

# AP & IB STUDENTS ADVANCED PLACEMENT & INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE

2026-2027 HANDBOOK



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OF ALBERTA



# TOGETHER, WE'RE LEADING WITH PURPOSE.



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World-class teaching, research and innovation are just a few of the reasons why AP and IB students choose to study here.

## Top-Tier Education



**200+ PROGRAMS**  
6 RANKED #1 IN CANADA



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## A Degree Built For You

\$52M+ IN SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

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## A+ Rewards for an A+ Student

If you achieve a final grade of 4+ (AP) or 6+ (IB) on identified exams, you will be awarded Advanced Standing by any of the following means:

### 1 TRANSFER CREDIT

You can receive credit for AP or IB work completed in high school, allowing you to skip that course in university. If you are eligible for transfer credit, you will be **automatically assessed\*** and your U of A transcript will reflect credit already achieved towards your degree.

While we encourage you to retain the transfer credit, you do have the option to decline it. You are responsible for initiating this process and can do so on a course-by-course basis.

*\*Transfer credit is assessed in late summer prior to starting university and will be posted to your Bear Tracks account once complete.*

### 2 ADVANCED PLACEMENT

Register in a senior-level course without taking the junior-level course first and jump straight into more advanced areas of a subject you are interested in.

### 3 CREDIT BY SPECIAL ASSESSMENT (CSA)

Enables you to challenge a university course for credit by writing a special exam. Administered by our faculties directly.

## ENRICHED CURRICULA SCHOLARSHIPS

As an AP or IB student, you may be eligible for scholarships that recognize your achievement in an academically rigorous program. Learn more and apply at [uab.ca/awards](https://uab.ca/awards)

## DUAL-ADMISSION ADVANTAGE

When calculating your admission average, we will use the highest combination of marks available. We will assess both your AP or IB mark and provincial course mark for each course and use the higher of the two grades presented.

Arts students gathered on the steps of Arts & Convocation Hall.

# ADVANCED PLACEMENT STUDENTS

## SUBMIT YOUR TRANSCRIPTS

All AP students must submit a final and official AP transcript by **August 1, 2026**.  
Institution Code: 0963

Request your official AP transcript be sent to the U of A by your AP Coordinator or by contacting AP directly.

## AP CAPSTONE PROGRAM

We are proud to grant three additional units in a 100-level open elective to students who successfully complete the AP Diploma.

## GRADE CONVERSION SCALE

AP RESULT	EQUIVALENT
5	96%
4	86%
3	76%
2	65%
1	Not accepted for admission

## DID YOU KNOW?

AP Research and Seminar can now be used for admission purposes for most direct entry faculties. See [uab.ca/ap](https://uab.ca/ap) for details.

## ADVANCED STANDING CHART FOR AP COURSES

\*For a full listing of AP High School Course Equivalencies, visit [uab.ca/ap](https://uab.ca/ap)

AP COURSES	ALBERTA HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENTS	U OF A EQUIVALENTS	U OF A AUGUSTANA EQUIVALENTS (CAMROSE)
<b>AP CAPSTONE DIPLOMA</b>		100-level Open Elective (3 units)	100-level Open Elective (3 units)
<b>ART HISTORY</b>	Fine Arts 30-level	HADVC 1XX (6 units)	AUART 100 (3 units) & 102 (3 units)
<b>BIOLOGY</b>	Biology 30	BIOL 107 (3 units)	AUBIO 111 (3 units)
<b>CALCULUS AB</b>	Math 31	MATH 114 (3 units)	AUMAT 110 (3 units)
<b>CALCULUS BC</b>	Math 31	MATH 114 (3 units) [or MATH 100 (3.5 units)]*	AUMAT 116 (3 units)
<b>CHEMISTRY</b>	Chemistry 30	Students may apply to write a CSA examination in CHEM 101 (3 units) [or CHEM 103 (4.3 units)]*	AUCHE 100-level (3 units)
<b>CHINESE LANGUAGE &amp; CULTURE</b>	Language other than English	CHINA 200-level (3 units)	AU Language 200-level (3 units)
<b>COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENT &amp; POLITICS</b>	Humanities/Social Science 30-level	POL S 100-level (3 units) (not to take POL S 101)	AUPOL 100-level (3 units)
<b>COMPUTER SCIENCE A</b>	Science 30-level	CMPUT 174 (3 units)	AUSCS 113 (3 units)
<b>COMPUTER SCIENCE PRINCIPLES</b>	Science 30-level	CMPUT 101 (3 units)	AUCSC 100-level (3 units)
<b>ENGLISH (LANGUAGE &amp; COMPOSITION)</b>	English 30-1	ENGL 100-level (3 units) (not to take WRS 101) [or 100-level complementary studies elective (3 units) for Engineering only]	AUENG 100-level (3 units)
<b>ENGLISH (LITERATURE &amp; COMPOSITION)</b>	English 30-1	ENGL 100-level (3 units) [or 100-level complementary studies elective (3 units) for Engineering only]	AUENG 100-level (3 units)
<b>ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE</b>	Science 30-level	100-level Science Option (3 units)	AU Science 100-level (3 units)
<b>EUROPEAN HISTORY</b>	Humanities/Social Science 30-level	HIST 100-level (6 units) (not to take HIST 111 or 112)	AUHS 100-level (6 units) (not to take AUHS 201 or 202)
<b>FRENCH LANGUAGE &amp; CULTURE</b>	Language other than English/ French requirement	FREN 100-level (3 units)	AUFRE 100-level (3 units)
<b>GERMAN LANGUAGE &amp; CULTURE</b>	Language other than English	GERM 100-level (3 units)	AUGER 100-level (3 units)
<b>HUMAN GEOGRAPHY</b>	Humanities/Social Science 30-level	HGEO 100 (3 units)	AUGEA 100-level (3 units)
<b>ITALIAN LANGUAGE &amp; CULTURE</b>	Language other than English	ITAL 100-level (3 units)	AU Language Option 100-level (3 units)
<b>JAPANESE LANGUAGE &amp; CULTURE</b>	Language other than English	JAPAN 201 (3 units) & 202 (3 units)	AU Language 200-level (6 units)
<b>LATIN</b>	Language other than English	LATIN 300-level (3 units)	AULAT 200-level (3 units)
<b>MACROECONOMICS</b>	Humanities/Social Science 30-level	ECON 102 (3 units)	AUECO 102 (3 units)
<b>MICROECONOMICS</b>	Humanities/Social Science 30-level	ECON 101 (3 units)	AUECO 101 (3 units)
<b>MUSIC THEORY</b>	Fine Arts 30-level	MUSIC 155 (3 units)	AUMUS 160 (3 units)
<b>PHYSICS C: ELECTRICITY &amp; MAGNETISM PLUS MECHANICS</b>	Physics 30	PHYS 144 (3 units)	AUPHY 100-level (3 units)
<b>PHYSICS 1 &amp; PHYSICS 2</b>	Physics 30	PHYS 124 (3 units)*	AUPHY 100-level (3 units)
<b>PSYCHOLOGY</b>	Humanities/Social Science 30-level	PSYCO 104 (3 units)	AUPSY 100-level (3 units) (not to take AUPSY 103)
<b>SPANISH LANGUAGE</b>	Language other than English	SPAN 100-level (3 units)	AUSPA 100-level (3 units)
<b>SPANISH LITERATURE &amp; CULTURE</b>	Language other than English	SPAN 200-level (6 units)	AUSPA 200-level (6 units)
<b>STATISTICS</b>	Science 30-level	STAT 151 (3 units)	AUSTA 153 (3 units)
<b>STUDIO ART: 2-D DESIGN</b>	Fine Arts 30-level	ART 134 (3 units) & DES 135 (3 units)	AUART 111 (3 units) & AUART 100-level (3 units) (not to take AUART 112)
<b>STUDIO ART: 3-D DESIGN</b>	Fine Arts 30-level	ART 134 (3 units) & DES 135 (3 units)	AUART 111 (3 units) & 112 (3 units)
<b>STUDIO ART: DRAWING</b>	Fine Arts 30-level	ART 100-level (3 units) (not to take ART 240)	AUART 100-level (3 units)
<b>UNITED STATES HISTORY</b>	Humanities/Social Science 30-level	HIST 100-level (6 units)	AUHS 100-level (6 units)
<b>US GOVERNMENT &amp; POLITICS</b>	Humanities/Social Science 30-level	POL S 100-level (3 units)	AUPOL 100-level (3 units)
<b>WORLD HISTORY</b>	Humanities/Social Science 30-level	CLASS 100-level (3 units) & HIST 100-level (3 units) (not to take CLASS 110, or HIST 110, 111 or 112)	AUHS 104 (3 units) & 105 (3 units)



Business students studying in Carruthers Student Commons.

# INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE STUDENTS

## SUBMIT YOUR TRANSCRIPTS

All IB students must submit a final and official IB transcript by **August 1, 2026**.  
Institution Code: 000085

Request your official IB transcript be sent to the U of A by your IB Coordinator or by contacting IB directly.

## IB DIPLOMA CANDIDATES

You can receive an admission offer based on your predicted grades, or have your admission conditions removed early. Your IB Coordinator will need to complete a Predicted IB Grades form and submit it to us between **March 1 - April 30, 2026**.

We are proud to grant three additional units in a 100-level open elective to students who successfully complete the IB Diploma.

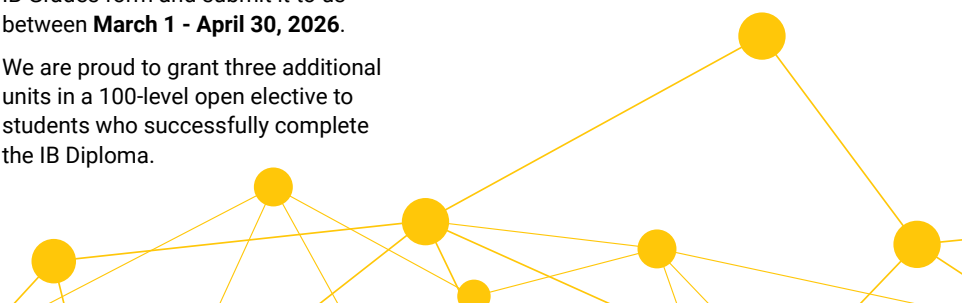
## GRADE CONVERSION SCALE

IB RESULT	EQUIVALENT
7	98%
6	90%
5	82%
4	73%
3	55%
1/2	Not accepted for admission

## ADVANCED STANDING CHART FOR IB COURSES

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IB COURSES	ALBERTA HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENTS	U OF A EQUIVALENTS	U OF A AUGUSTANA EQUIVALENTS (CAMROSE)
<b>SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE IB DIPLOMA PROGRAM</b>		100-level Open Elective (3 units)	AU 100-level Open Elective (3 units)
<b>BIOLOGY (HL)</b>	Biology 30	BIOL 107 (3 units)	AUBIO 111 (3 units)
<b>CHEMISTRY (HL)</b>	Chemistry 30	CHEM 101 (3 units) [or CHEM 103 (4.3 units)]*	AUCHE 110 (3 units)
<b>CHEMISTRY (SL)</b>	Chemistry 30	Students may apply to write a CSA examination in CHEM 101 (3 units) [or CHEM 103 (4.3 units)]*	
<b>COMPUTING SCIENCE (HL)</b>	Science 30-level	CMPUT 174 (3 units) & 175 (3 units)	AUCSC 113 (3 units) & AUSCI 135 (3 units)
<b>COMPUTING SCIENCE (SL)</b>	Science 30-level	CMPUT 174 (3 units)	AUCSC 113 (3 units)
<b>DANCE (HL)</b>	Fine Arts 30-level	DANCE 100-level (3 units)	AUPED 100-level (3 units)
<b>ECONOMICS (HL)</b>	Humanities / Social Science 30-level	ECON 101 (3 units) & 102 (3 units) (not to take ECON 204)	AUECO 101 (3 units) & 102 (3 units)
<b>ENGLISH A LANGUAGE &amp; LITERATURE (HL)</b>	English 30-1	C LIT 100-level (3 units) or 100-level complementary studies elective (3 units)*	AU Humanities 100-level (3 units)
<b>ENGLISH A LITERATURE (HL)</b>	English 30-1	ENGL 100-level (6 units) or 100-level complementary studies elective (3 units)*	AUENG 100-level (6 units)
<b>ENGLISH B LITERATURE (HL)</b>	English 30-1	ENGL 100-level (6 units) or 100-level complementary studies elective (3 units)*	AUENG 100-level (6 units)
<b>FILM (HL)</b>	Fine Arts 30-level	FS 100-level (3 units)	AU Humanities 100-level (3 units)
<b>FRENCH A (HL/SL)</b>	French 30	FREN 100-level (3 units) & FREN 211 (3 units) (not to take FREN 111 or FREN 112)	AUFRE 102 (3 units) & 201 (3 units) (not to take AUFRE 101)
<b>FRENCH B (HL/SL)</b>	French 30	FREN 100-level (6 units) (not to take FREN 111 or 112)	AUFRE 101 (3 units) & 102 (3 units)
<b>GEOGRAPHY (HL OR SL)</b>	Humanities / Social Science 30-level	HGEO 100 (3 units)	AUGEO 100-level (Arts) (3 units)
<b>GERMAN A (HL/SL)</b>	German 30	GERM 100-level (3 units) & GERM 211 (3 units) (not to take GERM 111 or GERM 112)	AUGER 102 (3 units) & 201 (3 units) (not to take AUGER 101)
<b>GERMAN B (HL/SL)</b>	German 30	GERM 100-level (6 units) (not to take GERM 111 or 112)	AUGER 101 (3 units) & 102 (3 units)
<b>GLOBAL POLITICS (HL)</b>	Humanities / Social Science 30-level	POL S 100-level (3 units) (not to take POL S 261)	AUPOL 100-level (3 units)
<b>GREEK (HL)</b>	Language other than English 30-level	GREEK 101 (3 units) & 102 (3 units)	AU Language 100-level (6 units)
<b>HISTORY (HL)*</b>	Humanities / Social Science 30-level	HIST 100-level (3 units) (not to take HIST 112 or 130)	AUHIS 104 (3 units)
<b>ISLAMIC HISTORY (HL)</b>	Humanities / Social Science 30-level	HIST 100-level (3 units) (not to take HIST 117)	AUHIS 100-level (3 units)
<b>ITALIAN A: LANGUAGE &amp; LITERATURE (HL) &amp; ITALIAN A: LITERATURE (HL)</b>	Language other than English 30-level	ITAL 100-level (3 units) & ITAL 211 (3 units) (not to take ITAL 111 or ITAL 112)	AU 100-level Language Option (3 units) and AU 200-level Language Option (3 units)
<b>JAPANESE A (HL)</b>	Language other than English 30-level	JAPAN 100-level (6 units) (not to take JAPAN 101 or JAPAN 102)	AU Language 100-level (6 units)
<b>JAPANESE AB (SL) &amp; JAPANESE B (HL OR SL)</b>	Language other than English 30-level	JAPAN 101 (3 units) & 102 (3 units)	AU Language 100-level (6 units)
<b>KOREAN A (HL)</b>	Language other than English 30-level	KOREA 100-level (6 units) (not to take KOREA 101 or KOREA 102)	AU Language 100-level (6 units)
<b>KOREAN AB (SL) &amp; KOREAN B (HL OR SL)</b>	Language other than English 30-level	KOREA 101 (3 units) & 102 (3 units)	AU Language 100-level (6 units)
<b>LATIN (HL)</b>	Language other than English 30-level	LATIN 101 (3 units) & 102 (3 units)	AULAT 101 (3 units) & 102 (3 units)
<b>LITERATURE &amp; PERFORMANCE ENGLISH (SL)</b>	Drama 30	DRAMA 100-level (3 units)	AUDRA 100-level (3 units)
<b>CHINESE A (HL)</b>	Language other than English 30-level	CHINA 100-level (6 units) (not to take CHINA 101 or CHINA 102)	AU Language 100-level (6 units)
<b>MANDARIN AB (SL) &amp; MANDARIN B (HL OR SL)</b>	Language other than English 30-level	CHINA 101 (3 units) & 102 (3 units)	AU Language 100-level (6 units)
<b>MUSIC (HL)</b>	Fine Arts 30-level	MUSIC 102 (3 units) & MUSIC 100-level (3 units) (not to take MUSIC 101)	AUMUS 170 (3 units) & AUMUS 100-level (3 units)
<b>PHILOSOPHY (HL)</b>	Humanities / Social Science 30-level	PHIL 100-level (3 units) (not to take PHIL 101 or 102)	AUPHI 100-level (3 units)
<b>PHYSICS (HL)</b>	Physics 30	PHYS 124 (3 units) & 126 (3 units)	AUPHY 100-level (6 units)
<b>PHYSICS (SL)</b>	Physics 30	PHYS 124 (3 units)	AUPHY 100-level (3 units)
<b>PSYCHOLOGY (HL)</b>	Humanities / Social Science 30-level	PSYCH 104 (3 units) & 105 (3 units)	AUPSY 103 (3 units) and AUPSY 100-level (3 units)
<b>PSYCHOLOGY (SL)</b>	Humanities / Social Science 30-level	PSYCH 104 (3 units)	AUPSY 103 (3 units)
<b>SOCIAL-CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY (HL)</b>	Humanities / Social Science 30-level	ANTHR 100-level (3 units)	AU Social Sciences 100-level (3 units)
<b>SPANISH A: LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE (HL) &amp; SPANISH A: LITERATURE (HL)</b>	Language other than English 30-level	SPAN 100-level (3 units) & SPAN 211 (3 units) (not to take SPAN 111 or SPAN 112)	AUSPA 102 (3 units) and AUSPA 201 (3 units) (not to take AUSPA 101)
<b>SPORTS, EXERCISE &amp; HEALTH SCIENCE (HL OR SL)</b>	Physical Education 30-level	KIN 100-level (3 units)	AUPED 100-level (3 units)
<b>THEATRE (HL)</b>	Fine Arts 30-level	DRAMA 101 (3 units)	AUDRA 101 (3 units)
<b>VISUAL ARTS (HL)</b>	Fine Arts 30-level	ART 100-level (3 units) & ART 134 (3 units)	AUART 111 (3 units) & 112 (3 units)
<b>WORLD RELIGIONS (SL)</b>	Humanities / Social Science 30-level	RELIG 100-level (3 units)	AUREL 100-level (3 units)



# READY TO JOIN US?

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## ASK US

You've got questions. We've got advisors.

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