

## 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 [www.bc.edu/advancedplacement](http://www.bc.edu/advancedplacement).

\* Advanced placement elective units cannot be used to fulfill the four Arts and Sciences electives required for CSOM, but can count toward the 24 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 credits will not fulfill the six elective credits required for CSON students.

## 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	1 Math Core
Calculus BC	4	6	1 Math Core/1 Math Elective
Capstone Seminar	N/A	N/A	N/A
Chemistry	4	6	2 Natural Science Core
Chinese Language and Culture	4	6	2 Slavic Language Electives & Language Proficiency, Demonstrates Language Proficiency
Computer Science (AB or A)	4	3	1 Computer Science Elective. Must consult with the department to determine if any placement toward major is appropriate.
Economics (Micro)	4	3	1 Social Science Core (except Lynch School)
Economics (Macro)	4	3	1 Social Science Core (except Lynch School)
English Language	4	3	Writing Core
English Literature	4	3	Literature Core
Environmental Science	4	3	1 Natural Science Core
European History	4	6	2 Modern European History Core
French Language/Literature	3 4	0 6	Demonstrates Language Proficiency 2 Romance Language Electives & Language Proficiency
German	4	6	2 German Language Electives & Language Proficiency
US Government and Politics	4	3	1 Social Science Core (except Lynch School)
Comparative Government and Politics	4	3	1 Social Science Core (except Lynch School)

Advanced Placement Examination	Exam Score Minimum	Advanced Placement Units	Requirements Fulfilled*
Human Geography	N/A	N/A	No BC equivalent
Italian Language and Culture	3 4	0 6	Demonstrates Language Proficiency 2 Romance Language Electives & Language Proficiency
Japanese Language and Culture	4	6	2 Slavic Language Electives & Language Proficiency, Demonstrates Language Proficiency
Latin: Virgil/Literature	4	6	2 Classical Language Electives & Language Proficiency
Music Theory	4	3	1 Arts Core
Physics 1	4	3	1 Natural Science Core
Physics 2	4	3	1 Natural Science Core
Physics C Part I Electricity and Magnetism	4	3	1 Natural Science Core each
Part II Mechanics	4	3	
Psychology	4	3	1 Social Science Core
Spanish Language/Literature	3 4	0 6	Demonstrates Language Proficiency 2 Romance Language Electives & Language Proficiency
Statistics	N/A	N/A	No BC equivalent
Studio Art	4	3	1 Fine Art Elective
U.S. History	4	6	2 History electives. Please consult with department for any possible placement toward History major.
World History	4	6	2 Modern European History Core

## International Baccalaureate

Each score of 6 or 7 on Higher Level exams will earn 3 to 6 advanced placement units and will generally satisfy a corresponding Core requirement. For further details, visit [www.bc.edu/advancedplacement](http://www.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 except in Lynch School
Geography	N/A	N/A	N/A
Global Politics	6/7	3	1 Social Science Core except in Lynch School
History of the Americas	6/7	6	Modern History Core I and II
History of Europe	6/7	6	Modern History Core I and II
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	3	No Core/1 Psychology Elective
Social and Cultural Anthropology	6/7	3	1 Social Science Core
World Religion	6/7	3	1 Theology Core

### 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*
Mathematics	6/7	3	1 Math Core
Further Mathematics	6/7	3	1 Math Core

### Language

International Baccalaureate Examination	Exam Score	Advanced Placement Units	Requirements Fulfilled*
English A Literature	6/7	3	1 Literature Core
English A Language	6/7	3	1 Writing Core
English B Language	6/7	3	1 Writing Core
Foreign Language	6/7	6	MCAS Language Proficiency
Modern Classical Language	6/7	6	MCAS Language Proficiency

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\*\* 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.

Sport and Exercise IB is not recognized by Boston College.

## British A Levels

A Level Examination	Exam Score	Advanced Placement Units	Requirements Fulfilled
Accounting	A/B/C	N/A	N/A
Ancient History	A/B/C	3	Modern History Core I and II
Art and Design	A/B/C	N/A	N/A
Art History	A/B/C	3	1 Arts Core
Art (Fine Art)	A/B/C	3	1 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	A/B/C	N/A	N/A
Business Studies	A/B/C	N/A	N/A
Chemistry	A/B C	6 3	2 Natural Science Core 1 Natural Science Core
Computer Science	A/B/C	3	Computer Science Elective
Economics	A/B C	6 3	2 Social Science Core (except Lynch School) 1 Social Science Core (except Lynch School)
English Language	A/B/C	3	Writing Core only
English Literature	A/B/C	3	Literature Core only
Geography	A/B/C	N/A	N/A
History	A/B/C	6	Modern History Core I and II
Islamic Studies	A/B/C	N/A	N/A
Languages other than English	A/B/C	3	1 Foreign Lang. elective/ Language proficiency

A Level Examination	Exam Score	Advanced Placement Units	Requirements Fulfilled
Maths/Further Maths	A/B C	6 3	1 Math Core/ 1 Math elective 1 Math Core
Music	A/B/C	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 Psychology Core
Religious Studies	A/B/C	3	1 Theology Core
Sociology	A/B/C	3	1 Social Science Core (except Lynch School)
Statistics	N/A	N/A	No BC equivalent
Theatre Studies	A/B/C	3	1 Arts Core

\* 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.

## French Baccalaureate

For all subjects with a coefficient of 5 or higher, advanced placement units will be assigned as follows:

- 6 units for scores of 13 or higher
- 3 units for scores of 10–12
- Scores below 10 do not qualify.
- Units may be used to fulfill corresponding Core or major requirements.
- No advanced placement units will be awarded for English.

## 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. In the two subjects listed, the “main subject” with scores of 10 or higher, 6 advanced placement units will be awarded 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:

### COURSES TAKEN AT A HIGH SCHOOL:

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.

### COURSES TAKEN ON A COLLEGE CAMPUS:

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 will be considered.** Each 3- or 4-credit course with a grade of B or better will earn three advanced placement units. College transcripts for these courses should be submitted to the Office of Transfer Admission by August 1.

## Advanced Standing

Students who earn a total of 24 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.

Please Note: Boston College reserves the right to change these policies at any time, and without notice.

## PREPARING FOR ORIENTATION

### Language Proficiency Requirement

All students in the Morrissey College of Arts and Sciences must demonstrate intermediate-level proficiency in a foreign or classical language in order to graduate from Boston College. The Carroll School of Management, the Connell School of Nursing, and the Lynch School of Education do not have a language requirement.

The SAT II Subject and AP test scores below demonstrate intermediate-level proficiency at Boston College.

Subject Test	SAT Score	AP Score
Chinese	700	4
French	550	3
German	600	4
Italian	550	3
Japanese	700	4
Korean	700	4
Latin	600	4
Modern Hebrew	650	4
Spanish	550	3

#### 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 completion of one of Boston College's language tests (for languages other than French, Italian, and Spanish)
- Successful demonstration of native proficiency by documentation or testing by one of Boston College's language departments

Testing is not available for all languages.

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

#### 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 Associate Dean.

## Placement and Proficiency Testing Information for Foreign Languages

Placement tests are conducted, in the appropriate foreign language departments, for a number of foreign languages, including, but not limited to Arabic, Bulgarian, Mandarin Chinese, French, Greek (Classical or Modern), Irish, Japanese, Korean, Latin, Persian (Farsi), Russian, Spanish, and Turkish. For specific information on taking the placement exams, continue reading this section and contact the appropriate departments of foreign languages.

### French, Italian, and Spanish

The majority of university students around the world speak at least two languages fluently. We encourage you to join them as you prepare yourself for your career.

For general information about French, Italian, and Spanish, or to register for the French placement test, go to [www.bc.edu/rlll](http://www.bc.edu/rlll). The French placement test is online and not taken in person. The Spanish placement test can only be taken in person. There is no Italian placement test.

#### Placement Guidelines for French

SAT Subject Test	AP Language Exam	Course
Over 600	4 or 5	Consult Professor James Flagg (james.flagg@bc.edu)
550–600	3	FREN2209 CCRI (French)
Less than 550	Less than 3	Take online placement test (instructions below)
Did not take		Take online placement test (instructions below)
Never studied French		FREN1009 Elementary

#### French Online Placement Test

Go to [www.bc.edu/rll](http://www.bc.edu/rll) and follow links to enter test. You will need your BC username; the password is **eagles1**. For questions about the test, e-mail the French Placement Test Coordinator, Professor Andrea Javel (andrea.javal@bc.edu). *You must have taken this test before your orientation session.* At the end of the test you will be told which course to take.

#### Placement Guidelines for Italian

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

SAT Subject Test	AP Language Exam	Course
Over 600	4 or 5	Consult Professor Brian O'Connor (brian.oconnor@bc.edu)
550–600	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 Intermediate Italian
Less than 1 year of high school Italian		ITAL1003 Elementary Italian
Never studied Italian		ITAL1003 Elementary Italian

#### Placement Guidelines for Spanish

SAT Subject Test	AP Language Exam	IBLE	Course
Over 550	Over 3	6/7 higher level	Language requirement fulfilled: go to chart below

SAT Subject Test	AP Language Exam	IBLE	Course
Over 710	5	N/A	SPAN3392 Advanced Spanish
660–700	4	6/7 higher level	SPAN2215 CCRI
Less than 659	3	N/A	Take placement test if you wish to continue further studies in Spanish
Less than 550	Less than 3	N/A	Take placement test (instructions below)
Did not take	Did not take	Did not take	Take placement test (instructions below)
Never studied Spanish			SPAN1015 Elementary Spanish I
Native or heritage speaker			Consult department (rll@bc.edu)

#### Spanish Placement Test

If you have taken Spanish in high school, it is highly recommended that you continue taking Spanish at Boston College.

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 difficult for you the longer you wait to complete the requirement.

To take the Spanish placement test:

- Take the test during your summer orientation. It is a proctored, computer-based exam delivered onsite. It can be taken only once.
- Bring your Boston College ID and login information. You cannot take the test without these items.
- Arrive at Corcoran Commons, second floor, at 11:00 a.m. the Sunday of your orientation and register for the test in person.
- If you place higher than Intermediate II on the placement test, *you have not fulfilled the language requirement*. You must enroll in CCRI, and you may not enroll in Intermediate II.

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.

**Transfer students:** If you have taken Elementary or Intermediate Spanish at a four-year institution of higher education, sign up for the next course in sequence without taking the placement test. However, if you did not take Spanish at a four-year institution of higher education, but did take Spanish in high school, you should take the Spanish Placement Test. Transfer students coming from two-year institutions should take the placement test.

**Class of 2023:** Students in the Carroll School of Management, the Connell School of Nursing, and the Lynch School of Education and Human Development do not have a language requirement, but we encourage you to continue studying Spanish. You are welcome to take the Spanish Placement Test if appropriate or join the curriculum at a higher level if qualified to do so.

## German

- A student who has never studied German should enroll in GERM1001 Elementary German I.
- A student who scored a 4 or 5 on the German Language AP exam or over 600 on the SAT German subject test should consult with Professor Daniel Bowles, [daniel.bowles@bc.edu](mailto:daniel.bowles@bc.edu).
- A heritage speaker (a student who has learned German from family but has never studied it formally) should take the German Placement Test prior to the beginning of the fall semester to determine the appropriate course. The Department of German Studies welcomes native speakers into our English-language courses on German literature and culture but restricts their enrollment in higher-level literature and culture courses conducted in German. In such cases the express permission of the instructor is required for enrollment.
- All other students should take the German Placement Test prior to the beginning of the fall semester to determine the appropriate course. This includes students who scored a 3 or less on the German Language AP exam or less than 600 on the SAT German subject test.

To take the placement test or to ask other questions, please contact Martha Kraft, Administrative Assistant, German Studies, Lyons Hall 201, [martha.kraft@bc.edu](mailto:martha.kraft@bc.edu), 617-552-3740. During the summer (June–July), please contact Professor Michael Resler, German Studies, Lyons Hall 201C, [michael.resler@bc.edu](mailto:michael.resler@bc.edu), 617-552-3744.

## Other Languages

Boston College has course offerings for Arabic, Bulgarian, Chinese, Greek (Classical or Modern), Hebrew, Irish, Japanese, Korean, Latin, Persian (Farsi), Polish, and Russian. For information on testing or placement options for these and other possible languages contact Korina Tazbir ([korina.tazbir@bc.edu](mailto:korina.tazbir@bc.edu)) or, for Latin, Professor Kendra Eshleman ([kendra.eshleman@bc.edu](mailto:kendra.eshleman@bc.edu)).

## Satisfaction by Documentation

Students seeking to satisfy the language requirement by documentation of native proficiency should do so before the end of their first year of study. Postponement can result in a delayed graduation. Documentation of native proficiency ordinarily assumes evidence of post-elementary school education in the native language. Students should contact their academic dean's office for more information.