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What is Cambridge International?

Cambridge International Examinations is part of Cambridge Assessment and a department of the University of Cambridge in Cambridge, England. It was adopted by the Florida Department of Education as a special program in 2000. In this program, students take Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE) courses and can earn an international diploma within a three-year period.

What is the benefit for the students?

Students can take AICE courses and earn two quality points on their local GPA with the same weight as Advanced Placement, Dual Enrollment, and International Baccalaureate courses (the additional weight on the GPA is only earned with a C or above in the course). They can earn college credits for every exam passed, which are accepted by Florida public universities and colleges. Students may earn a Cambridge International Diploma by passing seven exams in different areas of study. **If a student earns a Cambridge diploma and completes 100 community service hours, they qualify for the highest level of the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship, without having to meet the SAT/ACT and GPA requirements. The scholarship includes 100 percent tuition to any Florida public university or college for up to five years.**

What is the difference between AS and A Level Exams?

Cambridge International Advanced Subsidiary (AS) Level is typically a one-year course, and Cambridge International Advanced (A) Level is typically a two-year course. Some subjects can be started as an AS Level and be extended to A Level. AS level exams count as one point towards the AICE Diploma and A Level exams count as an additional point.

Do many universities give college credits for AS & A Level passed exams?

Yes. Generally, students can earn three college credits by passing AS level exams, and an additional three credits by passing A level exams. Universities recognized all AICE courses as core classes. More than 450 institutions across the United States formally recognize Cambridge AS & A Level credits. For a list of colleges and universities that accept Cambridge qualifications, search the recognitions database at <http://recognition.cambridgeinternational.org/>.

Do students have to earn the full AICE Diploma in order to earn college credits?

No. Students can take individual AICE classes based on their interests or work towards earning the AICE Diploma.



What is the comparison between AICE, AP, and IB courses?

All three programs are well established in the education community and recognized in universities in the United States. Both AICE and IB courses are accepted at universities around the world. Students in the Cambridge program have the freedom to create their own educational experiences with three AICE curriculum areas: mathematics and science, languages, and arts and humanities.

Why offer AICE in addition to AP?

The Cambridge program provides a variety of course offerings in academic and elective subjects in addition to those offered by the AP program. We strongly believe in offering students all possible options in their areas of interest in order to accrue benefits to their GPA, earn college credits, and have a well-rounded and rigorous education.

Can a student take both AICE and AP courses at the same time?

Yes, students can have any combination of regular, honors, AICE, AP, or Dual Enrollment courses.

What AICE courses does Nova High School offer?

Math & Science	Languages	Arts & Humanities	Interdisciplinary Subjects	Core
Digital Design & Technology Environmental Management Marine Science Mathematics Physical Education Psychology	English Language	Business Digital Media English Literature European History Law (British) Media Studies Sociology Travel & Tourism U.S. History	English General Paper Thinking Skills	Global Perspectives

What is the Cambridge program process selection?

The Cambridge program is an innovative program for students attending Nova High School. Generally, students entering the program have an overall GPA of 3.0 or higher and a Level 3 (Level 4 or 5 recommended) on the FSA Reading and FSA Math/Algebra 1 EOC/Geometry EOC.

When and how does the Cambridge testing occur?

Most AICE exams begin at the end of April and end in June. They can occur past the Broward County school year since the Cambridge International testing calendar extends until mid-June. Most exams require students to sit for two to three parts (called papers) on different days for each subject. Cambridge does not offer make-up exams, so students must be in attendance for each part of the exam or they will not receive a score. Any other exams (FSA, EOC, AP, etc.) that conflict with Cambridge will be taken on make-up days. Students must take each exam in order to be eligible for the two quality points of their GPA. Students are notified of the testing schedule in November.