



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN AS LEVEL AND A LEVEL EXAMS?

Advanced (A) Level syllabi and exams cover approximately two years of college-level curriculum in a subject. The Advanced Subsidiary (AS) Level syllabi and exams cover the first year of the two-year A Level curriculum. An AS Level exam counts for one credit towards the AICE Diploma. The A Level exam counts for two credits.

Currently, Western only offers AS Level courses.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I DON'T EARN AN AICE DIPLOMA? WILL I STILL GET COLLEGE CREDIT?

Students receive credit when they pass the course. The additional weight on the GPA is only earned with a C or above. Colleges award credit on a subject-by-subject basis according to grades earned on individual examinations passed. Students do not have to complete the 7 points for the Cambridge diploma in order to receive these credits.

WHAT IS THE BENEFIT FOR THE STUDENTS?

Students have the opportunity to take AICE (Advanced International Certificate of Education) courses and earn two (2) quality points on their local GPA. Students may earn a special Cambridge International Diploma if they accumulate 7 points by passing AICE courses. If a students earns a Cambridge diploma and completes 100 service hours, they qualify for the highest level of Bright Futures without having to meet the SAT and/or ACT requirements.

AICE students are exempt from HOPE and the online course requirement.

WHAT IS THE COMPARISON AMONG 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 (AS and A Levels) and IB courses are accepted at universities around the world. Students in the Cambridge program have the freedom to create their own educational experience within the three AICE curriculum areas: math and sciences (CAT I), languages (CAT 2), and arts and humanities (CAT 3 & 4).

UNIVERSITY COURSE EQUIVALENTS

The Florida Department of Education has established credit course equivalencies for the AICE programs. Other universities throughout the United States accept AICE credits. Colleges and universities grant credit on a subject-by-subject basis according to grades earned on exams. These various universities' policies may be accessed at:

www.cie.org.uk/qualifications/recognition.

STUDENTS CHOOSE ONE COURSE FROM EACH CATEGORY, SEVEN COURSES TOTAL.

GROUP 1

Environmental Management Psychology

GROUP 2

English Language

GROUP 3

Media Studies

Psychology

Sociology

US History

GROUP 4

Thinking Skills General Paper

REQUIRED

Global Perspectives