Advanced Standing for IB Students
2016-2017
WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT FROM THIS PRESENTATION?

• This presentation will explain:
  • Advanced Standing options
    • Advanced Placement
    • Credit by Special Assessment
    • Transfer Credit
  • What to consider for all types of Advanced Standing.
  • How transfer credit may impact professional programs & scholarships.
  • How to decline transfer credit.
  • How to check your credit assessment.
WHAT IS ADVANCED STANDING?

- Advanced Standing is an umbrella term for three recognition options available to students who earn a 6 or 7 on identified IB exams.

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ARE YOU ELIGIBLE FOR ADVANCED STANDING?

• You are eligible if you earned a 6 or 7 on an identified IB exam.

• For a list of eligible IB exams and the Advanced Standing options offered, please visit:

www.registrar.ualberta.ca/calendar/Admission/chart4.html
ADVANCED PLACEMENT
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• With Advanced Placement, you are able to register in a senior level course without taking the junior level course first.
• You will *not* receive transfer credit but you will be able to jump straight into more advanced areas of a subject you are passionate about.
• Advanced placement cannot be declined.

**Note:** It is your responsibility to make sure you are registered in the appropriate course.
CREDIT BY SPECIAL ASSESSMENT (CSA)
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• Earning CSA allows you to challenge a university course for credit by writing a special examination.
• CSA is administered through your Faculty, and you need to contact a Faculty advisor to begin the process.
• You do not need to decline CSA if you are eligible but not interested in this option.
WHAT TO CONSIDER

• CSA is like writing a 100% final.
• The mark you earn on your CSA exam will appear on your official UAlberta transcript and will be factored into your GPA.
• Consider: When is the exam? Is it during final exams? How many other finals are you writing at that time?
TRANSFER CREDIT
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• Credit for university course work that is awarded for IB work completed in high school.

• Transfer credit awarded is either for a specific class (eg. CHEM 101) or an unspecified 100-level class (eg. HIST 100-level).

• If you have been awarded the IB diploma, you will be granted 3 credits in an open 100-level elective course.
YOU ARE ELIGIBLE IF:

- You received a score of 6 or 7 on an IB exam that is approved for transfer credit.
  - For a list of approved exams, please visit: www.registrar.ualberta.ca/calendar/Admission/chart4.html
- The transfer credit is applicable to your degree.
HOW DOES TRANSFER CREDIT APPEAR ON YOUR TRANSSCRIPT?

• If you are awarded transfer credit, you will not be assigned a specific grade, nor will an IB grade appear on your UAlberta transcript.

• UAlberta transcripts will simply reflect credit already achieved towards a degree.

• For example, transfer credit earned for IB Biology (HL) will show as *3 BIOL credits towards a UAlberta degree.
SAMPLE TRANSCRIPT:

Student Name:  
(Surname last)

ID Number:

Month and Day of Birth:  

Date of Issue: 16-FEB-2010

Awards

September 01, 2009:  Awarded an International Baccalaureate Diploma Scholarship

September 01, 2009:  Awarded a University of Alberta Academic Excellence Scholarship

September, 2009:  Admitted to the Faculty of Arts, Bachelor of Arts program, on the basis of Alberta Grade 12 standing 2009.

September 02, 2009:  Granted credit in courses (units) History 100-Level Option (3.00), French Language and Literature 100-Level Option (6.00), English 100-Level Option (6.00), BIOL 107 (3.00), Arts 100-Level Option (3.00) for work completed at International Baccalaureate, 2009. Total units 21.00.

Fall Term 2009  
Bachelor of Arts  
Linguistics

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• How likely are you to achieve an A+, A, or A- in a first year University course?
• Taking the equivalent university course may reinforce the material and better prepare you for higher-level courses.
• Transfer credit may impact your application to a professional program, or scholarships.
WHAT TO CONSIDER

• IB transfer credit will not be factored into your GPA or course load.

• **Scholarships:** Many scholarships available to new & continuing students require you to be registered in a full course load.
  - Contact the Student Financial Support Office at award@ualberta.ca if you have further questions regarding scholarships.

• **First-Class Standing:** Students must be enrolled in a full course load as defined by your Faculty in order to be awarded First-Class Standing.
WHAT TO CONSIDER

• If you decline your IB credit, the credit cannot be reinstated at any point during your U of A attendance.

• Declined IB credit cannot be used for admission into professional programs.

• If you are entering an Engineering program this faculty does not grant the same transfer credit as other faculties.
If you are in Engineering, the Faculty recommends that you
decline transfer credit in Chemistry, and Math courses because of
the way the program is structured.

As an Engineering student, you are required to take a full course
load during your first year. If you do not, you will have a Light
Load Adjustment that lowers your ranking for entry into second
year programs.

If you are an Engineering student, you have two options:

- You may **decline** the transfer credit, which helps with your GPA as well
  as your understanding of the subject.
- You may **accept** the transfer credit and take a higher level course
  instead. However, this generally has a negative impact on GPA.
ENGINEERING

• Engineering will accept transfer credit for a maximum of one 100-level Complementary Studies elective based on the following courses: English A (Literature) HL, Economics HL, History HL (any), Psychology HL, or completion of the IB diploma.

• Other eligible IB credit includes:
  • Chemistry HL = CHEM 103 (4.3 units)
  • Math (see IB Chart)
  • After branching into a specialized program, a student may be granted credit for Biology HL = BIOL 107 if applicable to that program. A credit update will be completed by the Faculty at that time.

• Transfer credit for first (qualifying) year courses does not reduce the minimum load requirements of 37.0 units.

• Contact engginfo@ualberta.ca if you have further questions.
PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS

• You may be able to meet professional program prerequisites with your IB course work.

• Does the professional program calculate a prerequisite average for admission?
  • **YES:** If you receive transfer credit, the grade you achieve in your AP course is factored into the prerequisite average.
  • **NO:** The grade you achieve in your AP course is not factored in, however, the transfer credit may still fulfill admission requirements.

* The following programs have prerequisite averages: Pharmacy, Medical Laboratory Science, & Radiation Therapy
PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS

• If the professional program calculates a prerequisite average for admission, the following IB grade conversions to GPA on the four point scale will be used:
  • AP grade of 5 = 4.0 (A or A+)
  • AP grade of 4 = 3.7 (A-)
Example:

- If you were to earn a 6 or 7 in IB Biology HL you would be eligible for transfer credit for BIOL 107.
- BIOL 107 can be a prerequisite for Pharmacy.
- You would not need to take BIOL 107 for admission into Pharmacy, and the IB grade would be converted to its equivalent on the four point scale to calculate the prerequisite average.
PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS

• Bachelor of Science in Radiation Therapy
• Radiation Therapy will only accept transfer credit for the English and Psychology prerequisite course requirements.
• Please contact a Radiation Therapy program advisor for information about how transfer credit may impact admission: radth@ualberta.ca or 780-492-6918.
HOW TO ACCEPT TRANSFER CREDIT

• **It is automatic!** If you wish to accept your transfer credit there is no further action you must take.

• We will automatically assess your IB transcripts and award you transfer credit.

**Note:** It is your responsibility to ensure your timetable accurately reflects your transfer credit status and that you are registered in the proper higher level course.
HOW TO DECLINE TRANSFER CREDIT

• You are responsible for initiating the process to decline credit.

• Once you have declined your IB credit, it cannot be reinstated.

• Fill out an *International Baccalaureate (IB) Decline Transfer Credit Form* that can be found at: [www.ualberta.ca/IB](http://www.ualberta.ca/IB)

• Submit the completed form to your Faculty Office by September 15, 2016.
DEADLINE TO DECIDE

September 15, 2016
HOW TO CHECK IF YOU HAVE BEEN AWARDED TRANSFER CREDIT

Click on Application Status
HOW TO CHECK IF YOU HAVE BEEN AWARDED TRANSFER CREDIT

Click on “View Transfer Credit Report”
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View Transfer Credit Report

Check Bear Tracks periodically to review any updates to your transfer credit. The Transfer Credit Report is not available on Bear Tracks after the course registration add/drop deadline for the Term of your application. You may wish to save or print a copy of the report for your future reference. Note that if you press the open pdf button to view your Transfer Credit Report in pdf, the process may take up to a minute to complete. Do not press other links while processing is taking place.

On the offer of Early Admission, Transfer Credit may be granted on eligible courses with grades of ‘In Progress’. The Transfer Credit Report will be temporarily unavailable during review of transfer credit when final transcripts are presented and will become accessible on Bear Tracks once the final review process is complete.

Faculty: Engineering
Academic Program: BSc in Mechanical Engineering
Academic Plan: Prelab
Academic Plan: Mechanical Eng Traditional
Term: Fall Term 2011
Subplan:
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Transfer Credit:

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Internal Credit: No courses to consider in this category
Test Credit: No components to consider in this category
Other Credit: No components to consider in this category
HOW TO CHECK IF YOU HAVE BEEN AWARDED TRANSFER CREDIT

This is what the Transfer Credit Report will look like
HOW TO CHECK IF YOU HAVE BEEN AWARDED TRANSFER CREDIT

1. Click "Academics"

Another Option:

You will then see the IB course for which you were awarded credit.

Choose a Report Type, press Go to generate the Report.

While this process is taking place, do not select the 'Go' button again or any other links on the page. Once processing is completed, you will be able to view your Unofficial Transcript in the browser display window.

Information For Students

An unofficial transcript reflects your academic record at the point of time that you requested it. It cannot be used as an official transcript as it does not bear the Registrar's signature, nor is it printed on security paper. If you attended the University prior to May 1983, your unofficial transcript may be incomplete and this portion of your record must be obtained from the Registrar's Office by requesting for a copy of your official transcript.

Students are responsible for ensuring the accuracy and completeness of their official record by verifying their unofficial transcript. Queries regarding errors or omissions in the unofficial academic history (transcript) must be made as soon as possible.

Use the Request Official Transcript page in Bear Tracks to submit the request. More information about how to obtain a copy of your official transcript is also available on the Office of the Registrar and Student Awards web site.

You will then see the IB course for which you were awarded credit.
THANK YOU!

If you have further questions, please email us at:

IBstudent@ualberta.ca