

# First Year Transfer Credit FAQ

The priority deadline to submit official score reports and/or transcripts is August 1. Scores and/or official college transcripts should be sent to:

MCPHS University Admission Office, 179 Longwood Ave, Boston, MA 02115

**Q. Does MCPHS award credit for AP exams, IB (HL) exams or college courses taken for credit during high school?**

A. Yes. First-year students may receive course equivalency “transfer credit” for Advanced Placement (AP) exams, International Baccalaureate (IB) Higher Level (HL), and/or college coursework taken during high school. However, there are restrictions for receiving that credit. Those restrictions are described in the University catalog.

**Q. How many semester hours of transfer credit can be accepted?**

A. Transfer credit for AP exams, IB (HL) courses, and dual enrollment courses is limited to a total of 18 semester hours of credit.

**Q. What AP or IB (HL) score must I earn to be eligible for transfer credit?**

A. Transfer credit is awarded for scores of 4 or higher on an AP examination and 5 or higher on the IB examination (HL).

**Q. What other restrictions are there on AP and IB (HL) credit?**

A. MCPHS does not award AP science credit (including chemistry and biology) to first-year students. See the question on exceptions below for further information.

IB (HL) credit is available for exams in English, Math, languages, and the arts. Transfer credit is not awarded for other IB (HL) subject exams.

**Q. Can dual enrollment courses or other high school courses be transferred as college credit?**

A. Courses taken for college credit will receive transfer credit only if the credit is awarded by a regionally accredited, degree-granting college or university. Students must provide an official college transcript to receive credit.

**Q. Why won't science courses transfer?**

A. The science course sequences at MCPHS are a crucial foundation for future work in science-intensive programs at the University. The faculty emphasizes reasoning skills, problem solving and conceptual understanding. The faculty believes that first-year students will be better prepared for their future academic work if they learn or re-learn chemistry and biology that is taught in this manner.

**Q. What is the procedure to have MCPHS process my AP and IB (HL) scores?**

A. Students who desire to receive credit based on AP and IB (HL) examinations must arrange for official test score results to be sent directly from the International Baccalaureate Organization (IB) or AP College Board to the Admission Office in Boston.

**Q. If I earned the required scores on AP or IB (HL) exams, should I always request these transfer credits?**

A. Not always. In many instances AP or IB (HL) transfer credit is a good idea. In some cases, it makes better academic sense not to take the credits, since transfer credit sometimes impacts financial aid. Please contact the Office of Admission at 617-732-2850 or [admissions@mcphs.edu](mailto:admissions@mcphs.edu)

**Q. Can I request to have AP, IB (HL), or Dual Enrollment, credits transfer after I enroll in classes?**

A. The Admission Office will work with students during the prior to matriculation to evaluate transfer credit requests. Following the end of the add/drop deadline in the fall semester, petitions for first year transfer credit should be directed to your academic advisor within the Center for Academic Success & Enrichment (CASE).