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Dear Colleagues:

The attached proposal from the AP Council to award credit for INTL 1100, Introduction to Global Issues, for a passing score on the International Baccalaureate (IB) exam in Global Politics will be an agenda item for the August 27, 2021, Full University Curriculum Committee meeting.

Sincerely,

Susan Sanchez, Chair

University Curriculum Committee

cc: Provost S. Jack Hu
Dr. Rahul Shrivastav



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Advanced Placement Council

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c/o Dr. David S. Williams

Sent via email: dwilliam@uga.edu

Dear Dr. Williams,

After careful review, the Department of International Affairs in the School of Public and International Affairs would like to request new credit be given for students passing the International Baccalaureate (IB) exam in Global Politics. IB Global Politics is a relatively new but rigorous program that covers content comparable to INTL 1100 (Introduction to Global Issues). It is similar to the Advanced Placement (AP) Comparative Government and Politics exam, for which we currently offer INTL 1100 credit. Due to its newness, very few peer schools currently offer credit for this IB exam. However, some of our aspirational schools, like UCLA and the University of Michigan, have recently offered credit for this IB exam.¹ Offering credit for this exam will help us attract the best and brightest undergraduates to our program and to UGA.

Our review of the content of IB Global Politics shows that the content is similar to INTL 1100. The exam assesses knowledge of global political actors, the importance of power, the need to understand both the global and the local, and the interconnectedness of economy and security. The exam requires students to use empirical evidence to back their theoretical claims, which is also a key component of our assessment in INTL 1100.

This request will impact relatively few students a year, requiring no new department resources. In AY 2018-2019 and AY 2019-2020, only one student a year submitted a qualifying score. This could increase as the exam and the IB program become more popular in Georgia. INTL 1100 is required for our majors (A.B. in International Affairs). If approved,

¹ See <http://www.admission.ucla.edu/Prospect/IBCcreditLS.htm> and <https://admissions.umich.edu/apply/freshmen-applicants/ap-ib-credit>

this new credit would help students with their timely progression to graduation and would allow students to participate in additional minors and Double Dawg programs.


We propose that credit be awarded for this exam as follows:

IB Level and Score	Global Politics credit earned
High Level 4	INTL 1100 (3 credit hours)
High Level 5	INTL 1100 (3 credit hours)
High Level 6	INTL 1100 (3 credit hours)
High Level 7	INTL 1100 (3 credit hours)
Standard Level 5	INTL 1100 (3 credit hours)
Standard Level 6	INTL 1100 (3 credit hours)
Standard Level 7	INTL 1100 (3 credit hours)

In summary, we think our request to provide INTL 1100 credit for IB Global Politics is straightforward, consistent with our course content, similar to our aspirational institutions, and affects relatively few students a year. This credit will help students with their timely degree and program progression. This request will not require any additional resources.

Please let us know if you have any questions. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



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Professor and Department Head



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