

Advanced Standing and International Transfer Credits

Admissions - Supplemental information for applicants

Webster aims to recognize students who have high achievement in rigorous programs during prior studies. We recognize several national examination systems, curricula or exams for which students can earn the equivalency of university-level credits, which give them advanced standing toward their degree. Note: this document refers to American credits (where 1 US credit = 2 ECTS).

Advanced standing and international transfer credits may be directly applicable toward first-year courses, for example, toward the Global Citizenship Program (GCP) requirements, or as elective credits which would also apply toward the total (120 U.S. credits) needed for graduation. Some credits may also apply toward a major/discipline. Collectively, these credits can reduce the number of courses, terms or semesters of study that are required to finish the bachelor's degree.

Upon admission, academic advisors will guide you on how your credits will apply toward specific degree requirements or as electives toward your total credits for graduation. Students who have completed credits at an accredited international university as part of a secondary school experience may also be eligible for International Transfer Credit.

A *preliminary* evaluation (estimate of applicable credits) can be offered to students based on their application with unofficial transcripts; however, students must be fully accepted to the University (final graduation, exam results and all official documents received) before the final evaluation can be made. Upon enrollment at Webster, the official process begins for the awarding of credits, which go onto the student's degree audit (i.e., your transcript) in the Webster system.

International transfer credits will be awarded based on students' grades and the level of the study. Credits for consideration include:

- International Advanced Standing from specific national programs (various – see below)
- Advanced Placement Credits (AP)
- International Baccalaureate (IB)
- General Certificate Exams (GCE)
- Global Assessment Certificate (GAC)
- Accredited University Transfer Credits

International Advanced Standing

If a student has graduated from an advanced-standing program in their home country's high school, they may be eligible for transfer credits. Specific, standardized national curricula, some of which include a 13th year of study (versus the 12th standard, U.S. system) can earn significant credits.

In Switzerland, for example, up to 32 U.S. credits (equivalent to one year of bachelor's study) can be earned for the **Swiss maturité**. Credits are awarded for passing specific subjects. The **French baccalaureate** can also be considered for up to one year of credits, for specific subjects and grades.

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The following are other common curricular programs for applicants to Webster University Geneva:

International Baccalaureate (IB)

Webster University recognizes the International Baccalaureate (IB) as preparation for university studies. The University awards first year (freshman) lower-division transfer credit to enrolled students upon receipt of an official transcriptscre. The maximum allowed credit is 32 credits.

Credit is awarded for IB Exams based on the official IB transcript generally in the case for

- Higher Level (HL) Subjects: 8 credits for each grade of 4 or higher
- Secondary (SL) Subjects: 4 credits for each grade of 4 or higher

General Certificate Exams (GCE)

Webster University will award up to 32 credits for GCE or IGCE exams. Credit is awarded as follows:

- A Level: 8 credits for grades A, B, or C
- AS Level: 4 credits for grades A, B, or C

Webster University will accept Externally Administered GCE examinations from known examiners (Edexcel, Cambridge, or OCR). "True Copies" of the results will be accepted if the Webster Admissions Office views the original and makes a copy. See [Guidelines for GCE Transfer Credits](#)

Advanced Placement (AP)

Webster University recognizes the advanced placement test (AP Exams) as a preparation for university studies. The maximum allowed credit is 32 credits.

Credit is awarded for AP Exams on an individual course grade. Subjects include Art, Biology, Calculus, Chemistry, Computer Science, Economics, English Literature and Composition, French, German, Government and Politics, History, Latin, Music, Physics and Spanish.

Students must request the [College Board/AP Services](#) to send official test results to the University. Generally, scores from the senior year of high school reach Webster in late July.

For information on how a student can request an official copy of the AP score report, go to the College Board website. The code for Webster is **6933**.

Global Assessment Certificate (GAC)

Webster University recognizes ACT Education Solutions, Limited's Global Assessment Certificate (GAC) program as preparation for university studies. To earn transfer credits, a student must to finish the program with a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher. The maximum credits allowed is 39, with 3 credits assigned for specific exams. See [Guideline for GAC Transfer Credits](#)

Other Advanced Standing Options

See [a list](#) of other estimated credits for possible advanced standing, or contact Admissions for more information. Credits will be awarded on an individual basis, and is contingent on the student's grades and receipt of final records.