

# International Baccalaureate (IB)

## Credit for Standardized Examinations



International Baccalaureate (IB) exams are completed by high school students enrolled in “IB” courses in schools approved to offer the International Baccalaureate curriculum. The coursework is typically completed during the junior and senior years of high school. The courses occur at two levels, “SL” and “HL” which refer to “standard level” and “higher level” respectively. The standard level “SL” course is proposed to be equivalent to an AP course and may only require one complete year of coursework; the higher level “HL” course is of more depth and complexity and typically requires two complete years of coursework. Each IB course has a subject outline and detailed course guide. Exam scores range from 1-7 with seven being the highest. For a complete description International Baccalaureate (IB) exams, visit the website at: <http://www.ibo.org/general/who.cfm>.

Thomas Nelson Community College awards advanced standing credit for International Baccalaureate (IB) exams in accordance with Virginia Community College System (VCCS) policy, which sets the minimum acceptable exam score at five (5) for these exams. Credit may be awarded differently for scores that exceed the minimum. Faculty within the subject area review the learning objectives for International Baccalaureate (IB) exams and determine equivalent courses offered at the College. Credits are awarded as follows:

Exam Title (Level)	Thomas Nelson Equivalent Course(s)	Minimum Score	Credits Awarded
Art Design (SL or HL)	No Equivalent Course	-	0
Biology (SL or HL)	BIO 101	5	4
Business & Management - SL	No Equivalent Course	-	0
Chemistry (SL or HL)	CHM 111	5	4
Chemistry (SL or HL)	CHM 111 & 112	6	8
Computer Science (HL)	CSC 200	5	3
Computer Science (SL)	No Equivalent Course	-	0
Economics (HL)	ECO 201 & 202	5	6
Economics (SL)	ECO 120	5	3
Environmental Systems (SL)	BIO 107	5	4
Film (SL or HL)	No Equivalent Course	-	0
Geography (SL)	GEO 210	5	3
History 20th Century World (HL)	No Equivalent Course	-	0
History of the Americas (HL)	No Equivalent Course	-	0
IT in a Global Society (SL or HL)	No Equivalent Course	-	0
Language A: English Lit (HL)	ENG 125	5	3
Language B: Classical (SL)	No Equivalent Course	-	0
Language B: French (HL)	Waiver/placement into FRE 201	5	0
Language B: French (HL)	FRE 201	6	4
Language B: French (HL)	FRE 201 & 202	7	8

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Language B: German (HL)	Waiver/placement into GER 201	5	0
Language B: German (HL)	GER 201	6	4
Language B: German (HL)	GER 201 & 202	7	8
Language B: Spanish (HL)	Waiver/placement into SPA 201	5	0
Language B: Spanish (HL)	SPA 201	6	4
Language B: Spanish (HL)	SPA 201 & 202	7	8
Math Methods (SL)	No Equivalent Course	-	0
Math Studies (SL)	No Equivalent Course	-	0
Mathematics (HL)	MTH 173	5	4
Mathematics (HL)	MTH 173 & 174	6	8
Music (SL or HL)	No Equivalent Course	-	0
Philosophy (SL or HL)	No Equivalent Course	-	0
Physics (HL)	PHY 201 & 202	6	8
Physics (SL)	PHY 201	4	4
Psychology (SL or HL)	PSY 200	5	3
Social Anthropology (HL)	No Equivalent Course	-	0
Social Anthropology (SL)	SOC EEE (SOC 211)	5	3
Theatre Arts (SL or HL)	CST 130	5	3

Students seeking credit for **International Baccalaureate (IB)** exams should complete the following steps:

1. Complete and submit the *Request for Transfer Evaluation* form to Admissions, Records & Registration, Griffin Hall, Room 208 (Hampton campus) or Student Services, Room 117 (Historic Triangle campus). The form can be obtained at these offices or on the College website.
2. Review the options for requesting official score reports on the International Baccalaureate (IB) website: <http://www.ibo.org/informationfor/alumni/transcripts/>.
3. Request official score reports be mailed to one of the following addresses:
  - **Hampton Campus:** Thomas Nelson Community College, Admissions, Records & Registration, Griffin Hall, Room 208, 99 Thomas Nelson Drive, Hampton, VA 23666.
  - **Historic Triangle Campus:** Thomas Nelson Community College, Student Services Office, Room 117, 4601 Opportunity Way, Williamsburg, VA 23188.
4. The student will be notified by a representative from Admissions, Records and Registration (Hampton campus) or Student Services (Historic Triangle campus) when the process is complete.