



1. PURPOSE

This policy describes the rules that govern the awarding of advanced standing credit. The purpose of this policy is to ensure that all AUP students are treated equally and that students are not required to repeat acceptable course work that has been completed prior to enrolling at AUP.

2. WHO IS AFFECTED BY THIS POLICY

Incoming students with potential advanced credits.

3. LEGAL CONTEXT OR REGULATORY BODY

Middle States Commission on Higher Education policy.

4. POLICY STATEMENT

Advanced credits are granted in the following cases:

- Eight credits awarded for each Advanced Placement Test of the College Board passed with a grade of 4 or above, not to exceed 24 credits;
- Eleven credits awarded per subject for each GCE "A" Level examination in which an A, B or C was achieved, not to exceed 32 credits;
- Eight credits awarded for each HL score of 4 or above for International Baccalaureate Diploma results between 24 and 29;
- Eight credits awarded for each HL score of 4 or above for International Baccalaureate Certificate results.
- 32 credits awarded for any of the following:
 - Austrian Matura with a minimum overall grade of bestanden ("passed");
 - Bulgarian Diploma za Sredno Obrazovanie with a minimum average grade of 4;
 - Danish Studentereksamen with a minimum average grade of 9;
 - Dutch VWO (Voorbereidend Wetenschappelijk Onderwijs) with a minimum average of 6;
 - European Baccalaureate Diploma with a minimum average of 70%;
 - Finnish Ylioppilastutkintotoistutus/Studentexamensbetyg with a minimum average grade of magna cum laude approbatur (5);
 - French Baccalauréat;
 - German Abitur with a minimum grade of 3;
 - Icelandic Stúdentpróf;
 - International Baccalaureate Diploma results of 30 or above;
 - Italian Maturita with a minimum grade of 60/100;
 - Lebanese Baccalauréat;
 - Norwegian Vitnemål videregående opplæring with a minimum average grade of 4;
 - Romanian Diploma de bacalaureat with a minimum average grade of 6;
 - Swedish Fullständigt Slutbetyg från Gymnasieskolan with a minimum average grade of VG (15);
 - Swiss Matura.

Advanced Academic Standing can never exceed a maximum of 32 credits in the event of an accumulation of multiple secondary school examinations. Advanced credit awards coming from sources such as AP exams, the French Bac, an International Bac, etc. will be eligible for fulfillment of both core curriculum requirements and free electives (contingent upon acceptable score). The University does not recognize any other secondary school examinations for advanced standing other than those listed above.

Some departments may place additional restrictions on transfer credit. For transfer credit applicability, see policy [AA046EN – Course Equivalencies](#). For details on the rules that govern transfer of academic credit at AUP and credit acceptability, see policy [AA010EN - Transfer of Academic Credit](#).

Only official transcripts are accepted for advanced standing credit. Transcripts and advanced standing certificates submitted after the first semester of study will not be considered for transfer credit.

5. RESPONSIBILITIES

The Advising Center and the Office of the Registrar work together to evaluate and process advanced standing credit.

6. DEFINITIONS

Advanced standing credit: Advanced standing credit is academic credit awarded by AUP to students with qualifying diplomas or exam results approved for receiving university credit.

Credit acceptability: Acceptable course work is course work that meets the standards for the awarding of transfer credit.

Credit applicability: Applicable course work is course work that has been officially approved as transfer credit and that is deemed suitable to fulfill specific degree requirements.

7. APPROVALS & HISTORY

This longstanding policy was reviewed in Fall 2023. Next review: Fall 2025.

8. ISSUING OFFICE AND CONTACT

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