

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 Maturita examinations
- Swiss Maturity 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/.

Credit that you receive may be awarded toward:

- general education requirements
- concentration requirements
- elective credit

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

- dual concentration
- Boston University Collaborative Degree Program (dual-degree program)
- combined BA/MA or BS/MS program
- early graduation

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

Advanced Placement Credit

Most programs at Boston University award credit for test scores of 4 or 5 on most AP examinations. For some programs and exams, credit is awarded for a score of 3. Students who enter the University during the 2010/2011 academic year will receive credit as outlined on the chart beginning on the next page.

To receive AP credit, students must submit official examination scores via the College Board. Please use BU's College Entrance Examination Board code, **3087**.

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.

To request credit for college coursework, College of Arts & Sciences students should submit official transcripts to the attention of the BU Admissions Transfer Credit Evaluator. All other students should submit their official transcripts to the records office at their School or College.

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/.

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.

Advanced Placement (AP) Exam Credit

New students will be awarded AP credit as outlined on the following table:

| Examination | Schools/Colleges | Score | Credits | Course Equivalents |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|------------|-------------------------------------|
| Art History | all | 4, 5 | 8 | AH 111 & AH 112 |
| Biology | all, except ENG, SED | 4 | 4 | BI 105, BI 107, or BI 108 |
| | SED | | | BI 107 |
| | ENG | | | BI 108 |
| | all, except CAS, SAR, SMG | 5 | 8 | BI 107 & 108 |
| | CAS, SAR, SMG | | | BI 105 & BI 107 or BI 107 & BI 108 |
| Calculus AB | all, except ENG | 3, 4, 5 | 4 | MA 123 |
| | ENG | 4, 5 | | |
| Calculus BC | all, except ENG | 3 + sub-score 1, 2 | none | none |
| | | Any score + sub-score 3, 4, 5 | 4 | MA123 |
| | | 3, 4, 5 + sub-score 3, 4, 5 | 8 | MA 123 & MA 124 |
| | ENG | 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 | |
| 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 | 8 | Any two from EN 141, EN 142, EN 143 |
| Environmental Science | all | 4, 5 | 4 | GE 100 |
| European History | all | 4, 5 | 8 | HI 101 & HI 102 |
| French Language | all | 3, 4 | 4 | LF 212 |
| | | 5 | 8 | LF 303 & LF 304 |
| French Literature | all | 3, 4 | 4 | LF 212 |
| | | 5 | 8 | LF 350 and one 400-level course |
| German Language | all | 4 | 4 | LG 212 |
| | | 5 | | LG 303 |

| Examination | Schools/Colleges | Score | Credits | Course Equivalents |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|---------|---------|---------------------------------|
| Government & Politics: Comparative | all | 3, 4, 5 | 4 | PO 251 |
| Government & Politics: United States | all | 3, 4, 5 | 4 | PO 211 |
| Human Geography | all | 4, 5 | 4 | GE 102 |
| International English Language | all | any | none | none |
| Italian Language & Culture | all | 3, 4 | 4 | LI 212 |
| | | 5 | 8 | LI 303 & LI 304 |
| 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 | MU 111 |
| | CFA music majors | any | none | none |
| Physics B | all, except ENG | 4, 5 | 8 | PY 105 & PY 106 |
| | ENG | | none | none |
| Physics C: Mechanics | all | 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 | 3, 4 | 4 | LS 212 |
| | | 5 | 8 | LS 303 & LS 304 |
| Spanish Literature | all | 3, 4 | 4 | LS 212 |
| | | 5 | 8 | LS 350 and one 400-level course |
| Statistics | all, except ENG | 3, 4, 5 | 4 | MA 115 |
| | ENG | | none | none |
| United States History | all | 4, 5 | 8 | HI 151 & HI 152 |