

ELIZABETH CITY STATE UNIVERSITY
International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Program Policy

Preamble

The International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Program is a comprehensive and challenging course of study that prepares students for college-level work. The IB Diploma Program is offered by over 1,456 schools worldwide in over 125 countries. The two-year course of study leads to final examinations in six subject areas with possible qualifications of college credit being awarded. The curriculum is rigorous and intellectually coherent, and it encourages critical thinking. Scores resulting from the IB examinations may allow individuals to receive college credit for courses in the General Education Curriculum. **Students who have earned the IB Diploma and elect to take the subject exams may receive course credits at Elizabeth City State University in accordance with the provisions of this policy.**

A. IB Diploma Curriculum

The IB Diploma Curriculum consists of six subject groups to include the following: Language A1; Language A2; Individuals and Societies; Experimental Sciences; Mathematics; and Electives. Candidates must take one subject from each of the six groups, and at least three subjects must be taken at the Higher Level. Each examined subject is graded on a scale of 1-7, with 7 being the highest score.

B. IB Diploma Program Candidates

Students with the IB Diploma are required to have earned a minimum of 24 points, completed the Extended Essay, taken the Theory of Knowledge (TOK) course, and participated in the CAS (Creativity, Action, and Service to the community) project.

C. IB Schools

Only (high) schools officially approved by the International Baccalaureate Organization are authorized to offer the curriculum and to present candidates for examination.

D. College Credit from the IB Exam

A final, official transcript must be received by the Office of Admissions from the International Baccalaureate National Organization following the grade awarding and the request of the student. The minimum score one must achieve in order to receive any college credit from the IB subject exams is five (5) or six (6). The Office of Admissions maintains a record of minimum score requirements for all exams. A maximum of 27 semester credits earned from the IB exams may be used toward attaining a bachelor's degree.

E. Exceptions to the Policy

Any requests for exceptions to this policy must be made to the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs.