

Do many universities give college credits for AICE exams passed?

Yes. CIE publishes a list on their website (go to www.cie.org.uk and search for "recognition") of US universities that have provided written statements of their AICE (which includes AS and A Levels) recognition policy. If a university admissions counselor is unfamiliar with AICE, suggest you ask to speak to the international applications counselor. All public universities and community colleges in Florida award up to 30 hours of college credits for AICE exams passed.

Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE) at AHS

The AICE program at AHS includes a Pre-AICE program for 9th and 10th grade students with advancement to the AICE program during the 11th and 12th grades.

We feel that AICE offers an extremely flexible curriculum, which can be tailored, to the student's interests, abilities and future plans.

The Florida Legislature has identified AICE as an acceleration mechanism through which students can be awarded up to 30 credits worth of college credit. Students who complete the AICE curriculum will be provided with the best possible foundation for advanced post-secondary studies anywhere in the world.

Incoming 9th graders selected for the AHS AICE Program will be evaluated according to the following criterion:

Students must submit an application to the AICE office to be reviewed. The criteria reviewed includes:

- Grades (3.0 GPA)
- FCAT Scores (3 or above) or comparable national examinations
- Teacher recommendations (one each from English, Math, and Science)
- Current math placement and grade (Algebra I or above)
- Essay written and scored by AICE English teachers
- Conduct records
- Attendance records
- Students must maintain a 3.0 unweighted GPA while in the AICE program as well as score 3 or above on all FCAT components.

For more information about the AICE Diploma Program at American High School

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AICE Advanced International Certificate of Education

What is AICE?

The Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE) is an international Diploma that students can earn via an advanced academic curriculum and assessment program written and administered by a non-profit department (CIE) of the University of Cambridge in England. For over 160 years the prestigious University of Cambridge has been setting worldwide curriculum standards through their examinations. AICE program courses and examinations may be offered during grades 11 and 12 in schools worldwide registered as CIE Centers. There is an optional pre-AICE, or International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE), curriculum and assessment program available for grades 9 & 10 with most subjects available at two levels (extended and core) suitable for honors or regular high school students.

What are the benefits of AICE?

AICE not only prepares students to get into a university with up to 30 hours of college credit, but it also provides them with the skills required to be successful once there. A study done by the Director of Admissions found that AICE program graduates attending the University of Florida had an average end-of-freshman year GPA of 3.46 whereas students coming from other acceleration mechanisms such as Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) had an average GPA of 3.12 and 3.10 respectively.

What do I have to do to earn an AICE Diploma?

Students must pass six credits worth of

examinations. At least one examination must come from each of the three subject groups: Mathematics & Sciences, Languages, and Arts & Humanities. Advanced Subsidiary (AS) Level exams count for one credit and Advanced (A) Level exams count for two credits.

Group A - Mathematics & Science

Biology
Chemistry
Environmental Science
Mathematics
Further Mathematics
Statistics
Physics
Thinking Skills

Group B - Languages

English Language
Spanish Language
French Language

Group C - Arts & Humanities

Art & Design
Economics
Geography
History: US, International, European
Psychology
English Literature
Spanish Literature
French Literature
Music, Drama
Thinking Skills

What is the difference between an AS and an A Level exam?

Advanced (A) Level syllabuses and exams cover approximately two years of college-level curriculum in a subject. The Advanced Subsidiary (AS) Level syllabus

and exam covers the first year of the two-year Advanced (A) Level curriculum. An AS level exam counts for one credit towards the AICE Diploma. The A-Level exam counts for two credits.

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

No. Students receive General Certificate of Education (GCE) subject certificates for AS and A Level examinations passed. Colleges award credit on a subject - by - subject basis according to grades earned on individual examinations passed.

How do AICE examination grades compare with the US grading scale?

Passing grades available on AICE exams range from A to E with A being the highest. Performance of students below the threshold of a CIE grade of E receives a grade of U, ungraded, which is not considered as passing. A DOE AICE program study found that a CIE grade of E most closely correlated with an Advanced Placement exam grade of 3 and a US grade of C.

Grading System

| USA | Cambridge |
|-------|---------------------|
| A | A- Excellent |
| B+, B | B, C- Good |
| C+, C | D, E - Satisfactory |
| D | F, G- Weak |
| F | U- Ungraded |