

International Baccalaureate Exam Regulations for Students Matriculating in Fall 2019

Subject	Exam	Minimum IB Score (Higher Level Only)	College Credit	Equivalent Course	Additional Information
Anthropology	Anthropology				Consult the anthropology department regarding credit
Biology	Biology	n/a	0	n/a	Scores, in addition to the Biology placement exam, are only used for placement and may not be used to fulfill any of the course requirements for the major.
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	n/a	0	n/a	Scores, in addition to the placement exam, are only used for placement.
Economics	Economics	6	1*	ECON 1101 & ECON 1102	*Eligible for placement into courses requiring either ECON 1101 and/or ECON 1102 and receive 1 general credit. No major/minor credit.
English	English	6	1*	n/a	*Must complete an English course, not including ENGL 1050, ENGL 1060, ENGL 1070, or creative writing courses (numbered 1200-1299 and 2850-2899) with a minimum grade of B-. No major/minor credit.
Environmental Science	Environmental Science	5	1*	n/a	*Must complete ENVS 2201 with a minimum grade of B-. If the student declares a coordinate major in ES, has a score of 5 on the AP exam, and takes ES 2201 with a minimum grade of B-, the student is exempt from taking an introductory science course and does not need to replace it with another course to satisfy major/minor requirements.
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.
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.
History	History	5	1*	n/a	*Must complete a HIST 2000 level course or higher with a minimum grade of B. No major/minor credit. 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*	MUS 1401	*Students who received IB scores of 6 or higher on the Music Theory IB examination should take the music placement exam. Placement into MUS 2403 results in one credit that is the equivalent of MUS 1401. If a student earns a grade of C- or higher in MUS 2403, this credit can count toward the major. Placement into MUS 1401 or MUS 1051 results in no credit.
Physics	Physics without Optics	6	1*	PHYS 1130	*Must complete PHYS 1140 with a minimum grade of C- (not taken Credit/D/Fail). 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.
	Physics with Optics	6	1*	PHYS 1130	*Must complete PHYS 1140 or PHYS 2130 with a minimum grade of C- (not taken Credit/D/Fail). Counts toward major; majors are exempt from taking PHYS 1130 and do not need to take additional courses 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.
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	Sociology				Consult the sociology department regarding credit
Visual Arts	Visual Arts				Consult the visual art department regarding credit