

## About Advanced Credit

As a new student at Boston University, you may be eligible for advanced credit based upon:

- college courses completed during high school or during the summer
- Advanced Placement (AP) examinations
- International Baccalaureate examinations
- GCE Advanced-Level examinations
- French Baccalaureate examinations
- German Abitur examinations
- Italian Maturità examinations
- Swiss Maturité examinations

For specific information about credit awarded for IB, GCE, French Baccalaureate, German Abitur, and Italian Maturita examinations, see [www.bu.edu/admissions/apply/forms/](http://www.bu.edu/admissions/apply/forms/).

Credit that you receive may be awarded toward:

- general education requirements
- requirements for majors and minors
- elective credit

Advanced credit offers flexibility, which can be helpful if you are planning for:

- dual concentration
- the Boston University Dual Degree Program
- a combined BA/MA or BS/MS program
- early graduation

Students accepted into the Accelerated Medical and Dental programs cannot receive advanced credit.

## Advanced Placement Credit

Advanced Placement (AP) credit is college credit that students earn *before they matriculate* at Boston University and that may be applied toward the degree requirements as specified by the individual programs, schools, and colleges of Boston University. To be eligible to receive AP credit, first-time freshmen must submit AP exam scores before the first day of class of their first semester at BU. For transfer students, AP credit awarded by a prior institution will be reevaluated as part of the transfer credit evaluation process. All students must submit official examination scores via the College Board. Please use BU's **College Entrance Examination Board (CEEB) code, 3087**.

Most programs at Boston University award credit for test scores of 4 or 5 on most AP examinations. For Music Theory programs and exams, credit is awarded for a score of 3. AP credit is awarded as outlined on the chart beginning on the

next page. Boston University reserves the right to change policy regarding AP credit without advanced notice.

## Credit for College Coursework

The curricula of the Schools and Colleges at BU are structured around core courses in the liberal arts. A liberal arts course will generally transfer if:

- the course was completed at a regionally accredited postsecondary institution
- the grade earned is C or better
- the content and depth of the course was similar to a course offered at Boston University

**Credit for professional courses will be transferred at the discretion of the School or College of admission.**

Transfer credit is not granted for physical education, health, dance, or ROTC courses, or for non-academic activities.

The basic unit of credit at BU is the semester hour. Transferable coursework completed under a semester credit-hour system is awarded with an equal number of credit hours. Coursework completed under a quarter-hour system is converted by awarding two-thirds of the total number of quarter hours.

**High School/Dual Enrollment Credits:** Any college courses used to fulfill high school graduation requirements are not eligible for credit at Boston University. The **Dual Enrollment Verification Form** must be signed and submitted by your high school counselor to verify this. The coursework must also be completed at an accredited college or university.

For more information on Dual Enrollment Credits, see our credit policies at [www.bu.edu/academics/policies/transfer-of-undergraduate-credit-from-us-institutions](http://www.bu.edu/academics/policies/transfer-of-undergraduate-credit-from-us-institutions).

## International Baccalaureate Credit

Most programs at Boston University award eight credits for test scores of 5, 6, or 7 on most higher-level International Baccalaureate examinations. For more information, see the IB course equivalence chart at [www.bu.edu/admissions/apply/forms](http://www.bu.edu/admissions/apply/forms).

## Swiss Maturity Examinations

Credit may be awarded for the *Schwerpunktfach* (main) subject and for the First Language subject with a score of 4 or higher on the exam. For more information, please contact [intadmis@bu.edu](mailto:intadmis@bu.edu).

## Advanced Placement (AP) Exam Credit

New students will be awarded AP credit as outlined below. Please note: credit will be accepted at the discretion of each School or College.

Examination	Schools/Colleges	Score	Credits	Course Equivalents
Art History	all	4, 5	4	AH 100
Biology	all, except ENG, SED	4	4	BI 105, BI 107, or BI 108
	SED			BI 107
	ENG	5	8	BI 108
	all, except CAS, SAR, QST			BI 107 & 108
	CAS, SAR, QST			BI 105 & BI 107 or BI 107 & BI 108
Calculus AB	all	4, 5	4	MA 123
Calculus BC	all	Any score + sub-score 4, 5	4	MA 123
		4, 5 + sub-score 4, 5	8	MA 123 & MA 124
Chemistry	all	4, 5	8	CH 101 & CH 102
Chinese Language & Culture	all	5	4	LC 212
Computer Science A	all, except ENG	4, 5	4	CS 111
	ENG			EK 127
Computer Science AB	all, except ENG	4	4	CS 111
		5		CS 111 and satisfaction of CS 112
	ENG	4, 5		ENG EK 127
Computer Science Principles	All, except ENG	4, 5	4	CS 101
Economics: Macro	all	4, 5	4	EC 102
Economics: Micro	all	4, 5	4	EC 101
English Language and Composition	all, except CGS	4, 5	4	WR 099
	CGS		none	none
English Literature and Composition	all	4, 5	4	CAS EN 100
Environmental Science	all	4, 5	4	GE 100
European History	all	4, 5	4	HI 098
French Language & Culture	all	4	4	LF 212
		5	4	LF 303
German Language	all	4	4	LG 212
		5		LG 303
Government & Politics: Comparative	all	4, 5	4	PO 151
Government & Politics: United States	all	4, 5	4	PO 111
Human Geography	all	4, 5	4	GE 102
International English Language	all	any	none	none
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Examination	Schools/Colleges	Score	Credits	Course Equivalents
Italian Language & Culture	all	4	4	LI 212
		5	4	LI 303
Japanese Language	all	5	4	LJ 212
Latin: Virgil	all	4	4	CL 212
		5	8	CL 212 & one 300-level course
Latin: Literature	all	4	4	CL 212
		5	8	CL 212 & one 300-level course
Music Theory	all, except CFA music majors	3, 4, 5	4	MT 111
	CFA music majors	any	none	none
Physics 1 and 2	all, except ENG	4, 5	4	Physics 1: Equivalent to PY 105 Physics 2: Equivalent to PY 106
	ENG		none	none
Physics C: Mechanics	ENG	4, 5	4	PY 211 or PY 251
Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism	all	4, 5	4	PY 212 or PY 252
Psychology	all	4, 5	4	PS 101
Spanish Language	all	4	4	LS 212
		5	4	One 300-level language course
Spanish Literature & Culture	all	4	4	LS 212
		5	4	LS 307
Statistics	all, except ENG	4, 5	4	MA 115
	ENG	any	none	none
United States History	all	4, 5	4	HI 099