Eligible Advanced Placement (AP) and higher-level International Baccalaureate (IB) scores may be used toward a bachelor’s degree. Northwestern may award credit for distinguished performance on certain foreign national examinations, which may also be used toward a bachelor’s degree. The type and level of test credit awarded is standardized across the undergraduate schools, though each school has separate rules regarding the use of test credit to fulfill degree requirements. For details refer to the schools’ websites.

Students may not receive duplicate credit in one area of study. For example, a student who takes the AP and IB exams in calculus and receives eligible scores on both will be granted credit for only one set of results. Students may only earn credit for exams taken prior to matriculation at Northwestern University, or matriculation at another post-secondary institution before transferring to Northwestern.

An updated test credit policy is published annually for the incoming class. For further details see the Office of the Registrar’s website: https://www.registrar.northwestern.edu/registration-graduation/transfer-and-test-credit/advanced-placement-and-international-baccalaureate-credits.html.