



UTAH SYSTEM OF
HIGHER EDUCATION

MEMORANDUM

November 21, 2024

Updates to Minimum Scores and Equivalent Credits for Assessment of Prior Learning

[Utah Code 53B-16-110, Credit for Prior Learning](#), requires the Utah Board of Higher Education to “establish minimum scores and maximum credit” to be awarded at all degree-granting institutions for standardized, nationally recognized examinations, including:

- Advanced Placement (AP) examinations;
- College Level Exam Program (CLEP) general and subject examinations;
- DANTES Subject Standardized Tests; and
- International Baccalaureate Programme (IB) subject examination scores.

Per [Board Policy R472, Credit for Prior Learning](#), Faculty Major Committees evaluate the knowledge and skills assessed in national standardized examinations to determine the best alignment with commonly numbered courses across the System. They also make recommendations on the minimum exam scores required to earn credit in those courses. Providing credit as the equivalent of specific, numbered courses rather than unspecified elective credit allows students to fulfill general education, major, and other graduation requirements.

The content of standardized subject exams changes periodically, which requires a reevaluation of course equivalency alignments. When that happens, the master list of updated exam equivalencies is forwarded to the Board for approval. Once approved, the master list is sent to the Utah State Board of Education so the exam equivalencies can be shared with students registering for high school AP and IB classes in the upcoming academic year. USHE degree-granting institutions generally have until the upcoming academic year to implement the changes in exam equivalencies to honor expectations printed in current academic catalogs and of the high school students who registered for AP and IB courses the previous fall.

Commissioner’s Recommendation

The Commissioner recommends that the Board approve the master list of exam equivalencies.

Attachments

Attachment 1 – AP Exam Credit Tables AY 24-25

Attachment 2 – IB Exam Credit Tables AY 24-25

Attachment 3 – CLEP Exam Credit Tables AY 24-25