

Faculty Meeting: 11/05/2010

PROPOSED NEW LANGUAGE FOR COLLEGE CATALOG AND CAS OPERATING CODE

Advanced Standing

A matriculating student can earn credit at Skidmore for a maximum of sixteen semester hours through any combination of Advanced Placement (AP) examinations, the International Baccalaureate Program (IB), other testing programs as indicated below, or college courses transcribed by accredited post-secondary institutions that simultaneously contribute to the high school diploma. Course work will be evaluated using the College's transfer credit policies.

Unless specifically designated by a department (see AP credits below), none of these credits may be used to meet Skidmore all-College, major, or minor requirements. Credits will be used toward graduation requirements and will be awarded as general elective credits.

Credit by Examination

Four credit hours will be awarded toward graduation to those achieving a grade of 4 or 5 on an Advanced Placement Test of the College Entrance Examination Board. Such credit will count as elective credit toward the degree. Individual departments may award credit toward the major. Inquiries should be directed to the chair of the department in question.

The college will grant four semester hours of credit for each examination taken at the Advanced ("A") Level of the British General Certificate of Education on which the student received a grade of C or better. Also, four semester hours of credit will be granted for each Higher Level Examination in the International Baccalaureate Program on which a student earned a score of 5, 6, or 7. Four credits will also be awarded for each German Arbitur examination on which the student earns a score of 10–15.

A maximum of twelve semester hours of credit may be granted through subject examinations of the College Level Examination Program. All such examinations presented must be taken prior to enrollment at Skidmore.

The college will also grant two semester hours of credit for each examination taken at the Advanced Subsidiary (AS) Level of the BGCE on which the student received a grade of C or better.

Transfer of Credit

The College may grant credit toward the degree for work taken at another accredited

institution for which a grade of C or better is received, to a maximum of sixty semester hours. The maximum of sixteen credits of advanced standing work described above are included in this sixty hour total. Transcripts from students who are transferring from a non-U.S. institution will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. All transferable courses must generally correspond to courses offered at Skidmore. Matriculated students should receive approval for credit from the Office of the Registrar before registering at another institution. More detailed information regarding transfer credit policies is available on the Registrar's Office web site.

If college course work taken while in high school, presented on an official transcript from an accredited institution, can be verified by the high school guidance counselor as being **above and beyond** work required to meet high school graduation requirements, Skidmore will evaluate the work as regular transfer credit, and those credits may be used to meet Skidmore all-College, major, or minor requirements as appropriate, following the policies stated on the Registrar's Office web site.

Note: these CAS decisions are distinct from proposed academic "affiliations," which are reviewed by CEPP.