

## Colleges and Universities: AP and IB English Exam Crediting Policies

The following are the AP and IB crediting policies of the highest-rated colleges and universities in Ohio, the Midwest, and the United States, according to *U. S. News and World Report*. These policies refer specifically to how AP English Language / AP English Literature and IB English A: Literature exams are credited. The following generalizations may be identified from the data (current as of March 2012):

- Roughly 35% of colleges and universities surveyed will award credit for both AP English exams; half for one or the other.
- Based upon the scores that earn credit and the amount and/or type of credit offered, colleges and universities broadly appear more favorable to the AP Lit exam over the AP Lang exam, if one is to be favored over the other.
- Most colleges and universities appear not to favor either AP or IB over the other, but among those that do: based upon the scores that earn credit, colleges and universities tend to favor IB over AP (that is, credit is awarded for lower scores on IB exams, as compared to similar scores on AP exams); based upon the amount of credit awarded, colleges and universities tend to favor AP over IB (especially where credit may be awarded for both the AP Lang and AP Lit exams)

Students must remember that every college or university has its own policy, and these policies may change from year to year. Students should consult the websites of colleges and universities they may wish to attend to determine which AP or IB exams will offer them the best opportunity to earn credit.

College/University	AP Exam Credit Policy	IB HL Exam Credit Policy
Amherst	No credit awarded	No credit awarded
Bowdoin	4 (Lit) earns 1 credit, upon satisfactory performance in subsequent course	6 earns 1 credit, upon satisfactory performance in subsequent course
Bryn Mawr	5 (Lan or Lit) earns 2 units	6 earns 2 units with full IB Diploma
Bucknell	4 (Lan or Lit) earns 1 credit	5 earns 1 credit
Cal-Berkeley	3 (Lan or Lit) earns 5.3 units; fulfills entry level writing requirement	5 earns 5.3 units; fulfills entry level writing and reading and Comp A requirements
Cal-Davis	3 (Lan) or 4 (Lit) earns 8 units; fulfills entry level writing requirement	5 earns 8 units; fulfills entry level writing requirement; 6 (SL) fulfills entry level writing requirement but earns no credit
California Institute of Technology (CalTech)	No credit awarded	No credit awarded
Cal-Irvine	3 (Lan or Lit) earns 8 units; fulfills entry level writing requirement	5 earns 8 units; fulfills entry level writing requirement
Cal-Los Angeles	3 (Lan or Lit) earns 5.3 units; fulfills entry level writing requirement	5 earns 8 units; fulfills entry level writing requirement; 6 (SL) fulfills entry level writing requirement but earns no credit
Carleton	4 (both) earns 6 credits	5 earns 6 credits
Carnegie Mellon	4 (Lan or Lit) earns credit	6 earns credit
Case Western Reserve	4 (both) earns 3 hours	5 earns 3 hours
Chicago (U. of)	4 (Lan or Lit) earns 3 quarters credit	6 earns 3 quarters credit
Cincinnati (U. of)	3 (both) earns 3 quarter hours	5 (HL or SL) earns 6 quarter hours
Claremont McKenna	5 (both) earns no credit but placement	7 earns no credit but placement
Columbia	5 (both) earns 3 points credit	6 earns 6 points credit
Dayton (U. of)	4 (Lan or Lit) earns 3 semester hours; 5 (Lan or Lit) earns 6 semester hours	5 earns 3 semester hours; 6 earns 6 semester hours
Denison	4 (Lan or Lit) earns credit for freshman year seminar; 4 (Lit) also earns credit for one English course	6 earns credit with departmental consideration
Dickinson	4 (Lan or Lit) earns credit for one course	5 earns credit with departmental consideration

Duke	4 (both) earns credit for one course	6 earns credit for one course
Franklin and Marshall	4 (Lan) earns credit for one English course; 4 (Lit) earns one general elective credit	5 earns credit for one English course
Georgia Institute of Technology (Georgia Tech)	4 (Lan or Lit) earns 3 semester hours	4 earns 3 semester hours
Gettysburg	4 (Lan or Lit) earns one course credit	5 earns one course credit
Grinnell	4 (Lan or Lit) earns 4 credits	5 earns 4 credits
Harvard	5 (Lan or Lit) earns one credit advanced standing	7 earns one credit advanced standing
Haverford	5 (Lan or Lit) earns one credit; 4 (Lan or Lit) earns .5 credit	7 earns 1 credit; 5 earns 0.5 credit
Hiram	4 (both) earns 3 hours credit	5 earns 4 hours of credit; 6 earns 8 hours credit
Illinois (U. of)	4 (Lan) earns 4 hours credit; 4 (Lit) earns 7 hours credit	6 earns 7 hours credit
Kenyon	4 (Lan or Lit) earns 0.5 credit	6 earns 1.0 credit
Lafayette	4 (Lan or Lit) earns 1 credit	5 earns 1 credit
Lehigh	4 (Lan or Lit) earns 3 credits; 5 (Lan or Lit) earns six credits	5 or above earns 3 – 6 credits, based upon department appraisal of program
Macalester	4 (both) earns one course credit	5 earns one course credit
Maryland (U. of)	3 earns 3 hours elective credit (both); 4 (Lit) earns 6 hours credit (3 course, 3 elective); 4 (Lan) earns 3 hours course credit, no additional elective credit	5 earns 3 hours course credit
Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)	5 (Lan or Lit) earns 9 general elective credits in Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences; but does not fulfill HASS requirements	7 earns 9 general elective credits in Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences; but does not fulfill HASS requirements
Miami	3 (both) earns 3 hours credit; 5 (Lan or Lit) earns 6 hours credit; 6 hours is the maximum amount of credit awarded	6 earns 6 hours credit
Michigan (U. of)	4 (both) earns 3 hours credit	5 earns 3 hours credit; 6 earns 6 hours credit
Middlebury	4 (Lan or Lit) earns 1 unit credit	6 earns 2 units credit
North Carolina – Chapel Hill	5 (Lit only) earns 3 hours credit	5 earns 3 hours credit
Northwestern	5 (Lan or Lit) earns 2 units	6 earns 1 unit
Notre Dame	4 (Lan or Lit) earns 3 credits	6 earns 3 credits
Oberlin	5 (Lan or Lit) earns 3 credit	5 earns 4 credits
Ohio	3 (both) earns 3 hours credit; 5 (Lit) earns 6 hours credit	5 earns 6 hours credit
Ohio State	3 (Lan or Lit) earns 5 hours credit	4 earns 8 hours credit
Ohio Wesleyan	4 (both) earns 1 unit credit; 4 (Lit) earns additional 1 unit credit	5 earns 2 credits (may petition to earn credits with score of 4)
Penn State	4 (Lan) earns placement into Honors Freshman Comp (no credit); 4 (Lit) earns 3 credits	5 earns 6 credits
Pennsylvania (U. of)	5 (Lan or Lit) earns 1 credit unit	5 earns 1 credit unit
Pomona	4 (Lan or Lit) earns 1 credit	6 earns 1 credit
Princeton	5 (Lan or Lit) earns 1 unit	7 earns 1 unit
Stanford	No credit awarded	No credit awarded
Swarthmore	4 (Lan or Lit) earns 1 credit	6 earns 1 credit

Texas (U. of)	3 (Lan) earns 1 course credit; 4 (Lit) earns 1 course credit	5 earns one course credit
Virginia (U. of)	5 (Lan) earns 3 credits; 4 (Lit) earns 3 credits	5 earns 3 credits
Washington (U. of)	4 (both) earns 5 credits	5 earns 5 credits
Washington University in St. Louis	5 (Lit) earns 3 elective credits upon satisfactory performance in subsequent course	7 (Lit) earns 3 elective credits upon satisfactory performance in subsequent course
Wellesley	4 (both) earns 1 unit credit	5 earns 1 unit credit
William and Mary	4 (Lit) earns 3 credits; 4 (Lan) earns exemption from Writing 101 but no credit	6 earns 3 credits; 6 on SL exam earns exemption from Writing 101 but no credit
Williams	5 (Lit) earns advanced placement but no credit	6 earns advanced placement but no credit
Wisconsin (U. of)	3 (both) earns 3 credits	4 earns 3 credits; 5 earns 6 credits
Wittenberg	4 (both) earns credit TBD by department	5 earns credit TBD by department
Wooster	4 (both) earns 1 credit	6 earns 1 credit
Yale	5 (Lan or Lit) earns 2 credits	7 earns 2 credits