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International Baccalaureate Program (IB)

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE (IB) PROGRAM

(Sam Houston State University Policy Information – Revised August 26, 2016)

Sam Houston State University recognizes the International Baccalaureate Program for those students who earn the IB diploma/certificate. Although Sam Houston typically accepts a maximum of thirty (30) semester hours of credit through a combination of national standardized examinations and/or locally designed and administered departmental tests, students earning the IB diploma/certificate are capable of earning in excess of those 30 hours.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

- Information on the International Baccalaureate Program may be obtained from high school counselors or by visiting the International Baccalaureate website at www.ibo.org.

LIMITATIONS:

- Students with the IB diploma/certificate will be allowed to gain at least 24 hours of credit provided they score at least a 4 on each exam.
- Specific course prefixes, numbers, and semester credit hours will be awarded for acceptable scores but **no grades** will be awarded.
- Credit will not be awarded for an exam if the student is enrolled in the course or has already taken the course.
- Students without an IB diploma/certificate may earn credit for taking the exam on a case by case basis. In such cases, the various academic departments will determine what level of proficiency is needed to earn credit.

ACCEPTABLE SCORES AND CREDIT:

- An official score report must be received before credit will be awarded.
- Click [here](#) to request your IB score report to be sent to SHSU.
- A student must earn the International Baccalaureate diploma/certificate and receive a score of 4 or above to receive any course credit from the IB exam.
- Students taking IB exams without achieving the IB diploma/certificate will be evaluated on an individual basis.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- Visit our website at www.shsu.edu/centers/testing-center.

- Email test.ctr@shsu.edu
- Visit the office located in Academic Building IV, Room 102
- Call (936) 294-1025
- Write to the Testing Center, Box 2240 SHSU, Huntsville, Texas 77341-2240

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EXAM AREA	LEVEL	SHSU COURSE EQUIVALENT	
Group 1	Level	Course Number	Hours
English	HL	ENGL 1301 and 2332	6
	SL	ENGL 1301	3
Extended Essay	Grade A or B	ENGL 1302	3
Group 2	Level	Course Number	Hours
Spanish	HL	SPAN 1411, 1412, 2311, and 2312	14
	SL	SPAN 1411 and 1412	8
French	HL	FREN 1411, 1412, 2311, and 2312	14
	SL	FREN 1411 and 1412	8
German	HL	GERM 1411, 1412, 2311, and 2312	14
	SL	GERM 1411 and 1412	8
Arabic	SL	ARAB 1411 and 1412	8

Chinese - Cantonese	SL	FOLG 1411 and 1412	8
Chinese – Mandarin	SL	FOLG 1411 and 1412	8
Danish	SL	FOLG 1411 and 1412	8
Hebrew	SL	FOLG 1411 and 1412	8
Hindi	SL	FOLG 1411 and 1412	8
Korean	SL	FOLG 1411 and 1412	8
Norwegian	SL	FOLG 1411 and 1412	8
Portuguese	SL	FOLG 1411 and 1412	8
Russian	SL	FOLG 1411 and 1412	8
Dutch	SL	FOLG 1411 and 1412	8
Finnish	SL	FOLG 1411 and 1412	8
Indonesian	SL	FOLG 1411 and 1412	8
Italian	SL	FOLG 1411 and 1412	8
Japanese	SL	FOLG 1411 and 1412	8
Swedish	SL	FOLG 1411 and 1412	8
Language A1 Self-taught	SL	FOLG 1411 and 1412	8
Group 3	Level	Course Number	Hours
History Europe	HL	HIST 2312 and 1000	6
	SL	HIST 2312	3
History Americas	HL	HIST 1301 and 1302	6
	SL	HIST 1301	3

Economics	HL	ECON 2302 and 2301	6
	SL	ECON 2302	3
Psychology	HL	PSYC 1301 and 2315	6
	SL	PSYC 1301	3
Philosophy	HL	PHIL 2361	3
	SL	PHIL 2361	3
ITGS	HL	SOCI 3381 and 1000	6
	SL	SOCI 3381	3
Group 4	Level	Course Number	Hours
Chemistry	HL	CHEM 1411 and 1412	8
	SL	CHEM 1411	4
Biology	HL	BIOL 1411 and 1413	8
	SL	BIOL 1408	4
Physics	HL	PHYS 1301, 1101, 1302, and 1102	8
	SL	PHYS 1305 and 1105	4
Environmental Systems and Societies	SL	ENVR 1301	3
Group 5	Level	Course Number	Hours
Mathematics	HL	MATH 1420	4
	SL	MATH 1332	3
Mathematical Studies	SL	MATH 1324	3

Further Mathematics	SL	MATH 1316	3
Computer Science	HL	CSTE 1330	3
	SL	CSTE 1330	3
Group 6	Level	Course Number	Hours
Visual Arts A	HL	THEA 1366	3
	SL	THEA 1366	3
Visual Arts B	HL	ARTS 1301	3
	SL	ARTS 1301	3
Music	HL	MUSI 1306	3
	SL	MUSI 1306	3

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