

**Policy GRAD-008: Advanced Courses Satisfying Graduation Requirements**

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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
- AP Statistics
- IB Computer Science
- IB Math Studies
- IB Math SL
- IB Math HL
- IB Further Math HL
- 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 satisfies the World History credit requirement
- 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 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.

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

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