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# CPL: SECTION 7-CREDIT BY EXAMINATION INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE (IB)

Credit for Prior Learning Webinar | First Friday of Every Month 1, 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. | Click here (https://vccs.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0qde2srj8vH9UCnc\_y9hgBuARHW4eoXJkU/) to register.

### Steps to Request an Evaluation of IB Credit

- Apply (https://www.apply.vccs.edu/applications/vccs/apply.html? application\_id=4089) for admission and choose a program of study (https://catalog.nvcc.edu/programs/) (declare a major).
- 2. Enroll (https://www.nvcc.edu/admissions/register/) in a credit
- Request the International Baccalaureate Organization (https://www.ibo.org/university-admission/support-students-transition-to-higher-education/requesting-and-sending-transcripts/) to send your official IB score report to NOVA's College Records Office (https://www.nvcc.edu/about/offices/college-records-office/transfer-credit-evaluation.html). If needed, the mailing address is: NVCC College Records Office, FX-P3 3924 Pender Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030.

It takes approximately four to twelve weeks to get credit posted to your record. Updates will be sent to your NOVA student email (https://www.nvcc.edu/student-resources/technology/email.html).

### **About International Baccalaureate (IB) Exams**

The International Baccalaureate (IB) program provides high school students with an opportunity to earn college credit. IB courses, syllabi and exams can exist for two different levels of accomplishment. The Higher Level (HL) syllabus and exam includes material that requires two years of coursework in the chosen subject area. The Standard/Subsidiary Level (SL) syllabus and exam includes material that requires one year of coursework in the chosen subject area. NOVA students who received the appropriate score on IB exams are eligible to earn college-level credit. Please see the table below that denotes the name of the IB Exam, the required score and the corresponding NOVA course and credits. Please note, the accepted NOVA equivalency and the required score for credit may be different depending on which year the student completed an IB exam and when a student submits a request for credit. Faculty review IB equivalencies and adjust CPL policy accordingly on a regular basis.

#### **Business and Hospitality IB Exams**

Name of Exam	Required Score	<b>NOVA Equivalent</b>	Credit(s) Earned
Business	4 or higher	BUS 100	3
Management:			
(Higher Level)			

#### Language IB Exams

Name of Exam	Required Score	NOVA Equivalent	Credit(s) Earned
Arabic Language	4	ARA 101,	12
B: (Higher Level)		ARA 102, and	
		ARA 201	

Arabic Language B: (Higher Level)	5 or higher	ARA 101, ARA 102, ARA 201, and ARA 202	16
Chinese Language B: Mandarin or Cantonese (Higher Level)	4	CHI 201	4
Chinese Language B: Mandarin or Cantonese (Higher Level)	5 or higher	CHI 201 and CHI 202	8
English Language A: Literature (Higher Level)	· 4-5	ENG 111	3
English Language A: Literature (Higher Level)	e 6-7	ENG 111, ENG 112	6
English Language A: Language and Literature (Higher Level)		ENG 111	3
English Language A: Language and Literature (Higher Level)		ENG 111, ENG 112	6
English Language B: (Higher Level)	e 4-7	ENG 111	3
French Language B: (Higher Level)	4	FRE 101 and FRE 102	8
French Language B: (Higher Level)	5	FRE 101, FRE 102, and FRE 201	11
French Language B: (Higher Level)	6 or higher	FRE 101, FRE 102, FRE 201, and FRE 202	14
German Language B: (Higher Level)	4	GER 101 and GER 102	8
German Language B: (Higher Level)	5	GER 101, GER 102, and GER 201	11
German Language B: (Higher Level)	6-7	GER 101, GER 102, GER 201, and GER 202	14
Japanese Language B: (Higher Level)	4	JPN 201	4
Japanese Language B: (Higher Level)	5 or higher	JPN 201 and JPN 202	8
Classical Languages: Latin (Higher Level)	4	LAT 201	3

<sup>1</sup> Except for January 2, 2026

Classical Languages: Latin (Higher Level)	5 or higher	LAT 201, LAT 202	6
Russian Language B: (Higher Level)	4	RUS 201	4
Russian Language B: (Higher Level)	5 or higher	RUS 201 and RUS 202	8
Spanish Language B: (Higher Level)	4	SPA 101 and SPA 102	8
Spanish Language B: (Higher Level)	5	SPA 101, SPA 102, and SPA 201	11
Spanish Language B: (Higher Level)	6-7	SPA 101, SPA 102, SPA 201, and SPA 202	14

### **Mathematics and Computer Science**

Name of Exam	Required Score	NOVA Equivalent	Credit(s) Earned
Computer Science: Standard Level	5 or higher	CSC 222	4
Computer Science: (Higher Level)	4 or higher	CSC 222	4
Math Analysis and Approaches (Higher Level)	4	MTH 167	5
Math Analysis and Approaches (Higher Level)	5 or higher	MTH 263	4
Math Analysis and Approaches: Standard Level	5 or higher	MTH 261	3
Mathematical Studies: Standard Level	5 or higher	MTH 111 or MTH 154 According to the student's program	3
Mathematics: Standard Level	5 or higher	MTH 111, MTH 154, or MTH 161 According to student's program	3
Further Mathematics: (Higher Level)	5 or 6	MTH 263	4
Further Mathematics: (Higher Level)	7 or higher	MTH 245 and MTH 263	7
Mathematics: (Higher Level)	5 or 6	MTH 263	4
Mathematics: (Higher Level)	7 or higher	MTH 263 and MTH 264	8

### **Physical and Life Science IB Exams**

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Name of Exam	Required Score	NOVA Equivalent	Credit(s) Earned
Biology: Standard Level	5 or 6	BIO 101	4
Biology: Standard Level	7	BIO 101 and BIO 102	8
Biology: (Higher Level)	4 or 5	BIO 101	4
Biology: (Higher Level)	6 or 7	BIO 101 and BIO 102	8
Chemistry: Standard Level	4 or 5	CHM 111	4
Chemistry: (Higher Level)	4 or 5	CHM 111	4
Chemistry: (Higher Level)	6 or higher	CHM 111 and CHM 112	8
Environmental Systems and Societies: Standard Level	5 or higher	ENV 121	4
Physics: Standard Level	5 or higher	PHY 201	4
Physics: (Higher Level)	4	PHY 201	4
Physics: (Higher Level)	5 or higher	PHY 201 and PHY 202	8

### **Liberal Arts IB Exams**

Name of Exam	Required Score	<b>NOVA Equivalent</b>	Credit(s) Earned
Art History: Standard Level	5 or higher	ART 101	3
Philosophy: Standard Level	5 or higher	PHI 100	3
Philosophy: (Higher Level)	4 or higher	PHI 100	3

### **Social Science IB Exams**

Required Score	NOVA Equivalent	Credit(s) Earned	
5 or higher	ECO 201	3	
4 or higher	ECO 201 and ECO 202	6	
5 or higher	GEO 210	3	
4 or higher	GEO 220	3	
5	HIS 111	3	
6 or higher	HIS 111 and HIS 112	6	
4	HIS 101	3	
5 or higher	HIS 101 and HIS 102	6	
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History of the Americas: (Higher Level)	4	HIS 121	3
History of the Americas: (Higher Level)	5 or higher	HIS 121 and HIS 122	6
History of Africa and The Middle East: (Higher Level)	4	HIS 111	3
History of Africa and The Middle East: (Higher Level)	5 or higher	HIS 111 and HIS 112	6
History of Asia and Oceania: (Higher Level)	4	HIS 111	3
History of Asia and Oceania: (Higher Level)	5 or higher	HIS 111 and HIS 112	6
History of Europe: (Higher Level)	4	HIS 111	3
History of Europe: (Higher Level)	5 or higher	HIS 111 and HIS 112	6
Psychology: Standard Level	5 or higher	PSY 200	3
Psychology: (Higher Level)	4 or higher	PSY 200	3
Sociology: Standard Level	5 or higher	SOC 211	3
Sociology: (Higher Level)	4 or higher	SOC 211	3

## Visual, Performing, and Media Arts IB Exams

Name of Exam	Required Score	<b>NOVA Equivalent</b>	Credit(s) Earned
Visual Arts: Standard Level	5 or higher	ART 131	3
Visual Arts: (Higher Level)	4	ART 131	3
Visual Arts: (Higher Level)	5 or higher	ART 131 and ART 140	6
Art: (Higher Level)	4	ART 131	3
Art: (Higher Level)	5 or higher	ART 131 and ART 132	6
Theater: Standard Level	5 or higher	CST 131	3
Film: (Higher Level)	4 or higher	CST 151	3
Music: Standard Level	5 or higher	MUS 111	4
Music: (Higher Level)	4	MUS 111	4
Music: (Higher Level)	5 or higher	MUS 111 and MUS 112	8