

Duquesne University

International Credit Transfer and Advanced Standing Policies

The following policies should be applied to international students for advanced standing or transfer credit consideration. Other policies will be added to this listing as needed.

For students who wish to transfer credits from tertiary institutions abroad:

The Office of International Affairs will ensure the integrity of the home institution as it relates to accreditation or in-country approval by a ministry of education.

The Office of International Affairs will ensure that the courses taken are comparable to university education at the appropriate level, grade and number of credits.

The student has the burden of providing official translated copies of all course descriptions related to the courses that will be assessed for transfer.

Academic advisors will review course descriptions as they relate to the curricula in the various majors and departments.

For students who have completed one of the below examinations in their educational system, the below policies will apply:

British Advanced-Level Policy

Students can receive the following credits according to the grade that they received for a maximum of 24 credit hours:

A level courses with an A = up to 8 credits

A level courses with a B = up to 6 credits

A level courses with a C = up to 4 credits

Note: Students do not receive credit for the General Paper.

British A/S-Level Policy

Students can receive the following credits according to the grade that they received for a maximum of 24 credit hours:

A/S level courses with an A = up to 4 credits

A/S level courses with a B = up to 3 credits

A/S level courses with a C = up to 2 credits

French Baccalaureate

Students who have completed the French “Bac” will receive 6 semester hours for each course with a coefficient of 4 or higher and a score of 12 or above for a maximum of 30 semester hours. An overall score of 12 out of 20 on the Bac is required.

Note: Coefficients indicate the level of difficulty for an examination.

German Arbitur

Students can be awarded 9 semester hours for each Leistungsfach and 6 semester hours for the other two subject included in the Arbiturprüfung with a score of 2 (out of 6) or 10 (out of 15) or higher for a maximum of 30 semester hours. An overall Arbitur score of 2 or higher should be reached in order to consider for advanced standing credits. English will not be awarded any credit.

Note: the Leistungsfach is composed of two classes that comprise the concentration. The Leistungsfach is followed for two years and is part of the Arbitur while the Arbiturprüfung is take for one year.

Ontario, Canada OAC

Duquesne will offer advanced standing credit to student from Ontario, Canada who have completed their OACs will score equivalent to A, B or C. The number of credits transferred will be determined upon entrance to the university.

International Baccalaureate (equivalency chart is attached)

IB Diploma students

Duquesne University may award up to 30 academic credits to students completing the Diploma with a total score of 30 or above. Credit will be given for both higher and standard level subject according to the adviser’s discretion. The diploma curriculum must include at least three higher level subjects.

IB Non-diploma students

Students who do not complete the IB diploma are able to receive advanced standing credit for IB Higher Level subjects with scores of 5, 6 or 7. IB standard level scores of 6 or 7 will be accepted in foreign languages for a maximum of eight semester hours per language. No credit will be given for other standard level courses.

For a list of credits awarded by discipline, please contact the Office of International Affairs or your academic adviser.