

COLLEGE CREDIT FOR AP AND IB EXAMS

If you have taken any AP (Advanced Placement) or IB (International Baccalaureate) Examinations, it is important that you determine what score you have earned when registering for classes.

Why?

If you earn high enough scores on AP or IB Exams, they can equate to college-level credit at the CU-Boulder campus. That means you might arrive on campus with some college credits “in your pocket” that apply to degree requirements; then you might choose to enroll in less credit hours in your first semester (e.g., only 12-13 credit hours), allowing you more flexibility in that first semester when you are transitioning from high school to college-level academic rigor.*

For example, if you earn an exam score of 5 on the Physics C–Mechanics AP Exam, you will earn 4 college credits for PHYS 1110 on the CU-Boulder campus. PHYS 1110 is required for many of the majors offered by the College of Engineering & Applied Science.

If you need to obtain your exam scores and/or have them sent to the CU-Boulder Office of Admissions, contact the testing agencies directly:

College Board for AP Exams
apscore.collegeboard.org/scores

International Baccalaureate for IB Exams
candidates.ibo.org

Then check the AP and IB Charts posted on the CU-Boulder Office of Admissions web site at:

admissions.colorado.edu/undergraduate/apply/freshman/credit

to see what college credit your score equates to. Keep in mind you may earn college credit that applies towards your College Humanities & Social Science degree requirements: **www.colorado.edu/engineering/academics/policies/hss**

***NOTE:** Some students who earn college-level credit by having a high enough AP or IB exam score will still choose to enroll in that class at CU-Boulder, in order to have a fuller, more solid grounding in the subject area. This is perfectly fine, and is actually encouraged if the student scored well on the AP or IB exam but doesn't feel entirely comfortable with the subject matter. (Students may not double count college credit earned, however. The enrolled class will replace the earned college credit via AP or IB Exam.)

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AP/IB EQUIVALENCY CHARTS

Students who take Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) examinations may be able to earn college credit or advanced standing at the University of Colorado Boulder. Official scores must be sent directly from the testing organization to the Office of Admissions, University of Colorado Boulder, 552 UCB, Boulder, CO 80309-0552. For more information on AP exams, visit www.collegeboard.com or call 888-225-5427. To contact the IB organization, visit www.ibo.org or call 301-202-3025.

The specific equivalencies listed below are based on spring 2013 exams and should be used for informational purposes **ONLY**. Credit awarded is subject to change based on an annual faculty review of exams. The most up-to-date equivalencies will be posted on our website at colorado.edu/admissions/undergraduate/apply/freshman/credit.

Advanced Placement (AP) Equivalency Chart

AP Subject	Examination Title	Exam Score	CU-Boulder Course Equivalent*	Semester Hours
Biology	Biology	5, 4	EBIO 1210, 1220, 1230, and 1240	8
Chemistry	Chemistry	5 4	CHEM 1113/1114 CHEM 1021	5 4
Classics	Latin	5 4 3	LATN 1024, 2114 and 2124 LATN 1024 and 2114 LATN 1024	12 8 4
Computer Science	Computer Science A	5	CSCI 1300	4
Economics	Economics: Micro Economics: Macro	5, 4 5, 4	ECON 2010 ECON 2020	4 4
English	English Literature and Composition English Language and Composition	5, 4 5 4	ENGL 1500 WRTG 1250 WRTG 1150	3 3 3
Environmental Science	Environmental Science	5, 4	ENVS 1000	4
Fine Arts	Studio-Drawing Portfolio or Studio-General Portfolio Art History	5, 4 5, 4	ARTS elective credit ARTH 1300 and 1400	3 6
Foreign Language	Chinese Language and Culture French Language and Culture German Language and Culture Japanese Language and Culture	5 4 3 5 4 3 5 4 3	CHIN 1020, 2110 and 2120 CHIN 1020 and 2110 CHIN 1020 FREN 2110, 2120 and 3050 FREN 2110 and 2120 FREN 2110 GRMN 2020 and 3010 GRMN 2010 and 2020 GRMN 2010 JPNS 1020, 2110 and 2120 JPNS 1020 and 2110 JPNS 1020	15 10 5 9 6 3 7 8 4 15 10 5

AP Subject	Examination Title	Score	Course Equivalent*	Hours
Foreign Language (cont.)	Italian Language and Culture Spanish Language and Culture ^a Spanish Literature and Culture ^a	5 4 3 5 4 3 5 4	ITAL 1020, 2110 and 2120 ITAL 1020 and 2110 ITAL 1020 SPAN 2110, 2120 and 3000 SPAN 2110 and 2120 SPAN 2110 SPAN 1000 and 3002 SPAN 1000	11 8 5 11 6 3 6 3
Geography	Human Geography	5, 4	GEOG 1992	3
Government	Comparative United States	5, 4 5, 4	PSCI 2012 PSCI 1101	3 3
History	U.S. History European History World History	5, 4 5, 4 5, 4	HIST 1025 HIST 1020 Determined by department ^b	3 3 3
Mathematics	Math-Calculus AB Math-Calculus BC Math-Calculus BC and AB subscore ^c Statistics	5, 4 5, 4 3 5, 4 5, 4	MATH 1300 MATH 1300 and 2300 MATH 1300 MATH 2510	5 10 5 3
Music	Music Theory	5 4	MUSC 1101, 1111, 1121 and 1131 MUSC 1101 and 1121	6 3
Physics	Physics 1 ^d Physics 2 ^d Physics C-Mechanics Physics C-Electricity and Magnetism	5, 4 5, 4 5 5	PHYS 2010 PHYS 2020 PHYS 1110 PHYS 1120	5 5 4 4
Psychology	Psychology	5, 4	PSYC 1001	3

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a Students who want to continue taking Spanish courses beyond their AP credit level must take the Spanish department placement test. If the results of this test place them below their AP level, the Spanish department strongly recommends enrolling at the lower of the two levels.

b Three lower-division credits meeting the historical context core requirement in the College of Arts and Sciences and the Leeds School of Business.

c Students taking the Calculus BC exam automatically receive an AB subscore.

d Does not apply to degree requirements in the College of Engineering and Applied Science.

The International Baccalaureate (IB) diploma programs provide pre-university study. IB examinations, whether leading to a full IB diploma or to an IB certificate, often qualify students for advanced standing at CU-Boulder. In general, credit is granted for approved IB examinations at the higher level with a score of 4 or better. Students admitted to the University of Colorado Boulder who have graduated from high school with an International Baccalaureate Diploma shall be granted 24 semester hours of college credit. This credit will be applied toward degree requirements **ONLY** if approved by the college or school. Depending on the student's degree program, some of the 24 credits may not be applicable toward degree requirements. No CU-Boulder tuition will be charged for these credits. Official scores must be sent to the admissions office directly from the IB organization.

International Baccalaureate (IB) Equivalency Chart

IB Subject Examination Title	Level of Exam	Exam Score	CU-Boulder Course Equivalent*	Semester Hours	IB Subject Examination Title	Level of Exam	Exam Score	CU-Boulder Course Equivalent*	Semester Hours
Anthropology	Higher	4	ANTH 2100 and 3 lower-division credits meeting human diversity requirement	6	Italian (B)	Higher	7, 6, 5	ITAL 2110 and 2120	6
Art	Higher	4	Elective credits (consult faculty with portfolio for further consideration of fine arts course equivalents)	6	Italian (B)	Higher	4	ITAL 2110	3
Biology	Higher	4	EBIO 1210, 1220, 1230 and 1240	8	Italian (B)	Standard	7	ITAL 2110 and 2120	6
Business and Management	Higher	4	BCOR 1015 and BADM 2999	6	Italian (B)	Standard	6	ITAL 2110	3
Chemistry	Higher	7	CHEM 1113/1114 and 1133/1134	10	Italian (B)	Standard	5	ITAL 1020	5
	Higher	6	CHEM 1113/1114	5	Italian (AB)	Standard	4	ITAL 1010	5
Chinese (A)					Italian (AB)	Initio	7	ITAL 1020	5
Language and Literature	Higher	4	CHIN 3110, 3120	10	Italian (AB)	Initio	6, 5	ITAL 1010	5
Language and Literature	Standard	4	CHIN 2110, 2120	10	Japanese (A)				
Dance	Higher	4	Elective credits; performance scores required to determine credit awarded	1–3	Language and Literature	Higher	4	JPNS 3110 and 3120	10
Design Technology	Higher	4	Elective credits	6	Language and Literature	Standard	4	JPNS 2110 and 2120	10
Economics	Higher	4	3 lower-division ECON credits	3	Japanese (B)	Higher	7, 6	JPNS 3110 and 3120	10
English (A)					Japanese (B)	Higher	5, 4	JPNS 2120 and 3110	10
Literature	Higher	4	ENGL 1500	3	Japanese (AB) Initio	Standard	4	JPNS 2110 and 2120	10
Language and Literature	Higher	4	ENGL 1500	3	Japanese (AB) Initio	Standard	5	JPNS 1010 and 1020	10
French (B)	Higher	7	FREN 2120 and 2500	6	Korean	Higher	4	Semester hours awarded and course equivalent are determined by oral exam	
	Higher	6, 5	FREN 2110 and 2120	6	Latin	Higher	6, 7	LATN 1024, 2114 and 2124	12
	Higher	4	FREN 2120	3		Higher	5	LATN 1024 and 2114	8
French (B)	Standard	7	FREN 2110 and 2120	6		Higher	4	LATN 1024	4
	Standard	6	FREN 2110	3	Further Mathematics	Higher	5	General MATH, fulfilling Quantitative Reasoning and Mathematical Skills	10
	Standard	5	FREN 1050	5	Mathematics	Higher	5	General MATH, fulfilling Quantitative Reasoning and Mathematical Skills	5
	Standard	4	FREN 1010	5		Higher	4	General MATH, fulfilling Quantitative Reasoning and Mathematical Skills	3
French (AB)	Initio	7	FREN 1050	5	Music	Higher	4	Elective credits	6
	Initio	6, 5	FREN 1010	5	Philosophy	Higher	4	PHIL 1000 (meets ideals and values core requirement) and 3 lower-division credits.	6
Geography	Higher	4	GEOG 1992 and 3 lower-division credits	6	Physics	Higher	4	PHYS 2010 and 2020	10
German (B)	Higher	7, 6	GRMN 2020 and 3010	7	Psychology	Higher	4	PSYC 1001 and 3 lower-division credits	6
	Higher	5, 4	GRMN 2010 and 2020	8	Russian (B)	Higher	4	RUSS 2010 and 2020	8
	Standard	7, 6	GRMN 1010 and 1020	8		Standard	5	RUSS 2010 and 2020	8
	Standard	5, 4	GRMN 1010	4	Spanish (A)				
Global Politics	Higher	4	3 lower-division PSCI credits	3	Language and Literature	Higher	4	SPAN 3000 and 3100	8
History—Route 1: Europe and the Islamic world	Higher	4	HIST 1010 and 3 lower-division credits meeting the historical context core requirement	6	Spanish (B)	Higher	7, 6	SPAN 2110, 2120 and 3000	11
History—Route 2: Africa	Higher	4	HIST 1228 and 3 lower-division credits meeting historical context core requirement	6		Higher	5, 4	SPAN 2110 and 2120	6
History—Route 2: The Americas	Higher	4	HIST 1025 and 3 lower-division credits meeting historical context core requirement	6	Spanish (AB)	Standard	4	SPAN 1010 and 1020	10
History—Route 2: Asia and Oceania	Higher	4	Two lower-division 3-credit classes meeting the historical context core requirement	6		Standard	6	SPAN 1010	5
History—Route 2: Europe and the Middle East	Higher	4	HIST 1020 and 3 lower-division credits meeting the historical context core requirement	6	Swedish (A)				
					Language and Literature	Standard	4	SCAN 3020	3
					Theatre	Higher	4	THTR 1019 and 3 lower-division theatre credits	6

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