

**Motion on Credit for End of High School Examinations
from Countries Other Than the United States**
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Motion:

Effective Fall 2012

Subject to the restrictions below, departments may award college credit for subject examinations taken at the end of the high school in countries other than the US. Students will submit their official score reports to the Office of Admissions. The department that teaches the courses for which students wish to receive credit will review the request. After departmental review, the department's decision will be recorded in the Catalog and subsequent students who submit requests for credit for the same course based on the same subject examination will receive credit without further departmental review.

Departments may grant no more than two courses of credit for any one examination and may grant credit only for courses at the 1000 and 2000 level. In many countries, students receive a total score in addition to their subject examination scores. Departments may not grant credit based on total scores.

--British Advanced-Levels and Advance International Certificate of Education

Departments may grant credit for subject examination scores of A or B. Up to two courses of credit may be awarded for A and H2 level examinations. Only one course of credit may be awarded for AS or H1 level examinations. No credit may be given for O or OA level examinations.

--French Baccalauréate

Departments may grant credit for subject examination scores of 12 or higher (out of 20) on examinations with coefficients of 5 or higher.

--German Abitur

Departments may grant credit for subject examination scores of 10 or higher (out of 15).

--Italian Esame di Stato

Departments may grant credit for subject examination scores of 8 or higher (out of 10).

--Other Countries

Georgia State will consider awarding credit for subject examinations from other countries. To be eligible for consideration, the examinations must be given nationally and must report scores by subject (not merely a total score). Students who wish to receive credit for subject examinations taken at the end of the high school in countries other than those listed above will contact the Office of Admissions. When a request is received, the Senate Committee on Admissions and Standards will review it and set general rules for that country's examinations. The request will then be reviewed by the relevant department as outlined above.

Departments developing relationships with countries other than those listed above are encouraged to make proposals to Admissions and Standards regarding credit for subject examinations in those countries.

Catalog Text

Appropriate text, explaining this policy to students and providing the list of approved credits, will be added to the Catalog as Section 1320.80, Credit for End of High School Examinations from Countries Other Than the United States.

Rationale:

As part of Georgia State strategic plan to “achieve distinction in globalizing the University,” we should make ourselves welcoming to students from around the world. For many years, GSU has awarded college credit for International Baccalaureate (IB) examinations. IB exams attempt to replicate the end of high school examinations given in other countries (e.g., France and Germany). Since we give college credit for the IB exams, it makes sense to give college credit for the exams that IB exams attempt to replicate.

The rules above were developed by looking at the policies of various other universities and by consulting with various GSU faculty members who have specialized knowledge of education systems across the world. In particular, the policies of the University of Virginia were selected as the model for this motion.