

Focus Area: Enrollment Services

Goal: Identify Enrollment Services policies and procedures at MSU and research best practices at Benchmark Institutions.		
Objective: Academic Credit for high school International Baccalaureate Programs		
Completion Date: July 1, 2006; evaluate and review annually by July 1		
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<p>Expected outcomes:</p> <p>The committee studied various policies and procedures at Kentucky institutions that determined the awarding of academic credit to students who complete the IB International Baccalaureate Program while in high school.</p> <p>Based on the policy at other Kentucky institutions the committee recommends MSU begin the process of evaluation to award IBC credit to students who apply to MSU.</p>		
<p>Review of University practices (include relevant data, needs assessment and/or student, faculty, and staff input):</p> <p>International Baccalaureate Organization:</p> <p>The International Baccalaureate Organization aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better world through intercultural understanding. The IBO works with schools and international organizations to develop challenging academic programs of rigorous assessment. These programs encourage students across the world to become active, compassionate lifelong learners who understand that other people, with their differences, can also be right. IBO offers three programs to a wide variety of schools located throughout the world:</p> <p>Diploma Program, for students in the final two years of high school</p> <p>Middle Years Program, for students aged 11-16</p> <p>Primary Years Program for students age 3-12</p> <p>The Diploma Program is over the course of two years. During the Junior and Senior year of high school Students study six subjects from six subject groups, complete an extended essay, follow a theory of knowledge, and participate in creativity, service. Students can choose many subject options.</p> <p>Attachment describes the IBO program in more detail.</p> <p>Morehead State University currently does not have a policy that allows the awarding of academic credit for the high school International Baccalaureate Program. We currently have three students enrolled that are requesting an evaluation for International Baccalaureate credit. Research revealed that the University of Kentucky awards course credit to students who complete the International Baccalaureate Program.</p>		

University of Kentucky Policy:

University of Kentucky: UK recognizes course credit earned through the International Baccalaureate Programs offered by high schools throughout the world. General course credit is awarded for scores of 5,6,7 on the Standard Level or Higher Level exam. Course credit awarded through the IBO program will apply toward degree requirements just as if the course had been taken on campus, except there will not be a specific letter grade associated with the course. The course is designated as credit or pass. UK offers the following credit:

Biology, Business Mngt, Computer Sci, Chemistry, Economics, English, French, Geography, German, History, Latin, Mathematics, Physics, Psychology,

REVIEW OF BEST PRACTICES:

The committee reviewed the policy in place at the University of Kentucky and the credit request from Melinda Humen a current MSU student.

POSITIVE ISSUES:

Students who apply to MSU with IBO academic credit are normally in the top 10% of their high school class. An approved advertised policy to accept credit from the International Baccalaureate Program would become a recruiting tool for MSU. Nationally the IBO graduates are the brightest students graduating from those approved high schools. The program is very similar the AP programs in Kentucky High Schools.

Recommendations for achieving expected outcomes (include steps, timeline, required resources and method for assessing actual outcomes):

The Taskforce Committee recommends a committee of representatives from each Academic Department at MSU be formed during the Fall 2006 term to develop a policy for the awarding of credit to students graduating from an International Baccalaureate Organization program and enrolling at MSU.

The committee recommends MSU adopt an extensive police comparable to that at the University of Kentucky to award academic credit for courses completed through the International Baccalaureate Organization.

Actual outcomes (include any operational accomplishments leading to outcomes)

During the review of credentials presented to the departments for individual students the following MSU courses have been approved for the awarding of IBO credit:

English 100 Standard Level

Biology 105 Standard Level

Math 152 Standard Level and 174 Higher Level

History and Geography have been denied at the Standard and Higher Levels

