

THE INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE (IB)
Departmental Policies
Higher Level (HL)
Standard Level (SL)

ANTHROPOLOGY

Social and cultural anthropology

The student must contact the department chair for the current policy and approval.

ART

Visual Arts

The student must contact the department chair for the current policy and approval.

BIOLOGY

Biology

Students earning a score of 6 or 7 with an IB Diploma will receive one (1) Hamilton College unit of elective credit upon completion of BIO 100 with a grade of B or better. The Registrar's Office may grant approval.

Business Management

Not acceptable for transfer credit.

CHEMISTRY

Chemistry

Students having obtained a 6/7 on the IB exam and who, through their performance on the chemistry placement exam, place into Chemistry 190 will receive 1 credit upon completion of Chemistry 190 as their first course in Chemistry with a minimum grade of C-. If a student places into Chemistry 120 through the placement exam or elects to enroll in CHEM 120 despite placement through the test into 190, no credit will be given. Students may take the placement exam during the first week of the fall or spring semester by contacting the Chemistry department chair.

CINEMA AND MEDIA STUDIES

Film

The student must contact the program director for the current policy and approval.

COMPUTER SCIENCE

Computer Science

Per department decision-no credit is given for the course.

DANCE AND MOVEMENT STUDIES

Dance

The student must contact the department chair for the current policy and approval.

Design Technology

Not acceptable for transfer credit.

EAST ASIAN LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES

Chinese

Students earning a score of 5 or higher on the SL or HL will receive one (1) Hamilton College unit of credit upon completion of Chinese 140 or a higher-level Chinese language course with a B- or better in the course. The student must also take a placement exam and petition the department for approval.

Japanese

Students earning a score of 5 or higher on the SL or HL will receive one (1) Hamilton College unit of credit upon completion of Japanese 140 with a B- or better in the course. The student must also take a placement exam and petition the department for approval.

ECONOMICS

Economics

Students earning a score of 6 or 7 on the HL with an IB Diploma place out of ECON 100. If a student receives a B- or better in ECON 166, they will receive credit for ECON 100. The granted ECON 100 credit may apply toward an Economics concentration or minor. The Registrar's Office may grant approval.

Extended Essay

Credit is at the discretion of the applicable department the essay was written in.

FRENCH AND FRANCOPHONE STUDIES

French

Students earning a score of 6 or higher on the SL or 5 or higher on the HL will receive one (1) Hamilton College unit of elective credit upon completion of a full credit 200-level French course (taught in French) with a B or better in the course. The IB French transfer credit may not count toward the French and Francophone Studies concentration or minor. The Registrar's Office may grant approval.

Geography

Students earning a score of 5 or higher will receive one (1) Hamilton College unit of elective credit. The Registrar's Office may grant approval.

GOVERNMENT

Global Politics

Students earning a score of 6 or higher on the SL or 5 or higher on the HL will receive one (1) Hamilton College unit of GOVT 114 credit upon completion of any 200-level International Relations course with a B or better in the course. Such students should **NOT** take GOVT 114; the IB scores will count as their prerequisite for 200-level International Relations courses. The IB GOVT transfer credit may not count toward a Government concentration or minor. The Registrar's Office may grant approval.

HISPANIC STUDIES

Spanish

Students earning a score of 6 or higher on the SL or 5 or higher on the HL will receive one (1) Hamilton College unit of elective credit upon completion of a 200-level Hispanic Studies course with a B- or better in the course. The Registrar's Office may grant approval.

HISTORY

History

Students earning a score of 4 or higher will receive one (1) Hamilton College unit of elective credit upon completion of a 100-level writing-intensive history course with a C- or better in the course. The IB History transfer credit may not count toward a History concentration or minor. The Registrar's Office may grant approval.

Information Technology in a Global Society

The student must contact the department chair for the current policy and approval.

LITERATURE AND CREATIVE WRITING

Language A: Literature

Language B: Language and Literature

Literature and Performance

Students earning a score of 6 or 7 will received one (1) credit toward general graduation requirements upon completion of a 100-level or 200-level writing-intensive course in the Literature Department during their first two years at Hamilton College with a minimum grade of B- (in addition to the credit earned for the course).

Students can only receive a total of one (1) unit of credit from either the Extended Essay in Language and Literature, the Language A: Literature course, the Language A: Language and Literature course, or the Literature and Performance course. This credit will not count toward the concentration. The Registrar's Office may grant approval.

MATHEMATICS AND STATISTICS

Mathematics: analysis and approaches SL

Mathematics: analysis and approaches HL

Mathematics: applications & interpretation SL

Mathematics: applications & interpretation HL

The Mathematics and Statistics department does not give automatic credit to students who have taken an IB math curriculum, but a student can earn one (1) extra Hamilton College credit if they place into either Math 116 or Math 216 and complete that course with a grade of C- or higher. Placement is determined by the Mathematics and Statistics department based on the combination of their IB background with their score on Hamilton's math placement exam, and all students who have taken IB math and who want to continue with math at Hamilton should take both the departmental placement survey and the departmental placement exam.

Normally, students who have completed an HL curriculum of IB math place into either 116 or 216; students who have completed an SL curriculum of IB math normally place into either 113 or 116. Students who score a 6 or 7 on the HL IB exam are not eligible to take Math 113. Credit for Math 113 counts towards graduation but does not count toward any concentration or minor in mathematics, statistics, or data science.

MUSIC

Music

The student must contact the department chair for the current policy and approval.

PHILOSOPHY

Philosophy

The student must contact the department chair for the current policy and approval.

PHYSICS

Physics

Students should consult with the department about placement but will not receive course credit.

PSYCHOLOGY

Psychology

Students earning a score of 6 or 7 on the SL or a 5, 6 or 7 on the HL with an IB Diploma place out of the required full-credit 100-level Psychology course and into a 200-level course. The Registrar's Office may grant approval. Students can receive one (1) Hamilton College credit upon receiving a minimum grade of B in PSYCH/NEURO 201 (but not in other 200-level Psychology courses). The credit may not be applied toward the Psychology concentration or minor; concentrators must still take a total of ten courses. Students who take a 200- or 300-level Psychology course while a student at Hamilton are ineligible to take a full-credit 100-level Psychology course at the same time or in the future.

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

World Religions

Per department decision-no credit is given for the course.

Sports, Exercise and Health Science

Not acceptable for transfer credit.

THEATRE

Theatre

The student must contact the department chair for the current policy and approval.

THEORY OF KNOWLEDGE DP CORE ELEMENT

Theory of Knowledge credit is at the discretion of the Philosophy department. In order to be granted credit, a student must have been granted an IB Diploma and received a B or better on Theory of Knowledge. The transfer credit will not count towards a Philosophy concentration or minor. This course will be applied as "Other" with an assigned course number. The Registrar's Office may grant approval.