

High school students who take an International Baccalaureate (IB) course 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 IB class from each general education category. 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 scores.

USHE General Education Categories		General Education Courses	IB Course	Subj Score
GE Core (12 credits)	Written Communication (6 credits)	ENGL 1010 Intro to College Writing (+ENGL 2200 <i>see Humanities</i>)	IB Language A: Language & Literature – English HL	4+
		ENGL 2010/2015 <i>Intermediate Writing</i>	NA	
	Quantitative Literacy (3 credits) <i>Select ONE IB Exam</i>	MATH 1050 <i>College Algebra</i>	IB Math: Analysis & Approaches SL	4+
		MATH 1050/1060 or MATH 1080 <i>Precalculus</i>	IB Math: Analysis & Approaches HL	4
		MATH 1210 <i>Calculus I</i>		5-7
		MATH 1050 <i>College Algebra</i>	IB Math: Application & Interpretation HL	4
		MATH 1050/1060 or MATH 1080 <i>Precalculus</i>		5-7
	American Institutions (3 credits)	HIST 1700 <i>American History</i>	NA	
		POLS 1100 <i>American Government</i>	NA	
GE Breadth (18-27 credits)	Fine Arts <i>Select ONE IB Exam</i>	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 <i>Select ONE IB Exam</i>	ENGL 2200 <i>Understanding Literature</i>	IB Language A: Language & Literature – English SL	4+
		ENGL 2200 <i>Understanding Literature</i> (+ENGL 1010 <i>see Written Communication</i>)	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+
	Social & Behavioral Science <i>Select ONE IB Exam</i>	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 to 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 <i>Select ONE IB Exam</i>	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 <i>Select ONE IB Exam</i>	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+

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

How do IB courses fulfill high school graduations requirements?

HS Graduation Requirement		IB Course(s) meet HS requirement	USHE Course Credit for 4+ (NOTE: Math awards vary for a 4-5)	USHE GenEd
Language Arts (4.0 HS units)	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 IB Language A: Lang & Lit – English SL IB Language A: Literature – English HL	ENGL 1010 + ENGL 2200 ENGL 2200	C + H H
Mathematics (3.0 HS units)	Secondary Math 1	NA	Secondary only.	
	Secondary Math 2	NA	Secondary only.	
	Secondary Math 3	NA	Secondary only.	
	Mathematics Advanced Course (Secondary Math 3 is pre-requisite)	IB Math: Analysis & Approaches SL IB Math: Analysis & Approaches HL IB Math: Application & Interpretation HL	MATH 1050 MATH 1050+1060 or MATH 1080 (4) MATH 1210 (5+) MATH 1050 (4) MATH 1050+1060 or MATH 1080 (5+)	QL QL QL
Social Studies (3.0 HS units)	Geography (0.5)	IB Geography SL IB Geography HL	GEOG 1300 or GEOG 1400 GEOG 1000 + GEOG 1300 or 1400	SS SS
	American/World Civilization (1.0)	IB History HL	HIST 1510	H or SS
	US History (1.0)	NA		
	US National Government (1.0)	NA		
	Social Studies Applied or Advanced Courses (select 2.5 units from foundational required courses and .5 units from either foundational or Applied and Advanced)	IB Economics SL IB Economics HL	ECON 1010 ECON 2010 and ECON 2020	SS SS
		IB Psychology HL or SL	PSY 1010	SS
Science (3.0 HS units) from at least two quadrants	Foundation Science (select 2 from different disciplines; select 1 more from Foundation Science or 1 Applied or Advanced). All IB courses are foundation science credit.	IB Biology SL	BIOL 1010	LS
		IB Biology HL	BIOL 1610	LS
		IB Chemistry HL	CHEM 1010	PS
		IB Physics SL	PHYS 1010	PS
		IB Physics HL	PHYS 2010 + PHYS 2020	varies
Fine Arts (1.0 HS unit)	Visual Art, Dance, Music, Theatre	IB Environmental Systems and Tech SL	Prefix and number varies	
		IB Visual Art HL and SL	ART 1010	FA
		IB Dance HL and SL	DANC 1010	FA
		IB Music HL	MUSC 1010	FA
		IB Theatre HL and SL	THEA 1013	FA
World Languages (optional for HS graduation)		IB Film HL and SL	THEA 1023	FA
		IB Language – ab initio Chinese	USHE institutions offer credit for IB World Languages exam scores of 4+.	
		IB Language – ab initio French		
		IB Language – ab initio German		
		IB Language – ab initio Japanese		
Literacy (1.0 HS unit)	Digital Studies (0.5)	NA		
	Financial Literacy (0.5)	NA		
Career & Tech Education (CTE) (1.0 HS unit)		IB Business Management HL or SL IB Computer Science SL IB Sports, Exercise & Health Science SL	Elective BUS credit CS/CSIS 1030 (Snow/CS elective cr) Prefix and number varies	
Elective Credit (1.0 HS unit)	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.	

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