International Baccalaureate Programme

Credit earned for courses in the International Baccalaureate (IB) Programme may be applied to certain general education requirements or to electives. Grades of 6 or 7 on higher-level IB exams will give credit analogous to the AP credit described on the preceding chart (credit for a score of 6 is equivalent to AP 4; credit for a score of 7 is equivalent to AP 5). Special circumstances, as described under AP credit, apply to chemistry, physics, and biology. Currently no course credit is offered in the mathematics department for work done in an IB program.

British A-Levels and Other Examinations

Credit for A-level work in calculus, physics, chemistry, biology, and languages may be awarded through satisfactory performance on the College's placement or accreditation examinations taken at the time of matriculation. Credit for A-levels in other fields may be awarded by petition to the Dean of Students in the College. No credit is given for general education requirements in humanities or social science. Elective credit may be given only for grades of A in the Advanced Test in liberal arts subjects.

Advanced Standing (Transfer Credit)

Courses Taken While in a Degree Program Elsewhere. Students transferring from other institutions must complete a minimum of eighteen courses in the College and must be in residence for at least six quarters. Generally, the College grants transfer credit for liberal arts courses carrying at least three semester hours or four quarter hours of credit and passed with a grade of C or better (in some cases, a grade of B or better is required) from an accredited institution.

Transfer credit is listed on the student's University of Chicago transcript only as units of credit. Courses and grades are not listed, nor do transferred courses contribute to the student's University of Chicago grade point average. Credit for courses in precalculus and calculus mathematics and in foreign language must be validated by College placement examinations. Depending on the student's concentration and on the level of work to be evaluated, credit for some courses in chemistry, physics, and biology may also be subject to examination.

Professional or technical courses (e.g., journalism, business, law, musical performance, speech, nursing) do not transfer; only courses similar to those taught in the College may transfer. The College grants credit for some CEEB Advanced Placement examinations with scores of 4 or 5, but not for CLEP, USAFI, or correspondence course work.

Most transfer students can complete their studies with no more than one extra quarter beyond the usual four college years, although this may depend on how course work elsewhere relates to the structure of a Chicago degree program. College housing and financial aid are available to all transfer students. After matriculation in the College, transfer students may not earn additional credits from schools other than the University of Chicago, except for study abroad programs sponsored by the University of Chicago. However, these courses may not be counted toward the six-quarter residency requirement or toward the minimum of eighteen courses that are required to be taken in the College.

NOTE: More than half the courses required by a student's concentration program must be taken in residence on the University of Chicago campus.

Courses Taken Elsewhere While in a Degree Program at the University of Chicago. Students who wish to take courses at other institutions after they enter the College should discuss their plans with their advisers. Before registering for course work elsewhere, students must submit to the Office of the Dean of Students course descriptions and a petition requesting tentative approval for transfer credit to be applied toward their graduation requirements. Upon completion of the course work, students should have an official transcript sent to the Office of the Dean of Students. Credit for language courses must be validated by examinations. Depending on the student's concentration and on the level of work to be evaluated, credit for some courses in biology, chemistry, mathematics, and physics may also be subject to examination. Only courses similar to those taught in the College may transfer; professional or technical courses do not transfer. Transfer credit is listed on the student's transcript only as units of credit.