International Baccalaureate (IB) Credit for IGETC

A score of 5, 6 or 7 on Higher Level exams is required to grant credit for IGETC certification. An acceptable IB score for IGETC equates to either 3 semester or 4 quarter units for certification purposes.

Students who have earned credit from an IB exam should not take a comparable college course because transfer credit will not be granted for both.

International Baccalaureate (IB)	IGETC AREA
IB Biology HL	5B
IB Chemistry HL	5A
IB Economics HL	4
IB Geography HL	4
IB History (any region) HL	3B or 4*
IB Language A: Literature (any language, except English) HL	3B and 6A
IB Language A: Language and Literature (any language, except English) HL	3B and 6A
IB Language A: Literature (any language) HL	3B
IB Language A: Language and Literature (any language) HL	3B
IB Language B (any language) HL	6A
IB Mathematics HL	2A
IB Physics HL	5A
IB Psychology HL	4
IB Theatre HL	3A

^{*} IB exam may be used in either area regardless of where the certifying CCC's discipline is located.

Example: History at a CCC is approved for Area 3B. The History IB may be used in Areas 3B or Area 4.

Actual IB transfer credit awarded for these and other IB exams for admission is determined by the CSU and UC.

The UC Policy for IB credit can be found at:

https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/counselors/exam-credit/ib-credits/

The CSU also has a system-wide policy for these and other IB exams for awarding transfer credit for admission. The CSU policy for IB can be found at:

https://www2.calstate.edu/apply/transfer/Pages/international-baccalaureate-ib.aspx