A Resolution Regarding Expanding the Course Credit that the University of Georgia Awards for Passage of Various International Baccalaureate (IB) Examinations

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WHEREAS, International Baccalaureate programs “give high school students an opportunity to pursue college-level studies while still in high school;¹” and,

WHEREAS, “The IB program has…limited acceptance within the U.S. but is growing in popularity,¹” according to the United States Department of State; and,

WHEREAS, the University of Georgia does not award credit for the passage of a variety of IB examinations that substantially correspond to courses at UGA, and for which many of its peer institutions award credit (see appendix); and,

WHEREAS, if UGA awards credit for the passage of more IB classes, students would not have to repeat courses they have already taken, reducing costs² and freeing students to take other courses; and,

WHEREAS, the addition of more IB course credit may attract more IB students to UGA; and,

WHEREAS, UGA’s existing IB credit policies already award credit for passage of a Standard Level (SL) exam with a score of 5-7 or a Higher Level (HL) exam with a score of 4-7; and,

WHEREAS, UGA’s existing IB credit policies award credit for multiple classes in some cases, especially for a high score on an HL exam; and,

WHEREAS, According to UGA’s Advanced Placement (AP) credit policies, several AP exams that correspond to IB exams receive credit for a passing score; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the 31st administration of the Student Government Association, on behalf of the student body, recommends that the University of Georgia reassess how course credit for the passage of IB exams is awarded.


APPENDIX

The following research is based on the Course Objectives and Topical Outlines of the various UGA courses, the syllabi of the various IB courses, the IB credit policies of UGA’s comparator peers schools: Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (“Virginia Tech”), Michigan State University (“Michigan State”), University of Kentucky (“Kentucky”), Iowa State University (“Iowa State”), University of Arizona (“Arizona”), University of Iowa (“Iowa”), Indiana University – Bloomington (“Indiana”), University of Maryland – College Park (“Maryland”), North Carolina State University at Raleigh (“NC State”), The Ohio State University (“Ohio State”), University of Missouri – Columbia (“Missouri”), University of California – Davis (“UC Davis”), Purdue University (“Purdue”), Stony Brook University (“Stony Brook”), and the University of Florida (“Florida”), the IB credit policies of UGA’s aspirational peer schools: Pennsylvania State University (“Penn State”), University of Texas at Austin (“UT Austin”), and the University of Florida (“Florida”).

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14 “International Baccalaureate (IB).” Undergraduate Admissions, North Carolina State University, 2018, admissions.ncsu.edu/apply/credit-opportunities/international-baccalaureate-ib/.
15 “IB Tests, Scores and Credit Awarded.” University Registrar, The Ohio State University, 2018, registrar.osu.edu/priorlearning/ib-tests.html.
16 “College Credits.” Mizzou Admissions, 2018, admissions.missouri.edu/apply-freshmen/college-credits/.
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20 “Exam Credit.” University of Florida, catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-advising/exam-credit/#examstext.
21 “Credit from International Baccalaureate (IB) Exams.” Penn State - Undergraduate Admissions, 2013, admissions.psu.edu/academics/credit/ib/.
Austin (“Texas”), University of California – Berkeley (“UC Berkeley”), University of California – Los Angeles (“UCLA”), University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (“Illinois”), University of Michigan – Ann Arbor (“Michigan”), University of Minnesota – Twin Cities (“Minnesota”), University of Virginia (“Virginia”), and the University of Wisconsin – Madison (“Wisconsin”), and UGA’s AP credit policies.

**IB Business Management**
Virginia Tech, Kentucky, Arizona, Indiana, Maryland, NC State, Missouri, UC Davis, Purdue, Stony Brook, Florida, Penn State, Texas, UC Berkeley, UCLA, Illinois, Minnesota, and Virginia award credit for passage of the IB Business Management exam with certain scores. At UGA, IB Business Management is comparable to MARK 3000 (Principles of Marketing) and MGMT 3000 (Principles of Management). The research suggests a comparable award at UGA would be either MARK 3000 or MGMT 3000 credit for passage of the SL Business Management exam with a score of 5-7 or the HL exam with a score of 4-5, and both MARK 3000 and MGMT 3000 credit for passage of the HL exam with a score of 6-7.

**IB Dance**
Virginia Tech, Indiana, Maryland, UC Davis, Purdue, Stony Brook, UC Berkeley, UCLA, Illinois, and Michigan award credit for the passage of the IB Dance exam with certain scores. At UGA, IB Dance is comparable to DANC 2010 (Dance Appreciation). The research suggests a comparable award at UGA would be DANC 2010 credit for the passage of the SL Dance exam with a score of 5-7 or the HL exam with a score of 4-7.

**IB Design Technology**

23 “International Baccalaureate Credits.” University of California - Admissions, admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/counselors/exam-credit/ib-credits/index.html.
26 “International Baccalaureate.” Freshman Application Requirements, Illinois Undergraduate Admissions, 2018, admissions.illinois.edu/Apply/Freshman/college-credit-IB.
27 “AP, IB Credit.” Costs | Undergraduate Admissions, University of Michigan, 2018, admissions.umich.edu/apply/freshmen-applicants/ap-ib-credit.
29 “International College-Level Exam Credit.” Undergraduate The College of Arts and Sciences, University of Virginia, 8 Nov. 2018, college.as.virginia.edu/icelc.
Michigan State, Indiana, Maryland, NC State, Purdue, Stony Brook, Florida, Penn State, Illinois, and Michigan award credit for passage of the IB Design Technology exam with certain scores. At UGA, IB Design Technology is comparable to ENGR 1120 (Engineering Graphics and Design). The research suggests a comparable award at UGA would be ENGR 1120 credit for the passage of the SL Design Technology exam with a score of 5-7 or the HL exam with a score of 4-7.

IB Economics
Virginia Tech, Michigan State, Arizona, Iowa, Indiana, Maryland, NC State, Ohio State, UC Davis, Florida, Penn State, Texas, UC Berkeley, UCLA, Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, Virginia, and Wisconsin award credit for both macroeconomics and microeconomics for passage of the IB Economics exam with certain scores. At UGA, IB Economics is comparable to ECON 2105 (Principles of Macroeconomics) and ECON 2106 (Principles of Macroeconomics), and UGA awards credit for both for passage of the corresponding AP exams, but UGA only awards credit for one of these courses but not both for the passage of the IB exam. The research suggests a comparable award at UGA would be both ECON 2105 and ECON 2106 credit for the passage of the HL Economics exam with a score of 6-7.

IB Environmental Systems and Societies
Virginia Tech, Iowa State, Arizona, Maryland, Missouri, Purdue, Florida, Texas, Illinois, and Virginia award credit for passage of the IB Environmental Systems and Societies exam with certain scores. At UGA, IB Environmental Systems and Societies is comparable to ECOL 1000-1000L (Ecological Basis of Environmental Issues), and UGA awards credit for passage of the comparable AP Environmental Science exam. The research suggests a comparable award at UGA would be ECOL 1000-1000L credit for the passage of the SL Environmental Systems and Societies exam with a score of 5-7.

IB Global Politics
IB Global Politics was first available for testing in 2017, so few of UGA’s peer schools offer information about the course. However, at UGA, IB Global Politics is comparable to INTL 1100 (Introduction to Global Issues), and UGA awards credit for the passage of the comparable AP Comparative Government and Politics exam. The research suggests a comparable award at UGA would be INTL 1100 credit for the passage of the SL Global Politics exam with a score of 5-7 or the HL exam with a score of 4-7.

IB Information Technology in a Global Society

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Virginia Tech, Kentucky, Iowa State, Arizona, Missouri, Purdue, Stony Brook, Florida, Penn State, Texas, Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, and Wisconsin award credit for passage of the IB Information Technology in a Global Society exam with certain scores. At UGA, IB Information Technology in a Global Society is comparable to CSCI 1100-1100L (Topics in Computing), and UGA awards credit for the passage of the comparable AP Computer Science Principles exam. The research suggests a comparable award at UGA would be CSCI 1100-1100L credit for the passage of the SL Information Technology in a Global Society exam with a score of 5-7 or the HL exam with a score of 4-7.

**IB Mathematics**

Michigan State, Ohio State, Purdue, Michigan, and Minnesota award credit up to Calculus II, and all of these schools plus Virginia Tech, Kentucky, Iowa State, Arizona, Iowa, Maryland, NC State, Missouri, UC Davis, Florida, Penn State, Texas, UC Berkeley, UCLA, Illinois, Virginia, and Wisconsin award credit up to Calculus I, for the passage of the IB Mathematics exam with certain scores. At UGA, depending on the level of the IB course and performance on the exam, IB Mathematics is comparable to courses up to MATH 2260 (Calculus II), and UGA awards credit up to MATH 2260 for passage, depending on the level of performance, of the comparable AP Calculus BC exam, but UGA only awards credit up to MATH 1113 (Precalculus) for passage of the IB exam. The research suggests a comparable award at UGA would be up to MATH 1113 for the passage of the SL Mathematics exam with a score of 5, up to MATH 2250 for the passage of the SL exam with a score of 6-7 or the HL exam with a score of 4-5, and up to MATH 2260 for the passage of the HL exam with a score of 6-7.

**IB Philosophy**

Virginia Tech, Michigan State, Iowa State, Iowa, Indiana, Maryland, NC State, Ohio State, Missouri, UC Davis, Purdue, Stony Brook, Florida, Penn State, Texas, UC Berkeley, UCLA, Illinois, Michigan, Virginia, and Wisconsin award credit for passage of the IB Philosophy exam with certain scores. At UGA, IB Philosophy is comparable to PHIL 2010 (Introduction to Philosophy). The research suggests a comparable award at UGA would be PHIL 2010 credit for the passage of the SL Philosophy exam with a score of 5-7 or the HL exam with a score of 4-7.

**IB Social and Cultural Anthropology**

Virginia Tech, Michigan State, Kentucky, Iowa State, Arizona, Iowa, Indiana, Maryland, NC State, Ohio State, Missouri, UC Davis, Purdue, Stony Brook, Florida, Texas, UC Berkeley, UCLA, Illinois, Michigan, Virginia, and Wisconsin award credit for passage of the IB Social and Cultural Anthropology exam with certain scores. While there is no directly comparable course at UGA, IB Social and Cultural Anthropology still represents college-level work. The research suggests a comparable award at UGA would be a 1000-level anthropology elective credit for the passage of the SL Social and Cultural Anthropology exam with a score of 5-7 or the HL exam with a score of 4-7.

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IB Sports, Exercise, and Health Science
Arizona, Maryland, Purdue, Stony Brook, and Illinois award credit for passage of the IB Sports, Exercise, and Health Science exam with certain scores. At UGA, IB Sports, Exercise, and Health Science is comparable to KINS 2010 (Introduction to Kinesiology). The research suggests a comparable award at UGA would be KINS 2010 credit for the passage of the SL Sports, Exercise, and Health Science exam with a score of 5-7 or the HL exam with a score of 4-7.

IB Theatre
Virginia Tech, Michigan State, Kentucky, Iowa State, Arizona, Iowa, Indiana, Maryland, NC State, Missouri, UC Davis, Purdue, Stony Brook, Florida, Penn State, Texas, UC Berkeley, UCLA, Illinois, Michigan, Virginia, and Wisconsin award credit for passage of the IB Theatre exam with certain scores. At UGA, IB Theatre is comparable to THEA 2010 (Introduction to Acting). The research suggests a comparable award at UGA would be THEA 2010 credit for the passage of the SL Theatre exam with a score of 5-7 or the HL exam with a score of 4-7.

IB Theory of Knowledge
Virginia Tech and Purdue award credit for successful completion of the Theory of Knowledge course. At UGA, Theory of Knowledge is comparable to PHIL 2010 (Introduction to Philosophy). The research suggests a comparable award at UGA would be PHIL 2010 credit for passage of the Theory of Knowledge course with a grade of A-C.

IB World Religions
Virginia Tech, Arizona, Maryland, Missouri, Purdue, Penn State, and Illinois award credit for passage of the IB World Religions exam with certain scores. While there is no directly comparable course at UGA, IB World Religions still represents college-level work. The research suggests a comparable award at UGA would be a 1000-level religion elective credit for the passage of the SL World Religions exam with a score of 5-7.