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Advocate for IB credit policies that support access to higher education

As part of our commitment to ensuring college preparedness, we recently commissioned the American Council on Education (ACE) to review the value of 20 course assessments, including Theory of Knowledge (TOK) and our most-subscribed Standard Level (SL) subjects, in terms of awarding university credit.

We're proud to announce that ACE recommends that colleges and universities award **at least 3 credits** for **IB scores of 4 or higher** for all the **SL subjects** reviewed. This external review validates the rigour and high standards of IB qualifications.

Recognising credit for success in our programmes ensures IB graduates have access to higher education and are prepared to succeed at the university level. University credit for SL subjects reduces costs for families and allows students the opportunity to explore additional courses aligned to their goals and passions.



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Please help us advocate for credit policies recognising SL subjects, aligned to these ACE recommendations.

ACE is a leader and major coordinating body for US higher education institutions. It shapes public policy, engages in research, and delivers programs that prioritise student access and success. Through its National Guide, ACE provides recommendations on academic credit equivalencies based on its independent learning evaluations.

ACE Credit Recommendation

IB STANDARD LEVEL SUBJECTS	CREDITS
BIOLOGY	3
BUSINESS MANAGEMENT	3
CHEMISTRY	3
ECONOMICS	3
ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEMS AND SOCIETIES	3
GLOBAL POLITICS	3
HISTORY	3
LANGUAGE A: LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE – ENGLISH	3
LANGUAGE A: LITERATURE – ENGLISH	3
LANGUAGE AB INITIO: SPANISH	12
LANGUAGE B: FRENCH	12
LANGUAGE B: SPANISH	12
LANGUAGE B: CHINESE	12
MATHEMATICS: ANALYSIS AND APPROACHES	3
MATHEMATICS: APPLICATIONS AND INTERPRETATION	3
PHYSICS	3
PSYCHOLOGY	3
SPORTS, EXERCISE AND HEALTH SCIENCE	3
VISUAL ARTS	3

IB CORE SUBJECT	CREDITS
THEORY OF KNOWLEDGE	3

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