

**SANTIAGO CANYON COLLEGE – INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE (IB) EXAMINATION  
GUIDE AND POLICIES – 2025-2026** (Revised 05/28/25-LA)

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE (IB) EXAMINATION	SCC Plan 1/Plan 3 GE AREA SEMESTER UNITS AWARDED	SCC MINIMUM AA/AS SEMESTER UNITS AWARDED	CSU & UC Cal-GETC CERTIFICATION GE AREA UNITS AWARDED <small>CSU &amp; UC NOTE 1</small>	CSU MINIMUM TRANSFER ADMISSION SEMESTER UNITS AWARDED <small>CSU NOTE 2</small>	UC MINIMUM TRANSFER ADMISSION SEMESTER UNITS AWARDED <small>UC NOTE 2</small>
IB BIOLOGY HL	Area 5A 3 units	3 units	Area 5B (No Lab) 3 units	6 units	5.3 Units
IB CHEMISTRY HL	Area 5A 3 units	3 units	Area 5A (No Lab) 3 units	6 units	5.3 Units
IB ECONOMICS HL	Area 4 3 units	3 units	Area 4 3 units	6 units	5.3 Units
IB GEOGRAPHY HL	Area 4 3 units	3 units	Area 4 3 units	6 units	5.3 Units
IB HISTORY (ANY REGION) HL	Area 3B or 4 3 units	3 units	Area 3B or 4 3 units	6 units	5.3 Units
IB LANGUAGE A: LITERATURE HL <sup>∞</sup> (Any Language, except English)	Area 3B 3 units	3 units	Area 3B 3 units	6 units <sup>Δ</sup>	5.3 Units
IB LANGUAGE A: LANGUAGE & LITERATURE HL <sup>∞</sup> (Any Language, except English)	Area 3B 3 units	3 units	Area 3B 3 units	6 units <sup>Δ</sup>	5.3 Units
IB LANGUAGE A/A1: LITERATURE HL <sup>∞</sup> (Any Language) (CSU: Prior to FA'13)	Area 3B 3 units	3 units	Area 3B 3 units	6 units <sup>Δ</sup>	5.3 Units
IB LANGUAGE A/A2: LANGUAGE & LITERATURE HL <sup>∞</sup> (Any Language) (CSU: Prior to F'13)	Area 3B 3 units	3 units	Area 3B 3 units	6 units <sup>Δ</sup>	5.3 Units
IB LANGUAGE B HL <sup>∞</sup> (Any Language)	Not Applicable 0 units	0 units	Not Applicable 0 units	6 units <sup>Δ</sup>	5.3 Units
IB MATHEMATICS HL (CSU: Prior to F'22) (UC: Prior to F'20)	Area 2 3 units	3 units	Area 2 3 units	6 units <sup>Δ</sup>	5.3 Units (Prior to FA 20)
IB MATHEMATICS HL: ANALYSIS & APPROACHES	Area 2 3 units	3 units	Area 2 3 units	6 units <sup>Δ</sup>	5.3 Units (Beginning FA 21)
IB MATHEMATICS HL: APPLICATIONS & INTERPRETATION (UC: No credit for exam offered F'21 and later)	Area 2 3 units	3 units	Area 2 3 units (may not be at all UC)	6 units <sup>Δ</sup>	0 Units (No credit for exam offered F'21 and later)
IB PHYSICS HL	Area 5A 3 units	3 units	Area 5A (No Lab) 3 units	6 units	5.3 Units
IB PSYCHOLOGY HL	Area 4 3 units	3 units	Area 4 3 units	3 units	5.3 Units
IB THEATRE HL	Area 3A or 3B 3 units	3 units	Area 3A 3 units	6 units <sup>Δ</sup>	5.3 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](mailto: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.***

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### 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.

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

### 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.

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.

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.

Actual IB transfer credit (including possible differences in units to be awarded beyond those used for Cal-GETC certification) awarded for these and other IB exams at admission is determined by the CSU and UC.

- 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>