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Enhance your IB credit policy to support access and equity

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 IB programmes benefits both students and universities. Students with financial needs will have more opportunities to access higher education, and universities can be confident that these students are prepared for subsequent university-level coursework.



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Based on these new ACE recommendations, we highly encourage your university to award credit for SL subjects. This external review provides a key opportunity to expand and enhance your IB credit policies to be more equitable and inclusive for a larger number of qualified IB students. Please reach out to us for support in these efforts.

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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