

There are a number of ways to earn advanced placement units at Boston College including qualifying scores on College Board Advanced Placement (AP) exams, International Baccalaureate exams, British A Level exams, French Baccalaureate exams, as well as results from the German Abitur, and the Swiss Maturité and Italian Maturità. Official results from all testing should be sent to the Office of Transfer Admission for evaluation. Qualifying scores will be assigned advanced placement units as outlined below.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAMS

Boston College participates in the Advanced Placement program of the College Entrance Examination Board. Applicants interested in advanced placement should make arrangements to take the Advanced Placement Examinations given by the College Board in May of each year.

The following table displays Boston College's Advanced Placement policy. Boston College reserves the right to change this policy, as is determined by campus administrators. In general, a student scoring four or five on the exams will be awarded advanced placement. In some instances, a score of three will make a student eligible for advanced placement. In most cases, students do not earn actual credit, rather, they fulfill corresponding requirements in the Core Curriculum.

Advanced Placement Exam	Exam Score Minimum	Advanced Placement Units	Requirements Fulfilled*
Art History	4	3	Fine Arts Core
Biology	4	6	2 Natural Science Core
Calculus AB (or AB sub score)	4	3	1 Math Core
Calculus BC	4	6	1 Math Core/1 Math Elective
Capstone Seminar	N/A	N/A	No BC equivalent
Chemistry	4	6	2 Natural Science Core
Chinese Language and Culture	4	6	2 Slavic Language Electives & Language Proficiency, Demonstrates Language Proficiency
Computer Science (AB or A)	4	3	1 Computer Science Elective. Must consult with the department to determine if any placement toward major is appropriate.
Economics (Micro)	4	3	1 Social Science Core (except LSOE)
Economics (Macro)	4	3	1 Social Science Core (except LSOE)
English Language	4	3	Writing Core
English Literature	4	3	Literature Core
Environmental Science	4	3	1 Natural Science Core
European History	4	6	2 Modern History Core
French Language/Literature	3	0	Demonstrates Language Proficiency
	4	6	2 Romance Language Electives and Language Proficiency
German	3	0	Demonstrates Language Proficiency
	4	6	2 German Language Electives and Language Proficiency
U.S. Government and Politics	4	3	1 Social Science Core (A&S or CSON only)
Comparative Government and Politics	4	3	1 Social Science Core (A&S or CSON only)
Human Geography	N/A	N/A	No BC equivalent
Italian Language and Culture	3	0	Demonstrates Language Proficiency
	4	6	2 Romance Language Electives and Language Proficiency
Japanese Language & Culture	4	6	2 Slavic Language Electives & Language Proficiency
Latin: Virgil/Literature	4	6	2 Classical Language Electives and Language Proficiency
Music Theory	5	3	1 Fine Arts Core
Physics 1	4	3	1 Natural Science Core
Physics 2	4	3	1 Natural Science Core
Physics C Mechanics	4	3	1 Natural Science Core
Physics C E+M	4	3	1 Natural Science Core
Psychology	4	3	1 Social Science Core (except CSOM)

Spanish Language/Literature	3	0	Demonstrates Language Proficiency
	4	6	2 Romance Language Electives and Language Proficiency
Statistics	5	3	Fulfills Statistics Requirement (CSOM & MCAS Psychology majors only)
Studio Art	4	3	1 Fine Arts Elective
U.S. History			2 History Electives. Please consult with department for any possible placement toward History major.
	4	6	
World History	4	6	2 Modern European History Core

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE			
Each score of 6 or 7 on Higher Level exams will earn advanced placement units and will generally satisfy a core requirement. Please reference the table below for specific exams.			
IB Exam	Exam Score	Advanced Placement Units	Requirements Fulfilled*
Dance	N/A	N/A	N/A
Film	6/7	3	Arts Core
Music	6/7	3	Arts Core
Theatre	6/7	3	Arts Core
Visual Arts	6/7	3	Arts Core
Individuals and Societies			
IB Exam	Exam Score	Advanced Placement Units	Requirements Fulfilled*
Business and Management	N/A	N/A	N/A
Economics	6/7	6	2 Social Science Core (Micro/Macro Econ.) except in LSOE
Geography	N/A	N/A	N/A
Global Politics	6/7	3	1 Social Science Core except in CSOM & LSOE
History of the Americas	6/7	6	Modern History Core I & II
History of Europe	6/7	6	Modern History Core I & II
Information Tech in a Global Society	N/A	N/A	N/A
Islamic History	6/7	3	No core; History Elective
Philosophy	6/7	3	1 Philosophy Core
Psychology	6/7	3	No Core; 1 Psychology Elective
Social and Cultural Anthropology	6/7	3	1 Social Science Core
World Religion	6/7	3	1 Theology Core
Experimental Sciences			
IB Exam	Exam Score	Advanced Placement Units	Requirements Fulfilled*
Biology	6/7	6	2 Natural Science Core
Chemistry	6/7	6	2 Natural Science Core
Computer Science	6/7	3	1 Computer Science Elective**
Design Technology	N/A	N/A	N/A
Environmental Systems	6/7	3	1 Natural Science Core
Physics	6/7	6	2 Natural Science Core
Math and Computer Science			
IB Exam	Exam Score	Advanced Placement Units	Requirements Fulfilled*
Mathematics	6/7	3	1 Math Core
Further Mathematics	6/7	3	1 Math Core
Language			
IB Exam	Exam Score	Advanced Placement Units	Requirements Fulfilled*
English A Literature	6/7	3	1 Literature Core
English A Language	6/7	3	1 Writing Core
English B Language	6/7	3	1 Writing Core
Foreign Language	6/7	6	MCAS/CSOM Language Proficiency
Modern Classical Language	6/7	6	MCAS/CSOM Language Proficiency

* IB elective units cannot be used to fulfill the four arts and sciences electives required for CSOM, but can count toward the 24 units required to be eligible to apply for advanced standing. Electives do not count toward the degree in any other scenario because IB units

are generally used for placement only; not credit.

** Students interested in the Computer Science major must consult with the Computer Science department to determine if these electives can apply to the major.

Sports and Exercise IB is not recognized by Boston College.

SAT SUBJECT TESTS

All students in the College of Arts and Sciences must demonstrate intermediate-level proficiency in a foreign language in order to graduate from Boston College. The SAT II Subject test scores below demonstrate intermediate-level proficiency at Boston College.

SAT Subject Test	Exam Score	Requirements Fulfilled*
Chinese	650	Demonstrates Language Proficiency
French	550	Demonstrates Language Proficiency
German	600	Demonstrates Language Proficiency
Italian	550	Demonstrates Language Proficiency
Japanese	650	Demonstrates Language Proficiency
Korean	650	Demonstrates Language Proficiency
Latin	600	Demonstrates Language Proficiency
Spanish	550	Demonstrates Language Proficiency

COLLEGE COURSES TAKEN DURING HIGH SCHOOL

Advanced placement units can be earned for college courses taken during high school according to the following guidelines.

Courses Taken at a High School:

Students enrolled in courses designated as “college courses” that are taken at the high school with a high school teacher may only earn advanced placement units if corresponding College Board AP exams are taken and qualifying scores are earned. A college transcript alone can not be used to earn advanced placement units for these courses.

Courses Taken on a College Campus:

College coursework taken on a college campus with a college professor and with other college students either during the academic year or over the summer may be evaluated for advanced placement units. Only courses that are deemed equal in depth and breadth to coursework taught at Boston College and are being used to supplement high school coursework (and not to fulfill high school requirements) will be considered.

Each 3- or 4-credit course with a grade of B or better will earn advanced placement units. College transcripts for these courses should be submitted to the Office of Transfer Admission by August 1. **Students who enroll at a local college to satisfy high school graduation requirements are not eligible for advanced placement units unless they take the corresponding College Board AP exams and earn qualifying scores.**

BRITISH A-LEVELS

A-Level Exam	Exam Score	Advanced Placement Units	Requirements Fulfilled*
Accounting	N/A	N/A	N/A
Ancient History	A/B/C	3	Modern History Core I & II
Art and Design	N/A	N/A	N/A
Art History	A/B/C	3	1 Arts Core
Art (Fine Art)	A/B/C	3	1 Arts Core
Astronomy	A/B/C	3	1 Natural Science Core
Biology	A/B	6	2 Natural Science Core
	C	3	1 Natural Science Core
Business	N/A	N/A	N/A
Business Studies	N/A	N/A	N/A

Chemistry	A/B	6	2 Natural Science Core
	C	3	1 Natural Science Core
Computer Science	N/A	N/A	N/A
Economics	A/B	6	2 Social Science Core (except LSOE)
	C	3	1 Social Science Core (except LSOE)
English Language	A/B/C	3	Writing Core Only
English Literature	A/B/C	3	Literature Core Only
Film Studies	A/B/C	3	1 Fine Arts Core
Geography	N/A	N/A	N/A
History	A/B/C	6	Modern History Core I and II
Islamic Studies	N/A	N/A	N/A
Languages other than English	A/B/C	3	1 Foreign Language elective/Language proficiency
Maths/Further Maths	A/B	6	1 Math Core/1 Math Elective
	C	3	1 Math Core
Music	N/A	N/A	N/A
Photography	N/A	N/A	N/A
Physics	A/B	6	2 Natural Science Core
	C	3	1 Natural Science Core
Psychology	A/B/C	3	1 Psychology Core
Religious Studies	A/B/C	3	1 Theology Core
Sociology	A/B/C	3	1 Social Science Core (except CSOM and LSOE)
	A/B	3	1 Statistics CSOM Core
Statistics	N/A	N/A	N/A
	A/B/C	3	1 Arts Core
Theatre Studies	A/B/C	3	1 Arts Core

*There are other A level courses offered that do not apply to a degree at Boston College. If the course is not listed here, no advanced placement units can be earned.

FRENCH BACCALAUREATE, ITALIAN MATURITA, GERMAN ABITUR, AND SWISS MATURITE

French Baccalaureate

For all subjects with a coefficient of 5 or higher, advanced placement units will be assigned as follows:

6 units for scores of 13 or higher

3 units for scores of 10–12

Scores below 10 do not qualify.

Units may be used to fulfill corresponding core or major requirements.

No advanced placement units will be awarded for English.

Italian Maturita

For students who earn an exam score of 70 or higher on the final exam: advanced placement units will be awarded only for subjects in which the written exam was taken (no placement for oral exams) and the average score for the final exam over the last two years is 7 or higher. No advanced placement units can be earned for English.

German Abitur

Placement will be considered for the four subjects score in Abitur final exams. For two subjects listed as the "main subject", scores of 10 or higher will earn 6 advanced placement units in corresponding subject areas. For two additional "basic course" with scores of 10 or higher, 3 advanced placement units will be earned in corresponding subject areas. No advanced placement units can be earned for English.

Swiss Maturite

Advanced placement units can be earned for exam scores of 4 or better. No advanced placement units can be earned for English.

ADVANCED STANDING - GRADUATING IN 3 YEARS

Students who earn a total of 24 Advanced Placement units may be eligible for Advanced Standing and have the option to complete their undergraduate studies in three years. Students interested in this option should be in touch with their Dean following completion of their first semester at BC. **No decisions on Advanced Standing will be made prior to this time.** Students seeking Advanced Standing must be able to complete all degree requirements by the proposed graduation date and be approved for Advanced Standing by the Dean before the start of the third year of undergraduate study.

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