

PREPARING FOR ORIENTATION

Advanced Placement Units

There are a number of ways to earn advanced placement units at Boston College including qualifying scores on College Board Advanced Placement (AP) exams, International Baccalaureate exams, British A Level exams, French Baccalaureate exams, as well as results from the German Abitur, the Swiss Maturité, and the Italian Maturità. Official results from all testing should be sent to the Office of Transfer Admission for evaluation. Qualifying scores will be assigned advanced placement units as outlined briefly below and detailed at bc.edu/advancedplacement.

College Board Advanced Placement (AP)

Advanced Placement Examination	Exam Score Minimum	Advanced Placement Units	Requirements Fulfilled*
Art History	4	3	Arts Core
Biology	4	6	2 Natural Science Core
Calculus AB (or AB subscore)	4	3	Math Core/MATH1100 or MATH1102 course equivalent
Calculus BC	4	6	Math Core/MATH1100, MATH1101, MATH1102, or MATH1103 course equivalent
Chemistry	4	6	2 Natural Science Core
Chinese Language and Culture	4	6	Language Proficiency
Computer Science (A or Principles)	N/A	N/A	Students must consult with the department to determine if any placement within the major is appropriate.
**Economics (Micro)	4	3	1 Social Science Core/No placement for ECON1101
**Economics (Macro)	4	3	1 Social Science Core/No placement for ECON1101
English Language	4	3	Writing Core
English Literature	4	3	Literature Core
Environmental Science	4	3	1 Natural Science Core
European History	4	6	History I Core and History II Core
French Language and Culture	3 4	0 3	Demonstrates Language Proficiency 1 Romance Language Elective & Language Proficiency
German	4	6	Demonstrates Language Proficiency
U.S. Government and Politics	4	3	1 Social Science Core
Comparative Government and Politics	4	3	1 Social Science Core
Human Geography	N/A	N/A	No BC equivalent
Italian Language and Culture	3 4	0 3	Demonstrates Language Proficiency 1 Romance Language Elective & Language Proficiency
Japanese Language and Culture	4	6	2 Slavic Language Electives & Language Proficiency

Advanced Placement Examination	Exam Score Minimum	Advanced Placement Units	Requirements Fulfilled*
Latin	4	6	2 Classical Language Electives & Language Proficiency
Music Theory	4	3	Arts Core
Physics 1	4	3	1 Natural Science Core
Physics 2	4	3	1 Natural Science Core
Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism	4	3	1 Natural Science Core
Physics C: Mechanics	4	3	1 Natural Science Core
Precalculus	N/A	N/A	No BC equivalent
Psychology	4	3	1 Social Science Core^
Research	N/A	N/A	No BC equivalent
Seminar	N/A	N/A	No BC equivalent
Spanish Language/Literature and Culture	3 4	0 3	Demonstrates Language Proficiency 1 Romance Language Elective & Language Proficiency
Statistics	5	3	Fulfills Business Statistics Requirement for CSOM students
Studio Art	4	3	1 Fine Art Elective
U.S. History	4	6	Units included when students apply for Advanced Standing. No University Core/department placement earned.
World History	4	6	History I Core and History II Core

* Advanced placement elective units cannot be used to fulfill the four Arts and Sciences electives required for CSOM, but can count toward the 30 units required to be eligible to apply for advanced standing. Electives do not count toward the degree in any other scenario because Advanced Placement Units are generally used for placement only—not credit. Advanced placement units will not fulfill the six elective credits required for CSOM students. CSOM students fulfill their Natural Science and Mathematics Core Curriculum requirements through coursework taken during their freshman year. Therefore, qualifying exam scores cannot be used to fulfill those requirements for nursing students.

** Beginning with students entering the Spring 2022 term and later, a qualifying score in both Macroeconomics and Microeconomics earns placement for ECON1101 Principles of Economics, which fulfills 1 Social Science Core. Students with qualifying scores in both Macroeconomics and Microeconomics would still need to satisfy the second Social Science Core requirement.

^ Please consult with the Psychology and Neuroscience Department to determine how placement toward the major is appropriate.

International Baccalaureate

Each score of 6 or 7 on Higher Level exams will earn advanced placement units and will generally satisfy a corresponding Core requirement. For further details, visit bc.edu/advancedplacement.

Arts

International Baccalaureate Examination	Exam Score	Advanced Placement Units	Requirements Fulfilled*
Dance	N/A	N/A	N/A
Film	6/7	3	Arts Core
Music	6/7	3	Arts Core
Theatre	6/7	3	Arts Core
Visual Arts	6/7	3	Arts Core

Individuals and Societies

International Baccalaureate Examination	Exam Score	Advanced Placement Units	Requirements Fulfilled*
Business and Management	N/A	N/A	N/A
Economics	6/7	3	1 Social Science Core/For Economics majors/minors, will also satisfy Principles of Economics (ECON1101).
Geography	N/A	N/A	N/A
Global Politics	6/7	3	1 Social Science Core
History of the Americas	6/7	6	History I Core and History II Core
History of Asia and Oceania	6/7	6	History I Core and History II Core
History of Europe	6/7	6	History I Core and History II Core
Information Technology in a Global Society	N/A	N/A	N/A
Islamic History	6/7	3	No Core/History Elective
Philosophy	6/7	3	1 Philosophy Core
Psychology**	6/7	6	1 Social Science Core and 1 Natural Science Core
Social and Cultural Anthropology	6/7	3	1 Social Science Core
World Religion	6/7	3	1 Theology Elective

* IB elective units cannot be used to fulfill the four arts and sciences electives required for CSOM, but can count toward the 30 units required to be eligible to apply for advanced standing. Electives do not count toward the degree in any other scenario because IB Units are generally used for placement only, not credit.

** Psychology majors will satisfy both PSYC1110 and PSYC1111. Neuroscience majors will satisfy PSYC1110. Psychology majors will need to take two additional Psychology electives, and Neuroscience majors will need to take one additional Neuroscience elective should they use their IB Psychology credit to bypass the introduction course(s). Please consult with your respective major requirements checklists for more information.

Sciences

International Baccalaureate Examination	Exam Score	Advanced Placement Units	Requirements Fulfilled*
Biology	6/7	6	2 Natural Science Core
Chemistry	6/7	6	2 Natural Science Core
Computer Science	6/7	3	1 Computer Science Elective^
Design Technology	N/A	N/A	N/A
Environmental Systems	6/7	3	1 Natural Science Core
Physics	6/7	6	2 Natural Science Core

Mathematics

International Baccalaureate Examination	Exam Score	Advanced Placement Units	Requirements Fulfilled*
Analysis and Approaches	6/7	3	Mathematics Core
Applications and Interpretations	6/7	3	Mathematics Core
Mathematics	6/7	3	Mathematics Core
Further Mathematics	6/7	3	Mathematics Core

Language

International Baccalaureate Examination	Exam Score	Advanced Placement Units	Requirements Fulfilled*
English A Language and Literature	6/7	3	Writing and Literature Core
English A Language	6/7	3	Writing Core
English B Language	N/A	N/A	N/A
Foreign Language	6/7	6	MCAS Language Proficiency
Modern Classical Language	6/7	6	MCAS Language Proficiency

^ Students interested in the Computer Science major must consult with the Computer Science department to determine if these electives can in any way apply to the major.

Sports, Exercise & Health Science IB is not recognized by Boston College.

British A Levels

There are other A level courses offered that do not apply to a degree at Boston College. If the course is not listed here, no advanced placement units can be earned.

A Level Examination	Exam Score	Advanced Placement Units	Requirements Fulfilled
Accounting	N/A	N/A	N/A
Ancient History	A/B/C	3	History Core I
Art and Design	N/A	N/A	N/A
Art History	A/B/C	3	Arts Core
Art (Fine Art)	A/B/C	3	Arts Core
Astronomy	A/B/C	3	1 Natural Science Core
Biology	A/B C	6 3	2 Natural Science Core 1 Natural Science Core
Business	N/A	N/A	N/A
Business Studies	N/A	N/A	N/A
Chemistry	A/B C	6 3	2 Natural Science Core 1 Natural Science Core
Computer Science	A/B/C	3	Students must consult with the department to determine if any placement within the major is appropriate.
Economics	A/B C	6 3	1 Social Science Core/Placement for ECON1101 1 Social Science Core
English Language	A/B/C	3	Writing Core only
English Literature	A/B/C	3	Literature Core only
Film Studies	A/B/C	3	Arts Core
Geography	N/A	N/A	N/A
History	A/B/C	6	History I Core and History II Core
Islamic Studies	N/A	N/A	N/A
Languages other than English	A/B/C	3	1 Foreign Lang. elective/Language proficiency
Maths/Further Maths	A/B C	6 3	Mathematics Core/Mathematics elective Mathematics Core
Music	N/A	N/A	N/A
Photography	N/A	N/A	N/A
Physics	A/B C	6 3	2 Natural Science Core 1 Natural Science Core
Psychology	A/B/C	3	1 Social Science Core*
Religious Studies	A/B/C	3	1 Theology Core
Sociology	A/B/C	3	1 Social Science Core
Statistics	N/A	N/A	N/A
Theatre Studies	A/B/C	3	Arts Core

* Please consult with the Psychology and Neuroscience Department to determine how placement toward the major is appropriate.

French Baccalaureate

- Scores of 14 or higher* will be considered for a maximum of six credits for each 12th grade Spécialité subject.
- A minimum score of 12* for each 12th grade Spécialité subject will be considered for a maximum of three credits.
- Students completing the French International Baccalaureate (BFI)/French Baccalaureate with International Option (OIB) may earn advanced placement units in English and history for corresponding exam scores.
- Scores below 10 do not qualify.
- Units may be used to fulfill corresponding University Core or major requirements.

*Advanced Placement is based on the French Baccalaureate exam results and is considered in the context of departmental review. Boston College reserves the right to change this policy, as is determined by campus administrators.

Italian Maturità

For students who earn an exam score of 70 or higher on the final exam, advanced placement units will be awarded only for subjects in which the written exam was taken (no placement for oral exams) and the average score for the final exam over the last two years is 7 or higher. No advanced placement units can be earned for English.

German Abitur

Placement will be considered for the four subjects scored in the Abitur final exams. For two subjects listed as the “main subject,” scores of 10 or higher will earn 6 advanced placement units in corresponding subject areas. For two additional “basic courses” with scores of 10 or higher, 3 advanced placement units will be earned in corresponding subject areas. No advanced placement units can be earned for English.

Swiss Maturité

Advanced placement units can be earned for exam scores of 4 or better. No advanced placement units can be earned for English.

College Courses Taken During High School

Advanced placement units can be earned for college courses taken during high school according to the following guidelines:

Students enrolled in courses designated as “college courses” that are taken at the high school with a high school teacher may only earn advanced placement units if corresponding College Board AP exams are taken and qualifying scores are earned. A college transcript alone cannot be used to earn advanced placement units for these courses.

College coursework taken on a college campus with a college professor and with other college students either during the academic year or over the summer may be evaluated for advanced placement units. Only courses that are deemed equal in depth and breadth to coursework taught at Boston College and are being used to supplement high school coursework (and not to fulfill high school requirements) will be considered.

Each 3 or 4 credit course with a grade of B or better will earn 3 advanced placement units. Students will still be required to take the full 120 credits necessary for graduation, unless they have the equivalency of 30 credits, in which case they may qualify for Advanced Standing and would be eligible to graduate from Boston College in 3 years. College transcripts for these courses **as well as the verification form signed by a high school administrator** should be submitted to the Office of Transfer Admission by August 1. Students who enroll at a local college to satisfy high school graduation requirements are not eligible for advanced placement units unless they take the corresponding College Board AP exams and earn qualifying scores.

Advanced Standing

Students who earn a total of 30 advanced placement units may be eligible for Advanced Standing and have the option to complete their undergraduate studies in three years. Students interested in this option should be in touch with their Dean following completion of their first semester at BC. **No decision on Advanced Standing will be made prior to this time.** Students seeking Advanced Standing must be able to complete all degree requirements by the proposed graduation date and be approved for Advanced Standing by the Dean before the start of the third year of undergraduate study.

PREPARING FOR ORIENTATION

Language Proficiency Requirement

The study of language, literature, and culture other than one's own enables the Jesuit-educated student to appreciate the world better, to seek commonalities, and honor cultural differences. Therefore, students in the Morrissey College of Arts and Sciences will demonstrate intermediate-level proficiency in a foreign or classical language in order to graduate from Boston College. Intermediate proficiency is defined as completing the fourth semester of a language. Students continuing a language previously studied will take one to four courses, depending on their placement. First-year students should begin/complete the language requirement during their first semester.

The Advanced Placement (AP) test scores below demonstrate intermediate-level proficiency at Boston College.

Subject	AP Score
Chinese	4
French	3
German	4
Italian	3
Japanese	4

Subject	AP Score
Korean	N/A
Latin	4
Modern Hebrew	N/A
Spanish	3

If you have taken the AP Test but have not yet received your score, take the placement test and register for the course recommended when you complete the test. When you receive the AP score, you may make necessary changes. If you have questions, speak with the language advisor at your registration session.

Other Exams and Exam Score Minimums

- British A levels: Languages other than English A/B/C levels
- International Baccalaureate: Higher level foreign or modern classical language 6 or 7
- General Certificate of Education: German A level
- DELE exams (Diplomas de Español como Lengua Extranjera): B1 or higher level
- Successful demonstration of native proficiency by documentation. Documentation of native proficiency ordinarily assumes evidence of post-elementary school education in the native language.

Fulfillment of the proficiency requirement by the examinations listed above does not confer course credit.

Seals of Bilingualism

MCAS students can now fulfill the language requirement by submitting to the Academic Advising Center documentation of their having received one of the two following Seals of Bilingualism conferred by their high school:

The Global Seal of Bilingualism conferred by the international Global Seal of Bilingualism Organization.

The Seal of Bilingualism conferred by the various U.S. states upon high school students who have achieved a level of "Intermediate Mid" or higher on a nationally recognized, proctored language proficiency exam (such as those of ACTFL, the AP program, and Avant Assessment).

Course Work Meeting Language Proficiency Requirement

- Successful completion of the second semester of an intermediate-level Boston College modern or classical language course
- Successful completion of one Boston College modern or classical language course beyond the intermediate level

Students may not take foreign language courses on a pass/fail basis until they have completed the university's language proficiency requirement. Language courses will count as Morrissey College of Arts and Sciences electives. Students with documented learning disabilities may be exempt from the foreign language requirement and should consult with the Connors Family Learning Center (bc.edu/connors).

Placement and Proficiency Testing Information for Foreign Languages

Students who need to fulfill the MCAS foreign language proficiency requirement (Intermediate II or equivalent) should enroll beginning with their first semester, or they may risk not graduating. Language courses will be more challenging the longer one waits to complete the requirement. **All language placement exams will need to be completed prior to your arrival for summer Orientation and registration.**

Students will note their plan to fulfill the language proficiency requirement prior to Orientation, and will be contacted by the relevant academic department with specific information on placement. Students should closely monitor their BC email.

Students who are beginning the study of a new language should register for the Elementary I course. Students who are continuing the study of a language may need a placement test to determine the appropriate level. Placement tests are conducted, in the appropriate foreign language departments, for a number of foreign languages, including, but not limited to Arabic, Mandarin Chinese, French, German, Greek (Classical or Modern), Hebrew, Japanese, Korean, Latin, Polish, Russian, and Spanish.

Information on placement tests, including who to reach out to schedule an exam, is available on the Degree Requirements web page of the Academic Advising Center website: www.bc.edu/bc-web/schools/mcas/undergraduate/advising/degree-requirements/. Online placement exams are offered for some languages, including Latin.

Placement Guidelines for French

AP Language Exam Score or Language Experience	Course
4 or 5	Consult Professor Andr��a Javel (andrea.javel@bc.edu)
3	FREN2209 CCRI (French)
Less than 3	Take online placement test (instructions to follow)
Did not take AP Language Exam	Take online placement test (instructions to follow)
Never studied French	FREN1009 Elementary

Placement Guidelines for Italian

There is no placement test for Italian. General guidelines are below.

AP Language Exam Score or Language Experience	Course
4 or 5	ITAL2213 CCRI (Italian)
3	ITAL2213 CCRI (Italian)
4+ years of high school Italian	ITAL2213 CCRI (Italian)
2 years of college-level Italian	ITAL2213 CCRI (Italian)
3-4 years of high school Italian	ITAL1113 Intermediate Italian
1 year of college-level Italian	ITAL1113 Intermediate Italian
2-3 years of high school Italian	ITAL1004 Elementary Italian 2
Less than 1 year of high school Italian	ITAL1003 Elementary Italian
Never studied Italian	ITAL1003 Elementary Italian

Placement Guidelines for Spanish

AP Language Exam Score or Language Experience	IBL Score or Language Experience	Course
5	N/A	SPAN3392 Advanced Spanish
4	6/7 higher level	SPAN2215 CCRI
3	N/A	Take placement test if you wish to continue further studies in Spanish
Less than 3	N/A	Take placement test (instructions to follow)
Did not take AP Language Exam	Did not take IBL	Take placement test (instructions to follow)
Never studied Spanish		SPAN1015 Elementary Spanish I
Native or heritage speaker		Consult department (rll@bc.edu)