



Minnesota State Colleges and Universities  
System Procedures  
Chapter 3 – Educational Policies

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### Procedure 3.16.1 International Baccalaureate Credit

#### Part 1. Credit for International Baccalaureate.

**Subpart A. IB diploma.** Students who attain an International Baccalaureate (IB) diploma shall be granted six (6) lower division course credits for scores of 4 or higher on Higher Level IB examinations and two (2) lower division course credits for scores of 4 or higher on Standard Level IB examinations.

#### Subpart B. Individual IB examinations.

1. **Higher level examinations.** A student shall receive three (3) or more course credits for scores of 4 or higher on individual Higher Level IB examinations.
2. **Standard level examinations.** A student shall receive two (2) or more credits for scores of 4 or higher on individual Standard Level IB examinations.

**Part 2. Equivalent Course Credit.** A college or university shall grant equivalent course credit for a specific lower division college course for each IB examination that covers substantially similar material. Equivalent course credits may be applied to certificate, diploma and/or degree programs as either a required course or as an elective course.

**Part 3. Non-equivalent Course Credit.** A college or university shall grant a minimum of three (3) lower division elective course credits when a student presents a score of 4 or higher on a Higher Level IB examination or two (2) lower division elective course credits for a score of 4 or higher on a Standard Level IB examination that covers material that is not substantially similar or equivalent to an existing lower division course offered by the college or university. Non-equivalent course credits may be applied to certificate, diploma and/or degree programs as elective courses.

**Part 4. Credit Limit.** Each system college or university shall not limit the total number of credits a student may earn through IB examinations so long as the total of earned credits does not contradict the intent of Board Policy 3.36 Academic Programs or the institution's residency policy that establishes the number of credits taught by the faculty recommending the awarding of the diploma or degree.

**Part 5. Transfer of Credit.** A student who transfers to another institution within the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities shall have credits granted for IB examinations evaluated in accordance with Board Policy 3.37 and System Procedure 3.37.1 Minnesota Transfer Curriculum, and Board Policy 3.21 and System Procedure 3.21.1 Undergraduate Credit Transfer.

**Part 6. Implementation.**

**Subpart A. Student responsibility.** A student must arrange for an official report of IB examination scores to be sent from IB to a college or university in order to receive credit.

**Subpart B. College or university responsibility.** Each college and university shall establish procedures for implementing Board Policy 3.16 and System Procedure 3.16.1 International Baccalaureate Credit that shall include, but not be limited to, the following information:

1. a list of courses determined to be equivalent to each IB examination and the number of credits granted for each examination; and
2. a statement of the means by which students are informed of and advised about the use of IB examinations, such as the college catalog, website, counseling and advising materials, and other resources.

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