

**THE INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE (IB)**  
**Departmental Policies**  
**Higher Level (HL)**  
**Standard Level (SL)**

**ANTHROPOLOGY**

***Social and cultural anthropology***

The student must contact the department chair for the current policy and approval.

**ART**

***Visual Arts***

The student must contact the department chair for the current policy and approval.

**BIOLOGY**

***Biology***

Students earning a score of 6 or 7 with an IB Diploma will receive one (1) Hamilton College unit of elective credit upon completion of BIO 100 with a grade of B or better. The Registrar's Office may grant approval.

***Business Management***

Not acceptable for transfer credit.

**CHEMISTRY**

***Chemistry***

Students earning a score of 6 or higher on the SL or 5 or higher on the HL will receive one (1) Hamilton College unit of chemistry transfer credit upon completion of the initial Hamilton College chemistry course of CHEM 120 or CHEM 190 with a C- or better. The Registrar's Office may grant approval.

**CINEMA AND MEDIA STUDIES**

***Film***

The student must contact the program director for the current policy and approval.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE**

***Computer Science***

Per department decision-no credit is given for the course.

**DANCE AND MOVEMENT STUDIES**

***Dance***

The student must contact the department chair for the current policy and approval.

***Design Technology***

Not acceptable for transfer credit.

## **EAST ASIAN LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES**

### ***Chinese***

Students earning a score of 5 or higher on the SL or HL will receive one (1) Hamilton College unit of credit upon completion of Chinese 140 or a higher-level Chinese language course with a B- or better in the course. The student must also take a placement exam and petition the department for approval.

### ***Japanese***

Students earning a score of 5 or higher on the SL or HL will receive one (1) Hamilton College unit of credit upon completion of Japanese 140 with a B- or better in the course. The student must also take a placement exam and petition the department for approval.

## **ECONOMICS**

### ***Economics***

Students earning a score of 6 or 7 on the HL with an IB Diploma place out of ECON 100. If a student receives a B- or better in ECON 166, they will receive credit for ECON 100. The granted ECON 100 credit may apply toward an Economics concentration or minor. The Registrar's Office may grant approval.

### ***Extended Essay***

Credit is at the discretion of the applicable department the essay was written in.

## **FRENCH AND FRANCOPHONE STUDIES**

### ***French***

Students earning a score of 6 or higher on the SL or 5 or higher on the HL will receive one (1) Hamilton College unit of elective credit upon completion of a full credit 200-level French course (taught in French) with a B or better in the course. The IB French transfer credit may not count toward the French and Francophone Studies concentration or minor. The Registrar's Office may grant approval.

### ***Geography***

Students earning a score of 5 or higher will receive one (1) Hamilton College unit of elective credit. The Registrar's Office may grant approval.

## **GOVERNMENT**

### ***Global Politics***

Students earning a score of 6 or higher on the SL or 5 or higher on the HL will receive one (1) Hamilton College unit of GOVT 114 credit upon completion of any 200-level International Relations course with a B or better in the course. Such students should **NOT** take GOVT 114; the IB scores will count as their prerequisite for 200-level International Relations courses. The IB GOVT transfer credit may not count toward a Government concentration or minor. The Registrar's Office may grant approval.

## **HISPANIC STUDIES**

### ***Spanish***

Students earning a score of 6 or higher on the SL or 5 or higher on the HL will receive one (1) Hamilton College unit of elective credit upon completion of a 200-level Hispanic Studies course with a B- or better in the course. The Registrar's Office may grant approval.

## **HISTORY**

### ***History***

Students earning a score of 4 or higher will receive one (1) Hamilton College unit of elective credit upon completion of a 100-level writing-intensive history course with a C- or better in the course. The IB History transfer credit may not count toward a History concentration or minor. The Registrar's Office may grant approval.

### ***Information Technology in a Global Society***

The student must contact the department chair for the current policy and approval.

## **LITERATURE AND CREATIVE WRITING**

### ***Language A: Literature***

### ***Language B: Language and Literature***

### ***Literature and Performance***

Students earning a score of 6 or 7 will received one (1) credit toward general graduation requirements upon completion of a 100-level or 200-level writing-intensive course in the Literature Department during their first two years at Hamilton College with a minimum grade of B- (in addition to the credit earned for the course).

Students can only receive a total of one (1) unit of credit from either the Extended Essay in Language and Literature, the Language A: Literature course, the Language A: Language and Literature course, or the Literature and Performance course. This credit will not count toward the concentration. The Registrar's Office may grant approval.

## **MATHEMATICS AND STATISTICS**

### ***Mathematics: analysis and approaches SL***

### ***Mathematics: analysis and approaches HL***

### ***Mathematics: applications & interpretation SL***

### ***Mathematics: applications & interpretation HL***

The Mathematics and Statistics department does not give automatic credit to students who have taken an IB math curriculum, but a student can earn one (1) extra Hamilton College credit if they place into either Math 116 or Math 216 and complete that course with a grade of C- or higher. Placement is determined by the Mathematics and Statistics department based on the combination of their IB background with their score on Hamilton's math placement exam, and all students who have taken IB math and who want to continue with math at Hamilton should take both the departmental placement survey and the departmental placement exam.

Normally, students who have completed an HL curriculum of IB math place into either 116 or 216; students who have completed an SL curriculum of IB math normally place into either 113 or 116. Students who score a 6 or 7 on the HL IB exam are not eligible to take Math 113. Credit for Math 113 counts towards graduation but does not count toward any concentration or minor in mathematics, statistics, or data science.

## **MUSIC**

### ***Music***

The student must contact the department chair for the current policy and approval.

## **PHILOSOPHY**

### ***Philosophy***

The student must contact the department chair for the current policy and approval.

## **PHYSICS**

### ***Physics***

Students should consult with the department about placement but will not receive course credit.

## **PSYCHOLOGY**

### ***Psychology***

Students earning a score of 6 or 7 on the SL or a 5, 6 or 7 on the HL with an IB Diploma place out of PSYCH 101. Students who place out of PSYCH 101 will receive one (1) Hamilton College credit upon receiving a minimum grade of B in PSYCH/NEURO 201. The credit may not be applied toward the Psychology concentration or minor; concentrators must still take a total of ten courses. The Registrar's Office may grant approval.

## **RELIGIOUS STUDIES**

### ***World Religions***

Per department decision-no credit is given for the course.

### ***Sports, Exercise and Health Science***

Not acceptable for transfer credit.

## **THEATRE**

### ***Theatre***

The student must contact the department chair for the current policy and approval.

## **THEORY OF KNOWLEDGE DP CORE ELEMENT**

Theory of Knowledge credit is at the discretion of the Philosophy department. In order to be granted credit, a student must have been granted an IB Diploma and received a B or better on Theory of Knowledge. The transfer credit will not count towards a Philosophy concentration or minor. This course will be applied as "Other" with an assigned course number. The Registrar's Office may grant approval.