



International Baccalaureate (IB) Students and Advanced Placement

IB applicants, who have successfully completed the IB Diploma and meet Western's admission criteria, are eligible for advanced standing and transfer credit consideration for each Higher Level (HL) subject with a score of 5 or higher.

If you are registered in Advanced Placement (AP) courses, and you achieved 4 out of 5 on your final AP exams, you may be considered for transfer credit to a maximum of **two full credits** as approved by the appropriate faculty. To be considered for transfer credit, you must have the College Board send your results directly to Western Admissions as soon as they are available.

When your credits have been assessed, you will see either a direct equivalent course that is offered at Western (examples below) or a general and unspecified transfer credit in a specific subject area – NOTE for IB Student assessment only:

HL Mathematics = Calculus 1000a and Math 1229b (total of 1.0 credit or 0.5 each)

Or

HL Business = Business 1020 TRN (TRN stands for 'transfer credit')

If you are an AP student, you will also see either a direct equivalent course or a general unspecified transfer credit in a specific subject area as well. However, the following courses WILL not be eligible for transfer:

AP Calculus AB = Calculus 1000a/b (total of a half 0.5 credit)

OR

AP History = History 1020 TRN (total of one full 1.0 credit)

How these courses are used in your degree depends on what program you choose to study. However, all credits will be assessed as first year courses. Therefore, they can be used as prerequisite courses for certain programs and toward the completion of your first year requirements. Here are the steps in the process to help you navigate the use of your credits, if you have been assessed for advanced standing"

1. Familiarize yourself with the program you wish to study by reviewing the Academic Calendar and the listing of Social Science programs:

<https://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/index.cfm?SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=>



2. Review and look at the credits for advanced standing that you will be given. Are any of these first year courses required in your program? If so, you are not required to re-enroll in these courses.
3. Contact the Faculty of Social Science to schedule a meeting or email directly to assist with program planning and course selection. An academic counsellor will be available to ensure you are choosing the correct courses based on your transfer credits and program choice

NOTES:

- a. All Western students are required to complete a minimum of 5.0 first year 1000 level courses. IB students may use transfer credits toward their first year requirements and any prerequisites for their program.
- b. IB students may choose, if they wish to repeat a transfer credit they received. For example, if you have a transfer credit for Economics 1021 and Economics 1022 because you took HL Economics but feel that you really want to re-take the course you may. However, IF you take the Western first year Economics courses, you will LOSE your IB transfer credit (even if you received a poor or failing grade). Repeating IB transfer credits in hopes of receiving high grades is not a good strategy.
- c. IB students, depending on program choice and prerequisite courses needed for your program MAY be eligible to enroll in second year courses. Discuss this option with your academic counsellor directly.
- d. IB students MAY be able to reduce their first year course load from 5.0 credits to 4.0 or 4.5 depending on prerequisite courses needed for your program and the number of transfer credits you have received that will count toward your first year requirements. Discuss this option with your academic counsellor.