

Michigan State University

International Baccalaureate Program Equivalencies

Note: MSU recognizes subjects taken at the higher level (HL). This table reflects HL subject equivalencies.

IB Subject	Score	Credit or Waive	MSU Course	Adviser
Art/Design Visual Art	7	9 credits + Waive courses	STA gcu + Waive appropriate Studio Art courses from STA 110, 111, 113, 114 based on review of a portfolio of personal work**	
	6	9 credits	STA gcu †	
	5	6 credits	STA gcu	
** The program description specifically stresses an emphasis on the individual media and expressive development available to the student. The correspondence of the work undertaken and the course content of STA 110, 111, 113, 114 can only be determined by a review of the actual work.				
Biology*	7, 6, or 5	8 credits	BS 110, 111, and waive BS 111L	ISB
Business and Management	7, 6, or 5	No credit		
Business and Organization	7, 6, or 5	No credit		
Chemistry*	7 or 6	8 credits	CEM 151, 152, 161	ISP
	5	5 credits	CEM 141, 161	ISP
Computer Science	7, 6, or 5	3 credits	CSE gcu	
Design Technology	7, 6, or 5	3 credits	EGR gcu	
Economics*	7 or 6	6 credits	EC 201, 202	ISS
	5	Waive course (no credit)	Waive EC 201, 202	
Economic Policy	7, 6, or 5	1.5 credits	EC gcu	
English A1	7,6	8 credits	WRA 150 (Tier I requirement)/ GCU	
	5	4 Credits	WRA 150	
English A2	7,6, or 5	4 credits	WRA gcu	
Environmental Systems	Any	No credit		
Geography*	7, 6, or 5	3 credits	GEO gcu	ISS
History* (including regional history)	7, 6, or 5	8 credits	HST gcu	IAH
History of the Islamic World*	7, 6, or 5	8 credits	HST gcu	IAH
Information Technology in a Global Society	Any	No credit		
Language A (for any language other than English A1)	7, 6, or 5	8 credits	8 GCU for that language	
Language B (for any language other than English A1)	7, 6, or 5	8 credits	8 GCU for that language	
Mathematics	7, 6, or 5	12 credits	MTH 116, 132, 133	
Mathematics – Advanced	Any	No credit		
Mathematics – Further	Any	No credit		
Mathematical Methods	Any	No credit		
Music*	7, 6, or 5	3 credits	MUS gcu	IAH
Physics*	7, 6, or 5	8 credits	PHY 183, 184	ISP
Philosophy*	7, 6 or 5	3 credits	PHL gcu	IAH
Psychology*	7, 6, or 5	3 credits	PSY gcu	ISS
Social Anthropology*	7, 6, or 5	4 credits + Waive course	ANP gcu + Waive ANP 201	ISS
Theatre Arts*	7, 6, or 5	3 credits	THR gcu	IAH

* This course may be used to satisfy a portion of MSU's Integrative Studies requirement. Please contact an academic adviser to determine if this course may apply.

† GCU = General Credit, Undergraduate

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