

Report on UC Recognition – August 2005

Credit for the IB Diploma: Students entering the UC system with an IB Diploma Score of 30 points continue to receive 20 semester or 30 quarter units. The application of these units does vary among the universities and within the universities related to students' choice of major. Continued concerns include recognition of the Standard Level exams, application of the credit earned with the IB Diploma, and articulation of IB courses with UC Admissions Offices and Faculty.

TOK: Currently all TOK courses have had their honors status removed. Jeannie Hargrove has acknowledged that the course does require critical thinking and writing. However, since it is taught so differently and the curriculum varies so much from school to school that each school must re-submit their outline for honors approval. I have re-submitted Charter Oak High School's TOK for approval and am awaiting faculty review. As soon as I have a course approved for honors or if another school has a course approved, I will forward it to all coordinators.

IB Environmental Systems: The UC has indicated that there will be no change in recognition for IB Environmental Systems as a lab course at this time. In the UC documentation to schools/districts, the UC has indicated that it is removing lab credit for college prep environmental systems courses.

UC Review of IB Courses: The BOARS Committee continues to meet on a limited basis due to budget constraints. To assist the committee in their work, Jeannie Hargrove has been asked to train UC faculty in the course review process. This training is in process. Attached is a file from Jeannie with the IB courses currently under review. In addition, Design Technology is on the list.

On a side note, Jeannie has indicated that the UC will be beginning a review of AP courses and has requested the AP provide the UC with the curriculum guides, etc.

On-going action steps for this year include:

1. Continue the efforts to gain recognition of the IB Standard level exam courses as honors courses by the UC system and to gain recognition for IB courses not currently on the list.
2. Updating CIBO contacts and UC contacts at each UC to facilitate individual campus articulation of IB courses and the UC campus equivalents.

Since we have made significant progress with the UC system and the work now is primarily on-going, a new task will be added this year.

New Task: Establish communication with the CSU system and establish a policy for IB diploma and certificate exam recognition.

Assistance Needed: Because we have had some of our CIBO UC contacts retire, assistance is needed. If you are willing to serve as a contact for a UC or willing to continue as a contact for the UC, please contact me. As we move forward with the CSU, additional CIBO members will be needed to assist in accomplishing the various tasks involved in gaining recognition. If you are interesting in taking an active role, contact Diane Sauvageau at 626-915-5841 x 302 or dsauvageau@cousd.k12.ca.us.

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