

An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered [23-9.2:3.8](#), relating to course credit for **International Baccalaureate** and Advanced Placement courses.

[S 209]

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Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered [23-9.2:3.8](#) as follows:

§ [23-9.2:3.8](#). *Course credit; **International Baccalaureate** and Advanced Placement courses.*

*A. The governing boards of each public institution of higher education shall implement policies to grant undergraduate course credit to entering freshman students who have successfully completed **one or more International Baccalaureate** or Advanced Placement courses. The policies shall:*

*1. Outline the conditions necessary for the institution to grant course credit, including the minimum required scores on examinations for courses in the **International Baccalaureate** or Advanced Placement programs; and*

*2. Identify the specific course credit or other academic requirements of the institution that the student satisfies by successfully completing the **diploma program**.*

*B. Each public institution of higher education's policies for course credit **for standard and higher level International Baccalaureate** courses shall be comparable to its policies for granting course credit for Advanced Placement courses.*

C. The governing boards of each public institution of higher education shall report to the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia the policies adopted and implemented pursuant to this section, and shall make the policies available to the public on the institution's website.