

AP, IB & Transfer Credits

ADVANCED PLACEMENT, INTERNATIONAL BACCALUAREATE AND TRANSFER CREDIT FROM OTHER COLLEGES

Students may obtain transfer credit and/or advanced placement credit and thus be exempted from certain courses in a number of ways. If you have questions about these options, please contact the Registrar, Barb Boris, at ext.3605.

1. Transfer Credit for college courses taken during high school

Courses taken previously at another college are evaluated for transfer by the Registrar. Requirements for the course to be considered for transfer:

- The class was taken on-site at the college and was taught by a college professor.
- The final grade earned was a C or better.
- The college course did not fulfill a requirement for high school graduation or college entrance.

The Registrar determines which Ursinus course is comparable when awarding transfer credit. If credit is for a course for which there is no comparable course at Ursinus, it is transferred as "free" credits (e.g., Sociology - 6 credits, free). Credit is transferred, not grades. Thus the grade received for a course taken elsewhere does not enter into computation of the student's GPA.

Please note: If a student wants to take a course at another college or university and transfer credit to Ursinus after matriculating as an Ursinus student (e.g., summer after the first year), the course must be **pre-approved** for transfer by the Registrar.

2. International Baccalaureate

Students who have obtained the IB may receive up to one year of college credit. The exact number of credits and the equivalents in the Ursinus curriculum are determined by the Registrar and the relevant departments.

No credit is given for Subsidiary level exams. Scores of 5-7 are considered for credit in the Higher level exams.

The following chart specifies credits awarded in the past for IB Diploma Programme subjects. Additional subjects may be reviewed for awarding of credit.

Diploma Programme Subject	HL Score	UC Course(s) Awarded	Credits
Biology	5-7	BIO-000 (free elective credit)	4
Chemistry	5-7	CHEM-100Q	4
English A: Literature	5-7	ENGL-104W	4
French B	5-7	FREN-201	4
History	5-7	HIST-000 (free elective credit)	4
Physics	5-7	PHYS-000 (free elective credit)	4
Psychology	5-7	PSYC-100	4
Spanish B	5-7	SPAN-201	4

3. Advanced Placement - Required Scores & Courses Equivalencies

Students may earn credit for college courses through the Advanced Placement (AP) Program, depending on the score earned. As you know, AP is a nationalized program with specially trained instructors, and a standardized curriculum and testing program. A student's score on the standard test may be from 1 to 5, with a 5 being equivalent to an A. The following chart specifies the score each department will accept for AP credit and the course equivalent.

Name of AP Examination	Score	UC Course(s) Awarded	Credits
American History	4 or 5	HIST 113	4
Art History	4 or 5	ART 150 and 160	8
Art: Studio Art-Drawing	4 or 5	ART 101	8
Biology ¹	5	BIO free credits (BIO-000)	4
Chemistry	4	CHEM 100Q	4
Chemistry ²	5	CHEM 100Q, CHEM Free Credits OR CHEM 105/105LQ, 206/206L	8
Chinese	5	Chinese 111 and 112	8
Computer Science A	4 or 5	CS 173	4
Computer Science AB	4 or 5	CS 173 and four CS Free Credits (CS-000)	8
Economics: Microeconomics	4 or 5	ECON 101	4
Economics: Macroeconomics	4 or 5	ECON 102	4
English Language & Composition	4 or 5	ENGL Free Credits – 000 level	4
English Literature & Composition	4 or 5	ENG 104W	4
Environmental Science	4 or 5	ENV Free Credits	4
European History	4 or 5	History Free Credits – 200 level	4
French Language	4 or 5	French 201 and 202	8

Name of AP Examination	Score	UC Course(s) Awarded	Credits
German Language	4 or 5	German 201 and 202	8
Government & Politics: American	4 or 5	Politics 218	4
Government & Politics: Comparative	4 or 5	Politics 242	4
Japanese	5	Japanese 111 and 112	8
Latin: Vergil	4 or 5	Latin 201 and 202	8
Latin: Horace	4 or 5	Latin 201 and 202	8
Calculus AB (including the AB subscore of the BC test)	4 or 5	Math 111	4
Calculus BC	4 or 5	Math 111 and 112	8
Statistics	4 or 5	STAT 141Q	4
Music – Listen/Literature	4 or 5	Music 100	4
Music Theory	4 or 5	Music 100	4
Physics B W score	4 or 5	Physics Free Credits	8
Physics C- Mechanics ³	4 or 5	Physics 111Q	4
Physics C- Electricity & Magnetism	3	Physics Free Credits	4
Physics C- Electricity & Magnetism ³	4 or 5	Physics 112	4
Psychology	4 or 5	Psychology 100	4
Spanish Language	4 or 5	Spanish 201 and 202	8
Spanish Literature	4 or 5	Spanish 251 and 252	8
World History	4 or 5	History 262	4

Students can petition the registrar for the AP course to count for UC credit if the courses are not on the posted list.

Advising Notes for AP Credits

- 1. Biology (Score of 5 on the AP Exam is required)**

Students who earn a 5 on the Advanced Placement Biology Exam will be awarded BIO Free Credits (BIO-000).

- Students who intend to major in Biology or BCMB, or intend to take Biology courses at or above the 200 level are **REQUIRED** to take BIO-101Q and BIO-102Q at Ursinus. Please note that BIO Free Credits (BIO-000) do not count toward the requirements for the Biology and/or BCMB major.
- Pre- med students who are not Biology or BCMB majors and do not intend to take Biology courses at or above the 200 level are **strongly encouraged** to complete both BIO-101Q and BIO-102Q at Ursinus.
- Students who do not intend to major in Biology or BCMB or take Biology courses at or above the 200 level may use the BIO free credits to fulfill the lab science core requirement.

2. Chemistry

- Students intending to major in Chemistry are strongly encouraged to talk with Chemistry faculty about the options for credit awarded for AP Chemistry. In some instances, credit for CHEM 105/105L and 206/206L may be awarded.

3. Physics

4. Students intending to major or minor in Physics must take Physics 121-122 even if they receive credit for Physics 111-112.