

Motion presented to Faculty Senate 5/06/14
Proposal for use of AP, CLEP and IB/HIB for Gen Ed effective Fall 2014
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The UUCC reviewed the policies for use of AP, CLEP and IB/HIB to satisfy general education requirements because uniform policies are needed for the new Degree Works system. No changes are proposed to the policies for use of AP credit which were established originally by the Faculty Senate when Gen Ed was implemented. The committee reviewed the use of CLEP exams, which are exams for credit without any course experience, in relation to the learning outcomes for the gen ed categories and concluded that acceptance of CLEP exams was appropriate for the Math requirement if the student takes the Calculus exam and to satisfy the state's US History requirement. IB/HIB exam acceptance is similar to the existing AP policies.

Gen Ed Category	AP with score of 3	CLEP (credit-granting score is 50)	IB and HIB
Aesthetics	Art History, Art Studio, Music Theory	None accepted.	IB Higher Level Fine Arts score of 4-7
Composition	None accepted.	Do not accept; CLEP exam does not require students to write and revise papers	HIB English A1 score of 4-7 Do not accept effective Fall 2014; all students must take one college-level writing course.
Foreign Language	Chinese Language & Culture, French Language, French Literature, German Language, German Literature, Italian Language & Culture, Japanese Language & Culture, Latin Literature, Latin Virgil, Spanish Language, Spanish Literature	Do not accept – CLEP exam tests listening and reading only. Cannot be used to determine proficiency.	Score of 4-7 on IB Higher Level or IB Standard Level exam
Global Interdependencies	None accepted.	None accepted.	None accepted.
Humanities	English Lit/Comp, French Literature, German Literature, Latin Literature, Spanish Literature	Do not accept – Exam questions do not demonstrate how students could meet learning objectives of understanding human experience	IB Higher Level Humanities score of 4-7

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Laboratory Science	Biology, Chemistry and Environmental Science with verification of lab experience. Biology is only accepted if students take the AP course after completion of another high-school level course in biology.	Do not accept – Students do not take a lab	IB Higher Level Experimental Sciences score of 4-7 in Biology, Chemistry, and Environmental Sciences and Societies with verification of lab experience. Biology is only accepted if students take the IB-HL course after completion of another high-school level course in biology.
Mathematics	Calculus, Statistics	Per consultation with Math Department, we should only accept Calculus	IB Higher Level Math score of 4-7
Pluralism	American History serves as verification of proficiency only	Use US History I or II to determine proficiency only	None accepted.
Oral Communication	None accepted.	None accepted.	None accepted.
Social Science	American History, Economics, European History, Human Geography, Political Science, World History	Do not accept – BU Social Science courses require students to learn methodology	IB Higher Level Social Science score of 4-7
Physical Activity/Wellness	None accepted.	Do not accept – BU Wellness courses focus on developing a healthy lifestyle rather than just providing information	None accepted.

Notes:

1. All AP equivalencies have been approved by the Faculty Senate.
2. CLEP or IB/HIB equivalencies have appeared on the Gen Ed planning sheets and website since Fall 2000. For more information on CLEP, see <https://clep.collegeboard.org/exam>; on IB and HIB, see <http://www.ibo.org/diploma/curriculum/>
3. Excelsior College Examinations (formerly known as Regents College Examinations) cannot be used to fulfill Gen Ed requirements.
4. DANTES Standard Subject Tests (DSST) cannot be used to fulfill Gen Ed requirements.