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IB ANTHROPOLOGY, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL HL	Not Applicable 0 units	0 units	Not Applicable 0 units	6 units	5.3 units
IB BIOLOGY HL	Area 5 – Plan 1 Area 5A – Plan 3 3 units	3 units	Area 5B (No Lab) 3 units	6 units	5.3 units
IB BUSINESS MANAGEMENT HL (Beginning Fall 2026)	Not Applicable 0 units	0 units	Not Applicable 0 units	6 units	5.3 units
IB CHEMISTRY HL	Area 5 – Plan 1 Area 5A – Plan 3 3 units	3 units	Area 5A (No Lab) 3 units	6 units	5.3 units
IB COMPUTER SCIENCE HL (Beginning Fall 2026)	Not Applicable 0 units	0 units	Not Applicable 0 units	6 units	5.3 units
IB DESIGN TECHNOLOGY HL	Not Applicable 0 units	0 units	Not Applicable 0 units	6 units	0 units
IB DANCE HL	Not Applicable 0 units	0 units	Not Applicable 0 units	6 units	0 units
HL DIGITAL SOCIETY HL	Not Applicable 0 units	0 units	Not Applicable 0 units	6 units	0 units
IB ECONOMICS HL	Area 4B – Plan 1 Area 4 – Plan 3 3 units	3 units	Area 4 3 units	6 units	5.3 units
IB ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEMS AND SOCIETIES HL	Not Applicable 0 units	0 units	Not Applicable 0 units	6 units	0 units
IB FILM HL	Not Applicable 0 units	0 units	Not Applicable 0 units	6 units	0 units
IB GEOGRAPHY HL	Area 4B – Plan 1 Area 4 – Plan 3 3 units	3 units	Area 4 3 units	6 units	5.3 units
IB GLOBAL POLITICS HL	Not Applicable 0 units	0 units	Not Applicable 0 units	3 units	0 units
IB HISTORY (ANY REGION ^{&}) HL	Area 3B or 4B – Plan 1 Area 3B or 4 – Plan 3 3 units	3 units	Area 3B or 4 3 units	6 units	5.3 units
IB LANGUAGE A: LITERATURE HL [∞] (Any Language, except English)	Area 3B 3 units	3 units	Area 3B 3 units	6 units ^Δ	5.3 units
IB LANGUAGE A: LANG. & LITERATURE HL [∞] (Any Language, except English)	Area 3B 3 units	3 units	Area 3B 3 units	6 units ^Δ	5.3 units
IB LANGUAGE A/A1: LITERATURE HL [∞] (Any Language) (CSU: Prior to Fall 2013)	Area 3B 3 units	3 units	Area 3B 3 units	6 units ^Δ	5.3 units
IB LANGUAGE A/A2: LANGUAGE & LITERATURE HL [∞] (Any Language) (CSU: Prior to Fall 2013)	Area 3B 3 units	3 units	Area 3B 3 units	6 units ^Δ	5.3 units
IB LANGUAGE B HL [∞] (Any Language)	Not Applicable 0 units	0 units	Not Applicable 0 units	6 units ^Δ	5.3 units
IB MATHEMATICS HL (CSU: Prior to Fall 2022) (UC: Prior to Fall 2020)	Area 2 3 units	3 units	Area 2 3 units	6 units ^Δ	5.3 units
IB MATHEMATICS HL: ANALYSIS & APPROACHES [@] (May 2027) (Beginning Fall 2021)	Area 2 3 units	3 units	Area 2 3 units	6 units ^Δ	5.3 units

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IB MATHEMATICS HL: APPLICATIONS & INTERPRETATION® (MAY 2027) (UC: No credit for exams Fall 2021 and later)	Area 2 3 units	3 units	Area 2 3 units (may not be at all UC)	6 units ^Δ	5.3 units (may not be at all UC)
IB MUSIC HL	Not Applicable 0 units	0 units	Not Applicable 0 units	6 units	5.3 units
IB PHILOSOPHY HL	Not Applicable 0 units	0 units	Not Applicable 0 units	6 units	5.3 units
IB PHYSICS HL	Area 5 – Plan 1 Area 5A – Plan 3 3 units	3 units	Area 5A (No Lab) 3 units	6 units	5.3 units
IB PSYCHOLOGY HL	Area 4B – Plan 1 Area 4 – Plan 3 3 units	3 units	Area 4 3 units	3 units	5.3 units
IB SPORTS, EXERCISE AND HEALTH SCIENCE HL	Not Applicable 0 units	0 units	Not Applicable 0 units	6 units	0 units
IB THEATRE HL	Area 3A or 3B 3 units	3 units	Area 3A 3 units	6 units ^Δ	5.3 units
IB VISUAL ARTS HL	Not Applicable 0 units	0 units	Not Applicable 0 units	6 units	5.3 units
IB WORLD RELIGIONS HL (Beginning Fall 2026)	Not Applicable 0 units	0 units	Not Applicable 0 units	6 units	0 units

Santiago Canyon College Notes:

Santiago Canyon College grants unit credit for International Baccalaureate (IB) Exams with the scores outlined in the guide. Official IB score reports/transcripts must be emailed directly from the International Baccalaureate organization (<https://www.ibo.org/programmes/diploma-programme/assessment-and-exams/getting-results/>) to SCC's Admissions & Records Office, admissions@sccollege.edu

It is strongly advised students meet with an SCC counselor, as course credit and units granted for local SCC Associate of Arts or Associate of Science degrees may differ from course credit and units granted by a transfer institution. Credit granted for AP, CLEP, or IB cannot be used to meet Santiago Canyon College's 12-unit residency requirement for Associate degrees. ***It is recommended that students do not enroll in a college course comparable to an IB Exam, as credit limitations may be applied by SCC, CSU, or a UC Campus.***

California State University (CSU) Notes:

1. The IB exams listed above may be used to fulfill the CSU General Education requirements for certification. All CSU campuses will accept the minimum units shown if the examination is included in full certification; individual CSU campuses may accept more units than those specified for completing general education requirements.
2. The column reflects the CSU system-wide minimum units awarded per exam for CSU admission eligibility. Some CSU campuses may award more than the minimum listed in the column; consult each CSU catalog for further information.

∞ - The IB curriculum offers language at various levels for native and non-native speakers. Language B courses are offered at the intermediate level for non-natives. Language A1 and A2 are advanced courses in literature for native and non-native speakers, respectively.

If a student passes more than one CLEP test in the same language other than English (e.g., two exams in French), then only one examination may be applied to the baccalaureate. For each test in a language other than English, a passing score of 50 is considered "Level I" and earns six units of baccalaureate credit; the higher score listed for each test is considered "Level II" and earns additional units of credit and placement in Area C2 of GE Breadth, as noted.



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Δ - CSU accepts a score of 4 or higher for each of these exams.

@ - If a student passes more than one IB exam in mathematics or computer science, credit for only one exam may be applied to the baccalaureate, effective May 2027.

& - IB History (any region) HL includes: History of: Aisa, the Americas, Southeast Asia & Oceania, Eourpe & The Islamic World, Europe & The Middle East, and World History (20th Century).

University of California (UC) Notes:

1. The column lists how each IB exam may be applied to one Cal-GETC area as satisfying one-course requirement. Exams may be used regardless of when the exam was taken.
2. This column reflects the University of California system-wide minimum units awarded per IB exam for UC admissions eligibility.

& - IB History (any region) HL includes: History of: Aisa, the Americas, Southeast Asia & Oceania, Eourpe & The Islamic World, Europe & The Middle East, and World History (20th Century).

The International Baccalaureate (IB) Organization awards a diploma or a certificate for individual IB exams. UC awards students who complete the IB diploma with a score of 30 or above with 6 quarter (4 semester) units toward their UC degree, in addition to the units earned for individual Higher-Level exams (usually 24 quarter/16 semester units). Students who receive IB certificates with scores of 5, 6 or 7 on Higher-Level exams will receive 8 quarter (5.3 semester) units per exam.

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Designated examinations are awarded elective units which may be applied to UC graduation requirements for specific subjects and/or for general education/breadth requirements, as determined by each campus.

The units granted for IB exams are not counted toward the maximum number of credits required for declaration of a major or the maximum number of units a student may accumulate prior to graduation. Students who enter the UC with IB credit do not have to declare a major earlier than other students, nor are they required to graduate earlier.

- The UC Policy for IB credit:

<https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/admission-requirements/ap-exam-credits/ib-credits.html>

- The CSU system-wide minimums policy, CSU Systemwide Credit for External Examinations governing the use of these and other IB exams for awarding general education credit

<https://calstate.policystat.com/policy/17947386/latest>