

MEMORANDUM

TO: Fort Wayne Senate
FROM: Steven A. Hanke, Chair of the Education Policy Committee
DATE: 11/18/2020
SUBJ: Advanced Credit Policy

WHEREAS, Current academic regulations 7.2 (Special Credit, Credit for Military Service, and Excess Undergraduate Credit) state that

“International Baccalaureate Program. For participants in the International Baccalaureate Program, an award of 3-8 credits shall be made for each High level examination passed with a score of 4 or above. The admissions office will award undistributed credit in the appropriate disciplines until specific credit equivalencies are established by IPFW departments. No credit will be awarded for performance on Subsidiary level exams.”; and

WHEREAS, the Indiana Commission for Higher Education expects that all public universities provide credit for students who complete college-level courses as part of the high school curriculum. This expectation is based on The Indiana State Board of Education, Graduation Pathways Panel document (finalized on 11/7/2017; adopted by State Board of Education in December 2017) which emphasizes students meeting Postsecondary-Ready Competencies (PRC). The PRC includes AP/International Baccalaureate (IB)/Dual Credit/Cambridge International courses or CLEP exams; and

WHEREAS, other institutions within the Purdue University system offer Advanced Credit for credit by examination as well as external examinations. For example, PWL offers IB credit for Subsidiary Level and/or High Level credits for students who score a 5 or above in more than 40 different content areas. See a complete list of transfer credits at:

<https://admissions.purdue.edu/transferecredit/ibcredit.php>. PWL also offers credit for AS-level and A-level examinations. Exams that can be considered for credit are Cambridge International AS/A-levels, Oxford International AQA AS/A-levels, Pearson Edexcel AS/A-levels, AQA AS/A-levels, and OCR AS/A-levels. See a list of transfer credits at: <https://www.purdue.edu/IPPU/ISS/Admission/alevel.html>;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Academic Regulations be revised to state:

“International Baccalaureate Program. For participants in the International Baccalaureate Program, credits will be awarded based on Department approval for select Subsidiary and Higher Level subjects with a score of 5 or above. Purdue University Fort Wayne Office of International Education will work with departments to determine the appropriate number of credits to award in each specific discipline. Undistributed credits

will be awarded for subjects where the respective department has declined specific course credits. Participants who complete Advanced Subsidiary (“AS”) or Advanced (“A”) levels will be awarded credits based on Department approval for select AS and A level subjects with a score of C or above. Purdue University Fort Wayne Office of International Education will work with departments to determine the appropriate number of credits to award in each specific discipline. Undistributed credits will be awarded for subjects where the respective department has declined specific course credits.”