

Cambridge International Examinations as a New Credit-by-Exam Option

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Approved Catalog Policy for the Cambridge International Examination (CIE) Program: (addition to the 2015-16 General Catalog):

*The University of Arizona accepts **Cambridge International Examinations (CIE) Advanced—AS- and A-level—scores** (as well as [International Baccalaureate](#) and [Advanced Placement](#) exam scores) as a basis for awarding credit toward a degree. Students who complete CIE classes in their high school may take CIE exams prior to coming to the University. Exams are administered through Cambridge International at high schools each May.*

CIE credit is considered [credit by examination](#) at the UA. Credit is determined from the CIE credit table (TBD) that applies to the date when the exam was taken. Credits earned based on the exam score may be counted toward the student's major or minor fields of study or General Education requirements. See the CIE credit table (TBD), and contact a UA [academic advisor](#) to confirm course credit towards specific programs.

For more information about the Cambridge International Examination Programs visit the [CIE site](#).

Rationale:

- The Cambridge Examination Program is an internationally benchmarked system of core and elective academic courses and curriculum-based exams that is used in 25 countries.
- Cambridge AS-level courses are usually offered in the first 2 years of high school, followed by A-level courses in the last 2 years. The courses have proven to be sound preparation for university studies.
- Cambridge AS- and A-level courses require students to demonstrate in-depth content knowledge in a subject, as well as independent logical thinking, application of knowledge in new situations, evaluation of various information sources, and reasoned decision-making.
- More and more Arizona high schools, including two in Tucson, have implemented Cambridge AS- and A-level courses as their primary advanced program of study. High school juniors and seniors are currently taking A-level courses in preparation for the appropriate Cambridge examinations offered in May 2015.
- Many U.S. universities, including ASU and NAU, recognize Cambridge AS- and A-level exams as a basis for awarding credit toward a degree.

Effective Term:

Fall 2015 for incoming freshmen (students in the 2015-16 Catalog)—after department faculty members have evaluated the subject exams, determined minimum scores for credit, and assigned UA course equivalencies.