



University of Puget Sound

International Baccalaureate Examination Policy - Effective Fall 2025 for May 2025 Examinations

This chart outlines the units and course exemptions granted by the University of Puget Sound for International Baccalaureate Higher Level (HL) Examinations; Standard Level (SL) exam results are not eligible for credit. IB results may apply as elective credit, as Core-fulfilling courses, or to a major/minor, as determined by the relevant academic department at Puget Sound.

Credit awarded for examination results counts toward the 16 unit transfer credit maximum allowed toward an undergraduate degree.

	Examination	Score	Course Exemption	Area*	Units	Comments
Group 1: Language & Literature	Language A: Literature (English)	5, 6, 7	Elective (TRNF XXX)	-	1	Credit is not allowed for more than one English exam, including AP exam credit.
	Language A: Lit (Other)	5, 6, 7	200-level Language Elective (LANG 2XX)	LANG	1	Exam credit may fulfill only one of the two courses necessary for the Language Requirement.
	Language A: Lang & Lit (English)	5, 6, 7	Elective (TRNF XXX)	-	1	Credit is not allowed for more than one English exam, including AP exam credit.
	Language A: Lang & Lit (Other)	5, 6, 7	200-level Language Elective (LANG 2XX)	LANG	1	Exam credit may fulfill only one of the two courses necessary for the Language Requirement.
Group 2: Language Acquisition	Language B (English)	5, 6, 7	Elective (TRNF XXX)	-	1	Credit is not allowed for more than one English exam, including AP exam credit.
	Language B (Other)	5, 6, 7	200-level Language Elective (LANG 2XX)	LANG	1	Exam credit may fulfill only one of the two courses necessary for the Language Requirement.
	Classical Languages (Latin/Classical Greek)	5, 6, 7	200-level Latin/Greek Elective (LAT 2XX/GRK 2XX)	LANG	1	Credit is awarded based on language learned; exam credit may fulfill only one of the two courses necessary for the Language Requirement.
Group 3: Individuals & Societies	Business Management	5, 6, 7	Non-majors Business Elective (BUS XXX)	SS/HI	1	
	Digital Society	5, 6, 7	Elective (TRNF XXX)	-	1	
	Economics	5, 6, 7	ECON 101 & 102	SS/HI	2	
	Geography	5, 6, 7	Elective (TRNF XXX)	-	1	
	Global Politics	6, 7	Non-majors Politics & Government Elective (PG XXX)	SS/HI	1	
	History	5, 6, 7	100-level History Elective (HIST 1XX)	SS/HI	1	
	History (European/Islamic)	5, 6, 7	100-level History Elective (HIST 1XX)	SS/HI	1	
	Philosophy	5, 6, 7	PHIL 101	AR/HM	1	
	Psychology	5, 6, 7	PSYC 101	SS/HI	1	
Social & Cultural Anthropology	5, 6, 7	Non-majors Sociology & Anthropology Elective (SOAN XXX)	SS/HI	1		
Group 4: Sciences	Biology	5, 6, 7	BIOL 111	NS/MA	1	
	Chemistry	6, 7	CHEM 110 & 120	NS/MA	2	
	Computer Science	5, 6, 7	CSCI 161	NS/MA	1	
	Design Technology	-	-	-	-	No credit granted
	Physics	5, 6, 7	PHYS 111	NS/MA	1	
	Sports, Exercise & Health Science	5, 6, 7	Non-majors Exercise Science Elective (EXSC XXX)	NS/MA	1	
Group 5: Mathematics	Mathematics: Analysis & Approaches	5, 6, 7	MATH 180	NS/MA	1	
	Mathematics: Applications & Interpretation	5, 6, 7	MATH 160	NS/MA	1	
Group 6: Arts	Dance	5, 6, 7	Elective (TRNF XXX)	-	1	
	Film	5, 6, 7	Elective (TRNF XXX)	-	1	
	Music	5, 6, 7	MUS 100	AR/HM	1	
	Theatre	5, 6, 7	Non-majors Theatre Elective (THTR XXX)	AR/HM	1	
	Visual Arts	5, 6, 7	Non-majors Studio Elective (ARTS XXX)	AR/HM	1	Students interested in pursuing further coursework in Studio Art should provide a portfolio of their work to the Art and Art History department for review for possible ARTS 101 or 102 equivalency.
Diploma	Theory of Knowledge	-	Elective (TRNF XXX)	-	1	Credit is awarded only if IB Diploma is earned.

***Area Key (one course is required in each area, unless otherwise noted):**

AR/HM Artistic & Humanistic Perspectives Core
 SS/HI Social Scientific & Historical Perspectives Core

NS/MA Natural Scientific & Mathematical Perspectives Core
 LANG Language Requirement (two courses required)