



# College Credit Talking Points for IB Students

As you prepare to register for classes at your new college or university and if you feel that your IB examination scores merit more credit than you received, please consider the following action plan to advocate for yourself and others:

1. Find out who at your institution sets the advanced academic college credit policy and call to set up a meeting face to face. Consider that even if college credit cannot be awarded for your exam score, the school may be able to offer higher placement in a course sequence or a class exemption.
2. Obtain materials to support your argument.
  - The following link has materials developed by IB to advocate to high institutions: <http://www.ibo.org/university-admission/ib-recognition-resources-and-document-library/>
  - Pay particular attention to the *Diploma Programme Subject Briefs*.
  - Include examples of work done in the IB class, such as internal assessments, practice papers and presentations and your high school IB syllabus.
  - Know and understand the Advanced Placement (AP) policy for the exam in question, but use your personal skills and knowledge as the foremost reason to be considered for credit.
3. Match the IB content with the class(es) at your institution for which you want to obtain credit. Make sure you don't ask for too much or too little. A side-by-side comparison of the content would be ideal.
4. Get a group of students to advocate for your position that share your predicament. There is strength in numbers. Social media may help this cause. Please be responsible with language and intent when using social media – universities do check and follow social media forays by their students.
5. If the contact at the university wants more information, such as copy of a full exam or an IB Subject Guide, please contact your IB DP Coordinator. If your IB DP Coordinator is unavailable, please contact Dan Coast at [coastd@fccps.org](mailto:coastd@fccps.org).
6. When meeting with university officials, please be polite and patient. University officials have much to do, and you don't want to poison the well for future endeavors if your plea is denied. This process may be long and difficult depending on the university.