

International Baccalaureate Exam Regulations for Students Matriculating in Fall 2020

Bowdoin Department/Program (Subject Code)	International Baccalaureate Exam	Minimum IB Score	General Credit	Potential for Major/Minor Credit	Equivalent Course	* Additional Information
Anthropology (ANTH)	Anthropology	Consult the anthropology department regarding potential credit.				
Art: Visual Arts (VART)	Visual Arts	Consult the visual arts department regarding potential credit.				
Asian Studies/Chinese (CHIN)	Chinese Language & Culture	IB scores, in addition to the Chinese language placement exam, are only used for placement.				
Asian Studies/Japanese (JPN)	Japanese	IB scores, in addition to the Japanese language placement exam, are only used for placement.				
Biology (BIOL)	Biology	IB scores, in addition to the biology placement exam, are only used for placement and may not be used to fulfill any of the requirements for the major.				
Chemistry (CHEM)	Chemistry	5	1*	Yes*	n/a	*Must complete one of the following courses with a minimum grade of C-: CHEM 2050, Environmental Chemistry, CHEM 2100, Chemical Analysis, CHEM 2250, Organic Chemistry I, CHEM 2400, Inorganic Chemistry, CHEM 2510, Chemical Thermodynamics and Kinetics, or CHEM 2520, Quantum Chemistry and Spectroscopy. Counts toward major/minor credit. Credit will not be given if a student places into, or elects to take CHEM 1091, Introductory Chemistry and Quantitative Reasoning I, CHEM 1092, Introductory Chemistry and Quantitative Reasoning II, CHEM 1101, Introductory Chemistry I, or CHEM 1109, General Chemistry. Regardless of IB score, all students must take the placement exam.
Classics Latin (LATN)	Latin	Consult the classics department regarding potential credit.				
Computer Science (CS)	Computer Science	IB scores, in addition to the placement exam, are only used for placement.				
Economics (ECON)	Economics	6	1*	No	ECON 1101 & ECON 1102	*Eligible for placement into courses requiring either ECON 1101, Principles of Microeconomics, and/or ECON 1102, Principles of Macroeconomics, and receive 1 general credit. No major/minor credit. No credit if student chooses to take ECON 1050, Introductory Microeconomics and Quantitative Reasoning, ECON 1101, Principles of Microeconomics or ECON 1102, Principles of Macroeconomics.
English (ENGL)	English	6	1*	No	n/a	*Must complete an English course, not including ENGL 1050, Writing Studio, ENGL 1060, English Composition, ENGL 1070, The Art of Rhetoric and Composition, or creative writing courses (ENGL 1200-1299 and ENGL 2850-2899) with a minimum grade of B- to receive the general credit. No major/minor credit.
German (GER)	German	Consult the German department regarding credit. Regardless of IB score, all students must take the placement exam.				
History (HIST)	History	5	1*	No	n/a	*Must complete a HIST 2000 level course or higher with a minimum grade of B. No major/minor credit. If a student has scores for more than one exam, only 1 total credit will be awarded.
Mathematics (MATH)	Mathematics	IB scores, in addition to the mathematics questionnaire are only used for placement.				
Music (MUS)	Music Theory	6	1*	Yes*	MUS 1401	*Students who received IB scores of 6 or higher on the Music Theory IB examination should take the music placement exam. Placement in MUS 2403, Songwriting and Song Analysis, results in one credit that is the equivalent of MUS 1401, Introductory Music Theory. If a student earns a grade of C- or higher in MUS 2403, Songwriting and Song Analysis, this credit can count toward the major. Placement into MUS 1401, Introduction to Music Theory, or MUS 1051, Fundamentals of Music, results in no credit.
Neuroscience (NEUR)	Chemistry; Psychology	5	0	Yes*	n/a	*Majors who earn a general credit for their IB chemistry scores based on the department of chemistry's requirements may use that general credit to fulfill the introductory chemistry requirement of the neuroscience major and do not need to take an additional course to replace it. *Majors who earn placement into courses requiring PSYC 1101, Introduction to Psychology, as a prerequisite, based on the department of psychology's requirements, see below, must take a higher level course in psychology to replace the PSYC 1101 requirement of the neuroscience major.
Physics and Astronomy (PHYS)	Physics without Optics	6	1*	Yes*	PHYS 1130	*Must complete PHYS 1140, Introductory Physics II, with a minimum grade of C- (not taken Credit/D/Fail). Counts toward major; majors are exempt from taking PHYS 1130, Introductory Physics I, and do not need to take an additional course to replace PHYS 1130. Minors are also exempt from taking PHYS 1130, Introductory Physics I, but must take at least four Bowdoin Physics courses order to receive IB credit, students should complete their course requirements before the end of their junior year.
	Physics with Optics	6	1*	Yes*	PHYS 1130	*Must complete PHYS 1140, Introductory Physics II, or PHYS 2130, Electrical Fields and Circuits, with a minimum grade of C- (not taken Credit/D/Fail). No credit will be given for students who elect to take PHYS 1130, Introductory Physics I. Courses toward major are exempt from taking PHYS 1130, Introductory Physics I, and do not need to take additional courses to replace PHYS 1130. Minors are also exempt from taking PHYS 1130, Introductory Physics I, but must take at least four Bowdoin Physics courses order to receive IB credit, students should complete their course requirements before the end of their Junior year.
Psychology (PSYC)	Psychology	5	0	No	PSYC 1101	No major/minor credit; students are exempt from taking PSYC 1101, Introduction to Psychology, but must take an additional course to replace PSYC 1101.
Romance Languages and Literature/ Francophone Studies (FRS)	French	6	1*	No	n/a	*Must complete FRS 2305, Advanced French through Film, or higher level FRS course with a minimum grade of B-. Credit will not be given if a student places into, or elects to take, a course lower than FRS 2305, Advanced French through Film. Regardless of IB score, all students must take the placement exam. No major/minor credit.
Romance Languages and Literature/ Hispanic Studies (HISP)	Spanish	6	1*	No	n/a	*Must complete HISP 2305, Advanced Spanish, or higher level HISP course with a minimum grade of B-. Credit will not be given if student places into, or elects to take, a course lower than HISP 2305, Advanced Spanish. Regardless of IB score, all students must take the placement exam. No major/minor credit.
Romance Languages and Literature/ Italian Studies (ITAL)	Italian	6	1*	No	n/a	*Must complete ITAL 2305, Advanced Italian I, or higher level ITAL course with a minimum grade of B-. Credit will not be given if student places into, or elects to take, a course lower than ITAL 2305, Advanced Italian I. Regardless of IB score, all students must take the placement exam. No major/minor credit.
Sociology (SOC)	Sociology	Consult the sociology department regarding credit.				

In order to receive credit for international baccalaureate work, students must have their scores officially reported to the Registrar by the end of their sophomore year at Bowdoin.