

International Baccalaureate (IB)



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Entities Affected by this Policy

All Students

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I. Introduction

Drexel University recognizes the significance of superior scores earned by incoming freshmen on select higher level or superior IB examinations. Consideration of IB performance may accelerate a student's progress in his/her respective degree program. Students are requested to arrange to have original or certified copy of exam results sent to Drexel University's Office of Admission.

II. Student Options

Drexel University awards advanced standing and/or credit to students who have achieved superior performance on International Baccalaureate (IB) higher-level examinations indicated below. Standard level examinations are not considered.

How credits are applied to a student's degree program depends on the student's choice of major. Students may be required to complete additional coursework to fulfill specific program requirements

and are encouraged to consult with their advisor for additional detail. In consultation with their academic advisor and consideration of major requirements, students may explore:

1. To be placed in an advanced course in the subject for which IB credit is provided,
2. Substitute another course or credit bearing activity in place of the IB subject for which credit is provided,
3. Waive the course and receive course credit towards graduation requirements for specific courses according to departmental guidelines established in an *IB Course Credit Crosswalk*. This Crosswalk is under revision and will be available in winter, 2012. The Crosswalk provides a general overview of IB equivalencies and evaluations. All departments reserve the right to re-evaluate the content of IB exams and change the assignment of credit and course equivalencies.

Placement into advanced courses will be deliberated, given advanced course demands, between the student and advisor.

III. Credit Evaluation

Students' IB scores and credit are evaluated the year in which they matriculate according to IB equivalency assessments in place for that year. It is expected that students will have the IB examination scores submitted for evaluation prior to matriculation in order to facilitate a timely assessment of the scores and equivalent coursework for program planning. Students may not apply for IB credit after they matriculate, as IB credit will not be assigned to the record retroactively.

Students may not receive IB credit for an equivalent course taken at Drexel University or elsewhere. If a student earns credit in a course that is equivalent to an IB examination for which he or she has already earned credit, the IB examination credit will be removed from the academic record.

IV. Accelerated Programs

Students enrolled in a Drexel accelerated degree program -- eg., BS/MS, BS/Ph, BS/MD, BS/JD, BS/MBA -- are encouraged to consult with their advisor, regarding IB course credit, waiving of credit and course progression.

V. Restrictions

The University reserves the right to refuse certain IB credits if issues regarding the likelihood of success or progression within the program of study arise or if program requirements dictate. Certain departments such as English, Mathematics, Chemistry and Physics have separate criteria for placement into courses. All entering freshmen are expected to participate in placement examinations to ensure

that they possess the critical skills and knowledge in the content area. Placement outcomes will be evaluated against IB scores to ensure that students are enrolled into courses for which they are well prepared.

IB credit may impact student status and consequently, billing status (please see [billing guidelines](#)). Students who accelerate in their program plan due to application of IB course credit and credit, should explore program and co-op plans with their academic and co-op advisors.

These policies are in effect for incoming freshman students entering during the 2012 academic year. IB policy review is under ongoing departmental review and policies remain subject to change without notice. Students should review these policies periodically.

A. Requirements for Consideration

IB advanced standing and /or credit will be considered for the following examinations:

| Examination | High or Superior Score |
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| Biology | 6,7 |
| Chemistry | 6,7 |
| English A/B | 6,7 |
| Geography | 6,7 |
| History - Americas | 6,7 |
| History - Europe | 6,7 |

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| Mathematics 121,122 | 6,7 |
| Mathematics 121,122,123 | 6,7 |
| Physics | 6,7 |
| Psychology 101 | 6,7 |