



# 1 ADVANCED CREDIT GUIDE (2025-2026)

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### About Advanced Credit

As a new student at Boston University, you may be eligible for advanced credit based upon:

- college courses completed during high school or during the summer
- Advanced Placement (AP) examinations
- International Baccalaureate examinations
- GCE Advanced-Level examinations
- French Baccalaureate examinations
- German Abitur examinations
- Italian Maturità examinations
- Swiss Maturité examinations

For specific information about credit awarded for IB, GCE, French Baccalaureate, German Abitur, and Italian Maturità examinations, please see [bu.edu/admissions/apply/forms](http://bu.edu/admissions/apply/forms).

Credit that you receive may be awarded toward:

- BU Hub (general education) requirements
- requirements for majors and minors
- elective credit

While advanced credit may offer flexibility in educational program planning, please note that students accepted into the Accelerated Medical Program cannot receive advanced credit.

### Advanced Placement Credit

Advanced Placement (AP) credit is college credit students earn before they matriculate (the first day of the first semester) at Boston University and may be applied toward the degree requirements as specified by the individual programs, schools, and colleges of Boston University. To be eligible to receive AP credit, first year students who applied from high school or a high school equivalent program must take the AP exam prior to matriculation at Boston University. To ensure accurate degree planning and effective advising, students should submit all scores before the first day of their first semester at Boston University. For transfer students, AP credit awarded by a prior institution will

be reevaluated as part of the transfer credit evaluation process. All students must submit official examination scores via the College Board. Please use BU's College Entrance Examination Board code, 3087.

AP credit is awarded as outlined on the [chart](#).

### Credit for College Coursework

Credit for professional courses will be transferred at the discretion of the School or College of admission. Note: Students will not receive duplicate credit for exams equated to the same Boston University course. Courses taken through other universities do not meet BU Hub requirements, even if they are equated to a BU course that carries one or more Hub unit(s).

Transfer credit is not granted for physical education, health, dance, ROTC courses or for non-academic activities.

The basic unit of credit at BU is the semester hour. Coursework completed under a quarter-hour system is converted by awarding two-thirds of the total number of quarter hours.

Transferable coursework completed under a semester credit-hour system is transferred with an equal number of credit hours as awarded by the school from which you are transferring. A maximum number of 68 credits may be transferred.

Credit for courses completed outside the United States will be evaluated by Boston University International Admissions staff. Credit for international curricula may vary; please contact International Admissions at [intadmis@bu.edu](mailto:intadmis@bu.edu) if you have questions or concerns.

High School/Dual Enrollment Credits: Any college courses used to fulfill high school graduation requirements are not eligible for credit at Boston University. The Dual Enrollment Verification Form must be signed and submitted by your high school counselor to verify that the coursework did not count towards your high school graduation requirements. The coursework must also be completed at an accredited college or university in classes open to all students at the college or university. For more information on Dual Enrollment Credits, see our credit policies at <https://www.bu.edu/academics/policies/transfer-of-undergraduate-credit-from-us-institutions/> (corrected link)

### **Advanced Credit for International Baccalaureate Exams**

Boston University also recognizes IB Higher Level exams may be applied to degree requirements. For more information, see the IB course equivalence chart at [bu.edu/admissions/apply/faqs-helpful-forms/forms/](https://bu.edu/admissions/apply/faqs-helpful-forms/forms/). (corrected link)

### **Credit for Additional International Exams**

Boston University awards credit other international external exams. See our policies at [bu.edu/admissions/apply/faqs-helpful-forms/forms/](https://bu.edu/admissions/apply/faqs-helpful-forms/forms/).

Boston University reserves the right to change policy regarding advanced placement credit without advanced notice.

## 2 ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) EXAM CREDIT

New students will be awarded AP credit as outlined below. Please note: credit will be accepted at the discretion of each School or College. All course equivalents are in the College of Arts and Sciences and are numbered CAS plus the course equivalent unless otherwise noted.

Examination	Schools/ Colleges	Score	Credits	Course Equivalents	BU Hub *
Art History	all	4, 5	4	CAS AH 1TR	N/A
African American Studies	all	4, 5	4	elective credit granted; no specific course equivalent	N/A
Biology	all	4	4	CAS BI 105 or CAS BI 107 or CAS BI 108 or CGS NS 201	SI I
	all	5	8	CAS BI 107 & CAS 108 or CAS BI 105 & CAS BI 107 or CAS BI 1TR & CAS CAS BI 108 or CGS NS 201 & CGS NS 202	SI I & SI II
Calculus AB	all	4, 5	4	CAS MA 123	QR II
Calculus BC	all	Score = 1,2,3 Subscore = 4,5	4	CAS MA 123	QR II
		Score = 4,5 Subscore=any	8	CAS MA 123 & CAS MA 124	QR II & QR II
Chemistry	all	4, 5	4	CAS CH 131	SI I
Chinese Language & Culture	all	4	4	CAS LC 212	GCI
		5	4	CAS LC 311	GCI
Computer Science A	all	4, 5	4	CAS CS 111	QR II
Computer Science Principles	all	4, 5	4	CAS CS 101 or CDS DS 100	QR I
Economics: Macro	all	4, 5	4	CAS EC 102	SO I
Economics: Micro	all	4, 5	4	CAS EC 101	SO I
English Language & Composition	all	4, 5	4	elective credit granted; no specific course equivalent.	N/A
English Literature & Composition	all	4, 5	4	CAS EN 100 or CGS HU1TR	N/A
Environmental Science	all	4, 5	4	CAS EE 100	SO 1

Examination	Schools/ Colleges	Score	Credits	Course Equivalents	BU Hub *
European History	all	4, 5	4	elective credit granted; no specific course equivalent	N/A
French Language & Culture	all	4	4	CAS LF 212	GCI
		5		CAS LF 3TR If your advisor approves a course equivalent, the course number will be in the range of LF 300-349.	GCI
German Language & Culture	all	4	4	CAS LG 212	GCI
		5		CAS LG 3TR If your advisor approves a course equivalent, the course number will be in the range LG 300-349.	GCI
Government & Politics: Comparative	all	4, 5	4	CAS PO 151	SO I
Government & Politics: United States	all	4, 5	4	CAS PO111	SO I
Human Geography	all	4, 5	4	CAS EE 100	SO I
Italian Language & Culture	all	4	4	CAS LI 212	GCI
		5		CAS LI 3TR If your advisor approves a course equivalent, the course number will be in the range LI300-349.	GCI
Japanese Language & Culture	all	4	4	CAS LJ 212	GCI
		5		CAS LJ 303	GCI
Latin	all	4	4	CAS CL 212	N/A
		5	8	CAS CL 212 & CAS CL 3TR	N/A
Music Theory	all	4, 5	4	CAS MT 105	AEX
Physics 1	all	4, 5	4	CAS PY 105	SI I
Physics 2	all	4, 5	4	CAS PY 106	SI II
Physics C: Mechanics	all	4, 5	4	CAS PY 211 or CAS PY 251	SI I
Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism	all	4, 5	4	CAS PY 212 or CAS PY 252	SI II

Examination	Schools/ Colleges	Score	Credits	Course Equivalents	BU Hub *
Psychology	all	4, 5	4	CAS PS 101	SO I
Spanish Language & Culture	all	4	4	CAS LS 212	GCI
		5		CAS LS 3TR If your advisor approved a course equivalent, the course number will be in the range LS 300-349.	GCI
Spanish Literature & Culture	all	4	4	CAS LS 212	GCI
		5		CAS LS 307	GCI
Statistics	all	4, 5	4	CAS MA 115	QR II
United States History	all	4, 5	4	elective credit granted; no specific course equivalent	N/A

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AEX	Aesthetic Exploration
GCI	Global Citizenship and Intercultural Literacy
QR I & II	Quantitative Reasoning I & II
SI I & II	Scientific Inquiry I & II
SO I & II	Social Inquiry I & II