

Policy GRAD-008: Advanced Courses Satisfying Graduation Requirements Status: ADOPTED

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Pursuant to state graduation requirements, the following Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), and Cambridge International Examination (CIE) courses satisfy NCSBE graduation requirements:

1. English

- AP English Language and Composition satisfies the English III credit requirement
- AP English Literature and Composition satisfies the English IV credit requirement
- IB English Language and Literature satisfies the credit requirements for English III and/or IV
- IB English Literature provides satisfies the credit requirements for English III and/or IV
- CIE English Language, AS or A level, satisfies the English III credit requirement
- CIE English Literature, AS or A level, satisfies the English IV credit requirement

2. Mathematics

The following courses satisfy the requirement for a fourth mathematics credit:

- AP Calculus AB
- AP Calculus BC
- AP Computer Science A
- AP Precalculus
- AP Statistics
- IB Computer Science
- IB Analysis and Approaches, SL or HL level
- IB Applications & Interpretation, SL or HL level
- CIE Mathematics, AS or A level

- CIE Mathematics & Mechanics, AS or A level
- CIE Mathematics & Probability/Statistics, AS or A level

### 3. Science

- AP Chemistry satisfies the physical sciences credit requirement
- AP Physics (all options) satisfies the physical sciences credit requirement
- AP Biology satisfies the Biology credit requirement
- AP Environmental Science satisfies the earth/environmental science credit requirement
- IB Chemistry satisfies the physical sciences credit requirement
- IB Physics satisfies the physical sciences credit requirement
- IB Biology satisfies the Biology credit requirement
- IB Environmental Systems and Societies satisfies the earth/environmental science credit requirement
- CIE Biology, AS or A level, satisfies the Biology credit requirement
- CIE Chemistry, AS or A level, satisfies the physical sciences credit requirement
- CIE Environmental Management AS satisfies the earth/environmental science credit requirement
- CIE Physics, AS or A level, satisfies the physical sciences credit requirement

### 4. Social Studies

- AP World History: Modern satisfies the World History credit requirement
- AP US History and an additional social studies elective satisfy the American History I and American History II credit requirement
- AP US History satisfies the American History credit requirement
- IB History of the Americas and an additional social studies elective satisfy the American History I and American History II credit requirement
- IB History of the Americas HL satisfies the American History credit requirement
- IB History SL satisfies the World History credit requirement
- AP United States Government and Politics satisfies the Founding Principles of The United States of America and North Carolina: Civic Literacy requirement as long as the following topics are covered as mandated by legislation (NCGS S.L. 2019-82):
  - The Creator-endowed inalienable rights of the people.
  - Structure of government, separation of powers with checks and balances.
  - Frequent and free elections in a representative government.
  - Rule of law.
  - Equal justice under the law.
  - Private property rights.
  - Federalism.
  - Due process.
  - Individual rights as set forth in the Bill of Rights.
  - Individual responsibility.
  - Constitutional limitations on government power to tax and spend, and prompt payment of public debt.
  - Strong defense and supremacy of civil authority over military.
  - Peace, commerce, and honest friendship with all nations, entangling alliances with none.

\*The previously approved AP World History course (approved for enrollment prior to 2019-2020) will continue to satisfy the world history requirement until June 2023.

5. Other AP, IB, and CIE courses provide elective credits in the appropriate content areas.

6. Computer Science

Beginning with students entering Grade 9 in 2026-27:

- AP Computer Science Principles
  - AP Computer Science A
  - IB Digital Society SL
  - IB Digital Society HL
  - IB Computer Science SL
  - IB Computer Science HL
  - CIE Computer Science AS
  - CIS Computer Science A
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