the department regarding credit.
History	History	5	1*	n/a	*Must complete a HIST 2000 level course or higher with a minimum grade of B. If a student has scores for more than one exam, only 1 total credit will be awarded.
Italian Studies	Italian	6	1*	n/a	*Must complete ITAL 2305 or higher level course with a minimum grade of B-. Credit will not be given if a student places into, or elects to take, a course lower than ITAL 2305. Regardless of IB score, all students must take the placement exam. No major/minor credit.
Japanese	Japanese	n/a	0	n/a	Scores, in addition to the language placement exam, are only used for placement.
Latin	Latin				Consult the Classics department regarding credit
Mathematics	Mathematics	n/a	0	n/a	Scores, in addition to the Mathematics questionnaire are only used for placement.
Music Theory	Music Theory	6	1*	*	*Students who received IB scores of 6 or higher on a Music examination should take the music placement exam. Placement into MUS 2403 results in two credits that are the equivalent of MUS 1051 and Music 1401, the latter of which counts towards the major. Placement into MUS 1401 results in one credit that is the equivalent of MUS 1051 and does not count towards the major. Placement into MUS 1051 results in no IB credit.
Physics	w/o Optics	6	1*	PHYS 1130	*Must complete PHYS 1140 with a minimum grade of C-. Counts toward major; majors are exempt from taking PHYS 1130 and do not need to take an additional course to replace 1130. Minors are also exempt from taking PHYS 1130 but must take at least four Bowdoin Physics courses. In order to receive IB credit, students should complete their course requirements before the end of their Junior year.
	w/ Optics	6	2*	PHYS 1130 & PHYS 1140	*Must complete PHYS 2130 with a minimum grade of C-. Counts toward major; majors are exempt from taking PHYS 1130 and 1140 and do not need to take additional courses to replace 1130/1140. Minors are also exempt from taking PHYS 1130 and 1140 but must take at least four Bowdoin Physics courses. Only 1 credit will be awarded if a student elects to take PHYS 1140 (must complete PHYS 1140 with a minimum grade of C-). In order to receive IB credit, students should complete their course requirements before the end of their Junior year.
Psychology	Psychology	5	0	PSYC 1101	No major/minor credit; students are exempt from taking PSYC 1101 but must take an additional course to replace 1101.
Sociology & Anthropology	Sociology & Anthropology				Consult the department regarding credit
Hispanic Studies	Spanish	6	1*	n/a	*Must complete HISP 2305 or higher level course with a minimum grade of B-. Credit will not be given if a student places into, or elects to take, a course lower than HISP 2305. Regardless of IB score, all students must take the placement exam. No major/minor credit.
Visual Arts	Visual Arts				Consult the Art department regarding credit