

**UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE POLICIES AND INFORMATION
Effective May 2010 – April 2011**

The International Baccalaureate (IB) program was established to serve the needs of secondary students who move between the educational systems of different countries. The program provides an internationally recognized school-leaving certificate that is not tied to any one country's educational system. USC believes that students who earn the IB diploma are well prepared for university studies. The especially rigorous nature of the IB program is factored in the evaluation for admission, in much the same way that AP courses are treated.

Upon receipt of official IB scores directly from the IB Organization, USC grants either

- (1) 20 units of credit to students who earn the International Baccalaureate Diploma with a score of 30 or higher, or
- (2) 6 semester units of credit for each score of 5, 6 or 7 on the IB Higher Level exams, up to a maximum of four exams,

whichever is higher.

In addition, the following Higher Level IB exams fulfill USC General Education requirements:

History route 2: 20 th century world history HL Option Europe and the Middle East (<i>not Route 1: History of Europe and the Islamic World*</i>)	GE Category I (Western Cultures and Traditions)
History route 2: 20 th century world history HL Options Africa (<i>May and November 2010 only</i>) or Asia and Oceania	GE Category II (Global Cultures and Traditions)
Biology, Chemistry, or Physics	GE Category III (Scientific Inquiry)

**Possible General Education credit for History route 1: Europe and the Islamic World depends on a detailed review of the student's HL course content. Students may file an articulation petition at www.usc.edu/oasis after certifying admission and provide supporting documentation electronically.*

Besides this unit credit and General Education credit, some departments may use IB scores for placement purposes, such as waiving a course prerequisite or to waive certain degree requirements. Contact your academic adviser for assistance regarding these waivers.

No credit is earned for Standard Level exams. Advanced Placement (AP) credit can be earned in addition to IB credit for a maximum of 32 units. However, credit cannot be earned for AP and IB exams on the same topic.

Students should ask the IB organization to send their scores directly to:

Edwenna Werner, Articulation Officer
University of Southern California
601 Exposition Blvd., REG 208
Los Angeles, CA 90089-0912

Please follow the instructions at <http://www.ibo.org/iba/transcripts/index.cfm>