

Credit for Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, A-Levels, and Other Pre-Matriculation Examinations

College Board Advanced Placement (AP): Entering students interested in receiving academic credit and/or advanced placement for college level work undertaken during high school should take the College Board Advanced Placement Examination. These examinations are graded by the College Entrance Examination Board on a 5 point scale.

International Baccalaureate Programme (IB): Entering students who took IB examinations as part of their high school experience may present their scores for credit consideration. These examinations are graded by the International Baccalaureate Organization on a 7 point scale. Credits are granted only based on examination results; no credit or waivers are granted for the diploma itself, although the diploma programme is recognized as a strong college preparatory curriculum.

A-Levels (A/AS): Entering students who took A-Level examinations as part of their high school experience may present their scores for credit consideration. These examinations are administered and graded by three agencies: University of Cambridge, AQA and Edexcel on a graded scale of A through C.

General Rules: In all cases, the examinations must have been taken prior to high school graduation or within six months thereafter, but in all cases before entering William and Mary.

The policies in each department governing credit and/or advanced placement for scores on AP or IB or A-Level examinations vary according to how the material covered by examinations fits the curriculum of the department. Members of the William and Mary faculty are actively engaged with the College Board in the development and grading of AP examinations and they regularly review AP, IB, and A-Level curricular documents to update the examination equivalencies.

In most departments, academic credit and/or advanced placement is awarded based on the test score. In some cases, the AP, IB, or A-Level Examinations are reviewed by faculty in the appropriate departments at William and Mary to determine whether advanced placement and/or academic credit is warranted, using the content of the College's introductory courses as a guide.

Credit received through these pre-matriculation examinations may be applied toward degree requirements, including proficiency, General Education Requirements, minor and major requirements. However, exemptions from courses may not be applied toward General Education Requirements except where noted.

The College of William and Mary grants credit or course exemptions in the following areas for Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, and A-Level Examinations:

Advanced Placement Exam	Score	Course and Credit Granted	Course Exemption (No Credit Granted)
APIEL (International English Language)	4 or 5	Departmental Review	Departmental Review
Art History	5	ARTH 251 (3) ARTH 252 (3)	
Art Studio Drawing	5	Departmental Review for ART 211 or 212 (3)	
Art Studio: Art 2-D Design		Departmental Review	
Art Studio: Art 3-D Design		Departmental Review	
Biology	5	BIOL Elective (4)*	BIOL 220/221 BIOL 225/226
Calculus AB	4 or 5	MATH 111 (4)	
Calculus AB subscore		no credit	no exemption
Calculus BC	4 or 5	MATH 111 (4) MATH 112 (4)	
Calculus BC	3	MATH 111 (4)	
Chemistry	5	CHEM 103 (3) CHEM 103L (1) CHEM Elective (3) CHEM 354 (1)	
Chemistry	4	CHEM 103 (3) CHEM 103L (1)	
Computer Science A	4 or 5	CSCI 141 (4)	
Computer Science AB	5	CSCI 141 (4) CSCI 241 (3)	

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Computer Science AB	3 or 4	CSCI 141 (4)	
Economics (Micro)	4 or 5	ECON 101 (3)	
Economics (Macro)	4 or 5	ECON 102 (3)	
English Literature and Composition	4 or 5	ENGL 210 (3)	WRIT 101
English Language and Composition	4 or 5		WRIT 101
Environmental Science	5	ENSP 101 (4)	
Environmental Science	4		ENSP 101
French Language or French Literature	5	FREN 206 (3) FREN 210 (3)	
French Language	4	FREN 206 (3)	
French Literature	4	FREN 210 (3)	
French Language or French Literature	3	FREN 202 (3)	
German Language or German Literature	5	GRMN 210 (3) GRMN 210 (3)	
German Language or German Literature	4	GRMN 210 (3)	
German Language or German Literature	3	GRMN 202 (3)	
Government and Politics (Comparative)	4 or 5	GOVT 203 (3)	
Government and Politics (U.S.)	4 or 5	GOVT 201 (3)	
History (European)	5	HIST 111 (3) HIST 112 (3)	
History (European)	4		HIST 111 & 112
History (U.S.)	5	HIST 121 (3) HIST 122 (3)	
History (U.S.)	4		HIST 121 & 122
History (World)	5	HIST 192 (3)	
History (World)	4		HIST 192
Human Geography	4 or 5	GOVT 381 (3)	
Latin**	5	LATN 202 (3)	
Latin	4		LATN 102
Music Theory	4 or 5	MUSC Elective (4)	MUSC 101 & 201
Music Aural Subscore		No credit	No exemption
Physics B	5	PHYS 107 (3) PHYS 107 L (1) PHYS 108 (3) PHYS 108 L (1)	
Physics CM	5	PHYS 101 (3) PHYS 101L (1)	
Physics CEM	5	PHYS 102 (3) PHYS 102L	

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Psychology	5	PSYC 201 (3) PSYC 202 (3)	
Psychology	4		PSYC 201 & 202
Spanish Language	5	HISP 206 (3) HISP 207 (3)	
Spanish Language	4	HISP 206 (3)	
Spanish Literature	5	HISP 207 (3) HISP 208 (3)	
Spanish Literature	4	HISP 208 (3)	
Spanish Language or Spanish Literature	3	HISP 202 (3)	
Statistics	4 or 5	MATH 106 (3)	BUAD 231

**If a student with an AP Biology score of 5 elects not to take Biology 220/221 and 225/226, Biology Elective may count as 4 credits toward the Biology major or minor and will count toward the GER 2B and GER 2 lab requirements. If the student takes Biology 220/221 and 225/226, Biology Elective counts as 4 credits towards general graduation requirements.*

*** SAT II Latin Subject Test of 650 or higher will also receive 3 credits for LATN 201.*

International Baccalaureate HL=Higher Level Exam SL= Standard Level Exam	Score	Course and Credit Granted	Course Exemption (No Credit Granted)
Visual Arts (HL)	6 or 7	Departmental Review	Departmental Review
Biology (HL)	5, 6, or 7	BIOL Elective (4)	BIOL 220/221 BIOL 225/226
Chemistry (SL)	7	CHEM 103 (3) CHEM 103L (1)	
Chemistry (HL)	6 or 7	CHEM 103 (3) CHEM 103L (1) CHEM Elective (3) CHEM 354 (1)	
Chemistry (HL)	5	CHEM 103 (3) CHEM 103L (1)	
Classical Studies (HL)	5, 6, or 7	Departmental Review	Departmental Review
Classical Studies (SL)	5, 6, or 7	Departmental Review	Departmental Review
Computer Science (HL)	6 or 7	CSCI 141 (4) CSCI 241 (3)	
Computer Science (HL)	5	CSCI 141 (4)	
Computer Science (SL)	6 or 7	CSCI 141 (4)	
Economics (HL)	5, 6, or 7	ECON 101 (3) ECON 102 (3)	
English (HL)	6 or 7	ENGL 210 (3)	WRIT 101
English (SL)	6 or 7		WRIT 101
English (HL)	5		WRIT 101
French (HL)	6 or 7	FREN 206 (3) FREN 210 (3)	
French A (SL)	6 or 7	FREN 202 (3)	
French B (SL)	6 or 7	FREN Elective (3)	
French (HL)	5	FREN 206 (3)	

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French (HL)	4		Language Requirement Fulfilled
Geography (HL)	6 or 7	GOVT 381 (3)	
German (HL)	6 or 7	GRMN 210 (3)	
German (HL)	5	GRMN 210 (3)	
German (HL)	4		Language Requirement Fulfilled
History Africa (HL)	6 or 7	HIST Elective (6)	
History Americas (HL)	6 or 7	HIST 122 (3) HIST Elective (3)	
History Europe (HL)	6 or 7	HIST 112 (3) HIST Elective (3)	
History SE Asia/ Oceania (HL)	6 or 7	HIST Elective (6)	
History (World) (HL)	6 or 7	HIST 192 (3) HIST Elective (3)	
Mathematics (HL)	6 or 7	MATH 111 (4) MATH 112 (4)	
Mathematics (HL)	5	MATH 111 (4)	
Music (HL)	6 or 7	Departmental Review	
Music (SL)	6 or 7	Departmental Review	
Philosophy (HL)	5, 6, or 7	Departmental Review	Departmental Review
Physics (HL)	6 or 7	PHYS 107 (3) PHYS 107L (1) PHYS 108 (3) PHYS 108L (1)	
Psychology (HL)	6 or 7	PSYC 201 (3) PSYC 202 (3)	
Psychology (HL)	5		PSYC 201 & 202
Spanish (HL)	6 or 7	HISP 206 (3) HISP 207 (3)	
Spanish A (SL)	6 or 7	HISP 202 (3)	
Spanish B (SL)	6 or 7	HISP Elective (3)	
Spanish (HL)	5	HISP 206 (3)	
Spanish (HL)	4		Language Requirement Fulfilled

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A/AS Level Course	Score/Grade	Course and Credit Granted
A - Applied Information and Computing Technology	A, B	CSCI 131 (3), CSCI Elective (3)
A - Biology	A, B	BIOL 220 (3)/221 (1)
A - Biology	A, B	BIOL 225 (3)/226 (1)
A - Chemistry	A, B	CHEM 103 (3)/103L (1)
A - Chemistry	A, B	CHEM 308 (3)/354 (1)
A - Economics	A, B	ECON 101 (3), ECON 102 (3)
A - English	A, B	ENGL 210 (3), WRIT 101 (0)
A - History	A, B	HIST Elective (3), HIST Elective (3)
A - Physics	A, B	PHYS 107 (3) and 107L (1), PHYS 108 (3) and 108L (1)
AS - Mathematics P1 and P2	A	MATH 111 (4)
AS - Mathematics P1 and M1	A	MATH Elective - GER 1 (3)
AS - Mathematics P1 and S1	A	MATH Elective (3)
A - Mathematics P1, P3 and M1, S1	A, B	MATH 111 (4)/MATH 112 (4)
A - Mathematics P1, P3 and M1, S1	C	MATH 111 (4)
A - Mathematics P1, P3 and M1, M2	A, B	MATH 111 (4)/MATH 112 (4)
A - Mathematics P1, P3 and M1, M2	C	MATH 111 (4)
A - Mathematics P1, P3 and S1, S2	A	MATH 106 (3)/MATH 111 (4)/ MATH 112(4)
A - Mathematics P1, P3 and S1, S2	B	MATH 111 (4)/MATH 112 (4)
A - Mathematics P1, P3 and S1, S2	C	MATH 111 (4)
A - Music		Departmental Review

Credit by Examination

Students at the College may request academic credit for courses by examination. Interested students should petition the Committee on Degrees for permission to take an examination for credit. If the petition is granted, the department at the College in which the course is normally offered sets an appropriate examination and certifies the results to the registrar. Students may not receive credit by examination after registration for their final semester under any of the following circumstances:

- they are enrolled in the course at the time of the request,
- they have previously revoked credit for the same course,
- upper level course work in the same subject has already begun,
- the same course has previously been failed, or
- for any foreign language course at or below the 202 level.

William and Mary does not participate in the College Board CLEP program or in the Subject Standardized Test of the United States Armed Forces Institute.

Revoking Credits Earned Before Matriculation

The Committee on Degrees will allow students to revoke college credits earned in high school (including AP, IB, and dual enrollment) or a previous college, if the department believes that the preparation received was inadequate to succeed in subsequent coursework. No petitions will be considered without departmental approval. Students may not revoke credit for foreign language courses. Students who have revoked credit for a course may not subsequently receive credit by examination for the course. The decision to revoke credit is final.

Transfer Credit

General Rules for Transfer Credit

- A grade of "C" (2.0) or higher is required ("C-" is not acceptable). In the case of a course taken on a Pass/Fail basis, a grade of "P" is acceptable only when the student provides a letter from the faculty member who taught the course certifying that the student's work was at the level of C or above.
- The course generally must have been taken at a regionally-accredited institution. Consult the Registrar's Office regarding exceptions.
- Transfer credits from institutions on the quarter system or other systems will be translated into semester credits.
- "Equivalent" course credit is granted when the course is similar to a course presently offered for academic credit at the College. "Equivalent" transfer credits may satisfy proficiency, minor, major, and general education requirements only when they are earned pre-matriculation, or with the express pre-approval of the Committee on Degrees. One exception is that modern language courses at the 101, 102 and 201 levels may count toward satisfying the language proficiency requirement even though taken at another domestic institution. This exception applies solely to these three language course levels.
- "Elective" course credit is granted when the course is not similar to an existing William and Mary course, but is recommended for credit by an existing academic program or department at the College. Courses granted elective transfer credit will count toward the total number of academic credits required for the baccalaureate degree, but they may not be used to meet proficiency, minor, or major requirements unless approval has been granted by the College's Committee on Degrees.

6. Transfer credit will not be granted for courses that belong in one or more of the following categories:
 - a. Correspondence courses
 - b. Courses in professional, vocational, or sectarian religious study
 - c. Courses below the level of introductory courses at the College
 - d. Modern language courses that repeat the level of courses previously taken in high school or at other colleges, except if you have completed up to level III, you may receive credit for 201
 - e. College orientation courses
 - f. Courses taken in Armed Forces service schools or training programs, unless comparability with William and Mary courses can be demonstrated (DOD language institute courses, for example, may be eligible for transfer credit)
 - g. Courses taken while a student is not in good academic standing.
7. Transfer grades do not affect degree requirements, grade point average, or class rank.
8. While there is no limit to the number of credits that may be transferred, William and Mary requires that at least 60 credit hours, including the last two full-time semesters and a minimum of 15 credits in the major and a minimum of 9 credits in the minor, be earned in residence at the College.
9. Courses must be at least four weeks long and must meet at least 12.5 hours per credit hour to be transferred back to William and Mary. Courses lasting six weeks or longer must meet for at least 32.5 hours for a three-credit course. Other courses will not receive permission from the Committee on Degrees unless the nature of the course and the special educational value of the course to the student's program are demonstrated.

Transfer Credit for Newly-Admitted Students

The Office of the University Registrar is responsible for evaluating transfer credit for newly admitted transfer students. Evaluation of transfer credit begins after a student has been selected for admission and has indicated an intention to enroll. Students should not assume that credit will be granted for all courses completed at their transfer institution.

Transfer of Credits from Virginia Community Colleges and Richard Bland College

Students transferring (not new freshmen) with an Associate of Arts, Associate of Sciences, or Associate of Arts and Sciences degree in a baccalaureate-oriented program from the Virginia Community College System or Richard Bland College are granted junior academic status (defined as at least 54 credits). An associate's degree in General Studies is not considered a baccalaureate-oriented program, unless approved as such by the State Council on Higher Education for Virginia. For a list of approved programs, contact the Office of Undergraduate Admission.

These students are considered to have completed lower-division general education requirements but still are expected to fulfill the College's foreign language proficiency and lower division writing requirement, GER 4B (History and Culture outside the European Tradition), GER 6 (Creative and Performing Arts), and GER 7 (Philosophical, Religious and Social Thought), and all major requirements. The Guide for Transfer Students from Virginia Community Colleges provides additional information and is located on the University Registrar's Office's website. Performance information concerning these transfer students will be shared confidentially with the two-year colleges from which they transfer.

New Freshmen who enter with an associate's degree earned primarily through dual enrollment credit will not be granted automatic

junior status or general education requirement exemption, but they will receive credit for courses as noted in the "General Rules" section above.

Transfer of Credit from Foreign Institutions

William & Mary recognizes that international students may arrive on campus having completed studies equivalent to college courses. To be eligible for possible transfer credit, all students who have completed a 13-year secondary program or who have attended a university outside of the United States must submit translated syllabi for each thirteenth year or university course with their application for admission. Once these students have been admitted to the College and have declared their intention to enroll, they must submit an official copy, from the testing agency, of the student's final results/scores to:

The College of William and Mary
 Office of the University Registrar
 Attn: Transfer Credit Coordinator
 PO Box 8795
 Williamsburg, VA 23187-8795

Additionally, incoming students with international educational experiences may be required to send their academic credentials to the American Association for Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (AACRAO) for preliminary determination of transferable credit. If an AACRAO evaluation is required, once AACRAO has determined the amount and subject of transferable credit, the University Registrar's Office will determine exactly what credit, if any, will be granted.

Students should contact the Transfer Credit Coordinator (757-221-2823) in the Office of the University Registrar to determine whether they are required to go through AACRAO.

Application forms are available from AACRAO: One Dupont Circle NW, Suite 520, Washington, DC 22036, or 1-800-293-9161, or www.aacrao.org/credential/individual.htm

The cost of this evaluation is approximately 200.00 US Dollars. Obtaining an external evaluation does not ensure the awarding of credit.

Studying Away from the College after Matriculation

Once a student matriculates at the College of William and Mary, transfer credit for work taken elsewhere (post-William and Mary matriculation) is only granted with pre-approval and under very special circumstances. Students must be in good standing at William and Mary, both academically and judicially, in order to request or receive approval of transfer credit. Courses taken elsewhere post-matriculation at William and Mary may not be used to satisfy major, minor, proficiency, or GER requirements without specific pre-authorization from the Committee on Degrees. As a result, they appear on the transcript as elective credit.

Study Abroad

William and Mary students who wish to participate in a Study Abroad program must register with the Global Education Office in the Reves Center for International Studies. Special circumstances apply:

1. Pre-approval of transfer credits by the academic departments is required for all study abroad programs except the William and Mary "faculty-led" or "faculty-assisted" programs. The transfer credit pre-approval process should be completed before the student's participation in the program abroad; find the form on the Reves Center's website.
2. While abroad, students must enroll in at least 12 credits per semester (full-time status is required). A maximum of 18 credit hours per semester may be earned.