

High school students who take International Baccalaureate (IB) courses receive a “subject score” based on externally assessed coursework and a final exam. At USHE institutions, a score of 4 or higher earns college credit. Most of this credit counts toward general education requirements, which are necessary for college graduation and transferable between colleges. Earning different types of general education credit helps you progress toward college graduation.

First Step: Select one AP class from each of the eight general education categories. Speak with the high school IB Coordinator or an academic advisor, preferably from the campus you intend to enroll in after high school, to confirm the type of general education credit you receive for different IB exams.

Core General Education Credit (12 credits)

Complete 12 core genEd credits from among Written Communication, Quantitative Literacy, and American Institutions.

Written Communication (3 credits)

General Education Courses	AP Course	Exam Score
ENGL/WRTG 1010 <i>Intro to College Writing</i> + ENGL 2200 <i>Understanding Literature</i> (see Humanities)	IB Language A: Language & Literature – English HL	4+
ENGL 2010/2015 <i>Intermediate Writing</i>	NA	-

Quantitative Literacy (3 credits) – Select one AP Exam

General Education Courses	AP Course	Exam Score
MATH 1050 <i>College Algebra</i>	IB Math: Analysis & Approaches SL	4+
MATH 1050 <i>College Algebra</i> + MATH 1060 <i>Trig</i> or MATH 1080 <i>Precalculus</i>	IB Math: Analysis & Approaches HL	4
MATH 1210 <i>Calculus I</i>	IB Math: Analysis & Approaches HL	5-7
MATH 1050 <i>College Algebra</i>	IB Math: Application & Interpretation HL	4
MATH 1050 <i>College Algebra</i> + MATH 1060 <i>Trig</i> or MATH 1080 <i>Precalculus</i>	IB Math: Application & Interpretation HL	5-7

American Institutions (3 credits) – Select one AP Exam

General Education Courses	AP Course	Exam Score
HIST 1700 <i>American History</i>	NA	-
POLS 1100 <i>American Government</i>	NA	-

Breadth General Education Credit (15-18 credits)

Complete 15-18 breadth genEd credits from among the Arts, Humanities, Social & Behavioral Science, Life Science, and Physical Science – one course or course plus lab from each area.

The Arts – Select one IB Exam

General Education Courses	AP Course	Exam Score
ART 1010 <i>Intro to Visual Arts</i>	IB Visual Art HL and SL	4+
DANC 1010 <i>Intro to Dance</i>	IB Dance HL and SL	4+
THEA 1013 <i>Intro/Understanding Theatre</i>	IB Theatre HL and SL	4+
THEA 1023 <i>Intro to Film</i>	IB Film HL and SL	4+
MUSC 1010 <i>Intro to Music</i>	IB Music HL	4+

Humanities – Select one IB Exam

General Education Courses	AP Course	Exam Score
ENGL 2200 <i>Understanding Literature</i>	IB Language A: Language & Literature – English SL	4+
ENGL 2200 <i>Understanding Literature</i> + ENGL 1010 <i>Intro to Writing</i> (see Written Communication)	IB Language A: Language & Literature – English HL	4+
ENGL 2200 <i>Understanding Literature</i>	IB Language A: Literature – English HL	4+
HIST 1510 + <i>World History from 1500 to Present</i>	IB History HL	4+

+ count as Humanities or Social Science Breadth at different institutions. Consult an academic advisor at the college or university you plan to attend.

Social & Behavioral Science – Select one IB Exam

General Education Courses	AP Course	Exam Score
ECON 1010 <i>Intro to Economics</i>	IB Economics SL	4+
ECON 2010 <i>Microeconomics</i> + ECON 2020 <i>Macroeconomics</i>	IB Economics HL	4+
GEOG 1300 OR 1400 <i>World OR Human Geography</i>	IB Geography SL	4+
GEOG 1000 <i>Intro th Geography</i> + GEOG 1300 OR 1400 <i>World OR Human Geography</i>	IB Geography HL	4+
PSY 1010 <i>Intro to Psychology</i>	IB Psychology SL OR HL	4+

Life Science – Select one IB Exam

General Education Courses	AP Course	Exam Score
BIOL/ZOOL 1010 <i>General Biology/Zoology</i>	IB Biology SL	4+
BIOL/ZOOL 1610 <i>Principles of Biology/Zoology</i>	IB Biology HL	4+

Physical Science – Select one IB Exam

General Education Courses	AP Course	Exam Score
CHEM 1010 <i>Intro to Chemistry</i>	IB Chemistry HL	4+
PHYS 1010 <i>Elementary Physics</i> #	IB Physics SL	4+
PHYS 2010 <i>College Physics I</i> + PHYS 2020 <i>College Physics II</i>	IB Physics HL	4+

Snow, SUU, USU, and UT offer a 1 credit PHYS 1015 lab. These four institutions also award the lab credit.

How do IB courses fulfill high school graduation requirements?

Language Arts

(4.0 HS units)

HS Graduation Requirement	IB Course(s) meet HS requirement	USHE Course Credit for 4+	USHE GenEd
Language Arts 9	NA	Secondary only	-
Language Arts 10	NA	Secondary only	-
Language Arts 11, 12, or Applied and Advanced	IB Language A: Lang & Lit – English HL	ENGL 1010 + ENGL 2200	C + H
Language Arts 11, 12, or Applied and Advanced	IB Language A: Lang & Lit – English	ENGL 2200	H
Language Arts 11, 12, or Applied and Advanced	IB Language SL A: Literature – English HL	ENGL 2200	H

Mathematics

(3.0 HS units)

HS Graduation Requirement	IB Course(s) meet HS requirement	USHE Course Credit for 4 (some awards vary for 5+)	USHE GenEd
Secondary Math 1	NA	Secondary only	-
Secondary Math 2	NA	Secondary only	-
Secondary Math 3	NA	Secondary only	-
Mathematics Advanced Course #	IB Math: Analysis & Approaches SL	MATH 1050	QL
Mathematics Advanced Course #	IB Math: Analysis & Approaches HL	MATH 1050 + MATH 1060 or MATH 1080	QL
Mathematics Advanced Course #	IB Math: Application & Interpretation SL	3 QL credits. Ask an advisor for info.	QL
Mathematics Advanced Course #	IB Math: Application & Interpretation HL	MATH 1050	QL

Secondary Math 3 is pre-requisite.

Social Studies

(3.0 units)

HS Graduation Requirement	IB Course(s) meet HS requirement	USHE Course Credit for 4+	USHE GenEd
World Geography (0.5)	IB Geography SL	GEOG 1300 or GEOG 1400	SS
World Geography (0.5)	IB Geography HL	GEOG 1000 + GEOG 1300 or 1400	SS
World History/World Civilization (0.5)	IB History HL	HIST 1510	H or SS +
US History 2 (1.0)	NA	-	-
US Government and Citizenship (0.5)	NA	-	-
Social Studies Applied or Advanced Courses #	IB Economics SL	ECON 1010	SS
Social Studies Applied or Advanced Courses #	IB Economics HL	ECON 2010 + ECON 2020	SS
Social Studies Applied or Advanced Courses #	IB Psychology HL or SL	PSY 1010	SS

* Snow and UVU do not offer HIST 1100, instead award genEd credit. + counts as Humanities or Social Science Breadth at different institutions.

Select 2.5 units from foundational required courses and .5 units from either foundational or Applied and Advanced.

Science

(3.0 HS units) from at least two quadrants

HS Graduation Requirement	IB Course(s) meet HS requirement	USHE Course Credit for 4+ (some awards vary for a 4-5)	USHE GenEd
Foundation Science *	IB Biology SL	BIOL 1010	LS
Foundation Science *	IB Biology HL	BIOL 1610	LS
Foundation Science *	IB Chemistry HL	CHEM 1010	PS
Foundation Science *	IB Physics SL	PHYS 1010	PS
Foundation Science *	IB Physics HL	PHYS 2010 + PHYS 2020	PS
Foundation Science *	IB Environmental Systems and Tech SL	Prefix & Numbers vary	LS OR PS

* Select 2 from different disciplines; select 1 or more from Foundational Science or 1 Applied or Advanced Science. All AP courses are foundation science credit.

The Arts

(1.5 HS unit)

HS Graduation Requirement	IB Course(s) meet HS requirement	USHE Course Credit for 4+	USHE GenEd
Visual Art, Dance, Music, Theatre	IB Visual Art HL and SL	ART 1010	AR
Visual Art, Dance, Music, Theatre	IB Dance HL and SL	DANC 1010	AR
Visual Art, Dance, Music, Theatre	IB Music HL	MUSC 1010	AR
Visual Art, Dance, Music, Theatre	IB Theatre HL and SL	THEA 1013	AR
Visual Art, Dance, Music, Theatre	IB Film HL and SL	THEA 1023	AR

World Languages

(optional for HS graduations)

HS Graduation Requirement	IB Course(s) meet HS requirement	USHE Course Credit for 4+ (some awards vary for a 4-5)	USHE GenEd
-	IB Language – ab initio Chinese IB Language – ab initio French IB Language – ab initio German IB Language – ab initio Japanese IB Language – initio Spanish IB Language B Chinese IB Language B French IB Language B German IB Language B Spanish	USHE institutions offer credit for AP World Languages exam scores of 4+.	-

Literacy

(1.0 HS units)

HS Graduation Requirement	IB Course(s) meet HS requirement	USHE Course Credit for 4+	USHE GenEd
Digital Studies (0.5)	NA	-	-
Financial Literacy (0.5)	NA	-	-

Career & Tech Education (CTE)

(1.0 HS units)

HS Graduation Requirement	IB Course(s) meet HS requirement	USHE Course Credit for 4+	USHE GenEd
-	IB Business Management HL or SL	Business elective credit	-
-	IB Computer Science SL	CS 1030 (Snow/CS elective)	-
-	IB Sports, Exercise & Health Science SL	Prefix and number vary	-

Required Health & Fitness

(2.0 HS units)

HS Graduation Requirement	IB Course(s) meet HS requirement	USHE Course Credit for 4+	USHE GenEd
Participation Skills (0.5)	NA	Secondary only	-
Fitness for Life (0.5)	NA	Secondary only	-
Health II (0.5)	NA	Secondary only	-
Elective PE (0.5)	NA	Secondary only	-

Elective Credit

(5.5 HS unit)

HS Graduation Requirement	IB Course(s) meet HS requirement	USHE Course Credit for 4+	USHE GenEd
Various courses – see HS counselor	NA	Secondary only	-

IB Exam Credit Advisors at Utah's Public Colleges and Universities

Institution	Advisor/Office	Email	Phone	Website
University of Utah	Undergraduate Studies	credit-prior-learning@utah.edu	-	https://admissions.utah.edu/information-resources/prior-learning-credit/
University of Utah	Registrar's Office	articulation@utah.edu	-	https://admissions.utah.edu/information-resources/prior-learning-credit/
Utah State University	Records Team in Office of the Registrar	records@usu.edu	435-797-1116	https://www.usu.edu/registrar/transfer/credit-by-exam
Weber State University	Transfer Articulation in Registrar's Office	articulation@weber.edu	801-626-6100	https://www.weber.edu/admissions/aptests.html
Weber State University	CE Advising & Outreach	ceadvising@weber.edu	801-626-6100	https://www.weber.edu/admissions/aptests.html
Southern Utah University	Transfer Articulation in Registrar's Office	transferarticulation@suu.edu	-	https://www.suu.edu/credits/
Snow College	Avery Holder in Registrar's Office	avery.holder@snow.edu	435-283-7143	https://snow.edu/catalog/transfer_articulation.html
Utah Tech University	Records Team in Registrar's Office	records@utahtech.edu	435-652-7708	https://catalog.utahtech.edu/campusresources/registration/#creditbyexamtext
Utah Valley University	Transfer Credit Team in Registrar's Office	transfercredit@uvu.edu	801-863-8216	https://www.uvu.edu/transfer/ap-scores/index.html
Salt Lake Community College	Credit for Prior Learning	cpl@slcc.edu	801-957-3828	https://slcc.edu/cpl