

IB Exam Equivalencies

American University accepts Higher Level IB Exams with a score of a 4 or above with the following exceptions:

- HL Math requires a 6 or above
- HL Math Statistics requires a 5 or above
- HL English A1/A2 requires a 5 or above
- HL Philosophy requires a 5 or above

A maximum of 30 credits from IB exams (or a combination of AP and IB) will be accepted.

Students may use IB exams to satisfy a maximum of 4 General Education course requirements

If your HL exam is not listed below, you may still be eligible for credit on a case by case basis.

IB Exam	Credits awarded	AU Course Equivalent	University Requirement Satisfied (consult academic counselor for major/minor credit satisfied)
Arabic/A1	8	ARAB-302 Advanced Arabic I <i>and</i> ARAB-303 Advanced Arabic II	
Arabic/B	10	ARAB-102 Elementary Arabic I <i>and</i> ARAB-103 Elementary Arabic II	
Biology	8	BIO-110 General Biology I <i>and</i> BIO-210 General Biology II	2 courses in General Education Area 5 (Area complete)
Business Management	6	No course equivalent – 6 elective credits	
Chemistry	8	CHEM-110 General Chemistry I <i>and</i> CHEM-210 General Chemistry II	2 courses in General Education Area 5 (Area complete)
Computer Science	6	CSC-100 Computers & Information <i>and</i> CSC-280 Intro to Computer Science I	
Dutch B	6	No course equivalent – 6 elective credits	
Economics	6	ECON-100 Macroeconomics <i>and</i> ECON-200 Microeconomics	2 courses in General Education Area 4 (Area complete)
English/ A, A1, A2	3	LIT-100 College Writing	1 course toward Writing Requirement; Students take LIT-106/LIT-132 to complete requirement
Film	3	COMM-105 – requires submission and approval of a portfolio by the School of Communication before credit can be awarded	1 course in General Education Area 1
French A1	6	FREN-322 Advanced French I <i>and</i> FREN-323 Advanced French II	
French B	8	FREN-122 French Elementary I <i>and</i> FREN-123 French Elementary II	
Geography	3	SIS-210 Human Geography <i>and</i> 3 elective credits	1 course in General Education Area 3
German A1	6	GERM-332 German Conversation & Composition I <i>and</i> GERM-333 German Conversation & Composition II	
German B	8	GERM-132 German Elementary I <i>and</i> GERM-133 German Elementary II	
Hebrew B	6	HEBR-116 Hebrew Elementary Modern I <i>and</i> HEBR-117 Hebrew Elementary Modern II	

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History, Africa	6	No course equivalent – 6 elective credits	
History, Americas	6	HIST-235 The West in Crisis <i>and</i> HIST-241 Colonial Latin America	1 course in General Education Area 2
History, Asian/Oceania	6	No course equivalent – 6 elective credits	
Indonesian B	6	No course equivalent – 6 elective credits	
Islamic History	6	SIS-245 The World of Islam <i>and</i> SOCY-225 Arab Societies	2 courses in General Education Area 3 (Area complete)
Italian B	4	ITAL-118 Elementary Italian I <i>and</i> ITAL-119 Elementary Italian II	
Japan B	10	JAPN-114 Japanese Elementary I <i>and</i> JAPN-115 Japanese Elementary II	
Mandarin B	10	CHIN-112 Chinese Elementary I <i>and</i> CHIN-113 Chinese Elementary II	
Mathematics	4	MATH-221 Calculus I	University Mathematics Requirement Complete
Modern Greek A1/A2	6	No course equivalent – 6 elective credits	
Music	6	PERF-110 Understanding Music <i>and</i> PERF-205 Masterpieces of Music	2 courses in General Education Area 1 (Area complete)
Philosophy	6	PHIL-105 Western Philosophy <i>and</i> PHIL-220 Moral Philosophy	2 courses in General Education Area 2 (Area complete)
Physics	8	PHYS-105 College Physics I <i>and</i> PHYS-205 College Physics II	2 courses in General Education Area 5 (Area complete)
Psychology	6	PSYC-115 Psychology as a Natural Science <i>and</i> PSYC-200 Behavior Principles	2 courses in General Education Area 5; Students can complete Area 5 by taking PSYC-116 Psychology as a Natural Science Lab (1 credit)
Russian B	10	RUSS-144 Russian Elementary I <i>and</i> RUSS-145 Russian Elementary II	
Social & Cultural Anthropology	6	ANTH-110 Culture & Human Experience <i>and</i> ANTH-215 Sex, Gender & Culture	2 courses in General Education Area 3 (Area complete)
Spanish A1	6	SPAN-352 Spanish Conversation & Composition I <i>and</i> SPAN-253 Spanish Conversation & Composition II	
Spanish B	8	SPAN-152 Spanish Elementary I <i>and</i> SPAN-153 Spanish Elementary II	
Theater	6	PERF-115 Theater: Principles, Plays & Performance <i>and</i> PERF-450 Rotating Topics in Theater	1 course in General Education Area 1
Turkish	8	TURK-102 Elementary Turkish I <i>and</i> TURK-103 Elementary Turkish II	