

UNIVERSITY POLICIES & PROCEDURES

POLICY NAME: Awarding of Credit for International Baccalaureate	TEMPORARY REVIEW NUMBER: NA
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BACKGROUND:

The International Baccalaureate (IB) program is a two-year high school curriculum through which students facilitate geographic and cultural mobility and promote international understanding by a shared academic experience. The IB curriculum and examination consists of six subject groups: Language A, Language B, Individuals and Societies, Experimental Sciences, Mathematics, and Electives. IB Diplomas are awarded to eligible students who have completed at least one subject from each of the subject groups and have fulfilled additional diploma level requirements. Students who have not completed requirements of the IB Diploma are awarded a Certificate for the examinations completed.

Minnesota State University, Mankato's policy is based upon Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU) Board Policy 3.16.

POLICY:

Minnesota State University, Mankato (MSU) may award academic credit to students who complete an International Baccalaureate diploma in high school. Students may earn specific University course credits by demonstrating a specified level of performance on selected higher level (HL) standardized IB examinations taken prior to enrolling at the University. Students must forward IB examination scores to the University to initiate the credit review process. IB credit granted by other colleges/universities does not automatically translate into course credit at MSU and original IB examination scores must be submitted for determination of credits to be awarded.

PROCEDURES:

1. IB examinations are scored on a 7-point scale, and students earn grades ranging from 1 (very poor) to 7 (excellent).
2. Students submitting IB examination scores to the University should not enroll in courses for which IB credit may be granted.
3. Academic departments recommend the university course(s) for which credit shall be awarded based on the score level achieved on the IB examination(s).
4. A list of the number of credits awarded and the courses to which they apply is available from the Admissions Office.