

Credit By Examination

International Baccalaureate (IB)

NDSU recognizes the International Baccalaureate program, offered at many high schools in the United States and abroad, which allows students to take examinations for credit. The examinations are offered at the standard (SL) and higher (HL) levels. **However, according to state policy, NDSU will only grant credit for applicable HL examinations.**

In accordance with North Dakota University System policy, students must receive a predetermined minimum score on higher-level (HL) examinations to qualify for possible awarding of credit and advanced placement, which is determined by the appropriate academic department on campus. Credit earned through IB may not be used to satisfy residence-credit requirements for graduation. Scores received in IB examinations not included in the table below may be considered for credits. Contact the Office of Registration and Records (<https://www.ndsu.edu/registrar/contact/>) for information.

Examination	Score	Equivalent NDSU Course	Credit Hours	Gen Ed Category
HL Biology	4	BIOL 150, BIOL 150L, BIOL 151, BIOL 151L	8	S, S, S, S
HL Business Management	4	Free Elective (TRANSFR 1XX)*	3	
HL Chemistry	4	CHEM 121, CHEM 121L, CHEM 122, CHEM 122L	8	S, S, S, S
HL Economics	4	ECON 105	3	S/G
HL Economics	5	ECON 201, ECON 202	6	S/G, S/G
HL English	4	ENGL 220	3	A
HL English A Lang and Lit	4	ENGL 110, ENGL 220	6	C, A/D
HL French B	5	FREN 101, FREN 102, FREN 201	11	A/D, A/G, A/D
HL Geography	4	GEOG 161	3	G
HL German B	5	GERM 101, GERM 102, GERM 201	11	A/D, A/G, A/D
HL History of Africa and the Middle East	4	Free Elective (HIST 1XX)*	3	
HL History (Africa)	4	Free Elective (HIST 1XX)*	3	
HL History (Americas)	4	HIST 103, HIST 104	6	A, A
HL History (Asia)	4	Free Elective (HIST 1XX)*	3	
HL History (Europe)	4	HIST 102	3	A
HL History (Islamic)	4	Free Elective (HIST 1XX)*	3	
HL History (Middle East)	4	Free Elective (HIST 1XX)*	3	
HL Literature & Performance	4	Free Elective (COMM 1XX)	3	
HL Mathematics	4	MATH 103, MATH 105	6	R, R
HL Physics	5	Free Elective (PHYS 1XX)*	4	
HL Psychology	4	PSYC 111	3	B
HL Spanish B	5	SPAN 101, SPAN 102, SPAN 201	11	A/D, A/G, A/D

* Credit received applies toward degree elective credit

General Education Categories:

A	Humanities & Fine Arts
B	Social & Behavioral Science
C	Communication
D	Cultural Diversity
F	First Year Experience
G	Global Perspectives
L	Digital Literacy
R	Quantitative Reasoning

S	Science & Technology
W	Wellness

See General Education Requirements (<https://catalog.ndsu.edu/past-bulletin-archive/2025-2026/academic-policies/undergraduate-policies/general-education/#text>) for more information on core NDSU courses.

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