Course placement and test scores—for students who took AP tests, Higher Level IB exams, or courses at another college or university before Brown

Please read to understand potential implications for your fall registration. As a first step, please review Brown's relevant policies (AP and/or Higher Level IB), and carefully consider if you might wish to take any courses at Brown this Fall for which you would like to receive a test/exam credit.

Some courses have prerequisites for which an AP test or IB exam result can substitute. As you enter courses through C@B into your primary cart, you will receive a warning message if you do not have a required prerequisite. If the prerequisite can be met by an AP or IB placement credit (aka “Course Equivalency” in ASK - Student Petitions - AP/IB Placement), request a placement credit notation in ASK for the course based on your test/exam results. The placement credit will act as a course equivalent for registration purposes and appear on your transcript, although it will not increase your course credit total.

Example:
You put a course in your cart that requires BIOL 0200 as a prerequisite and receive a prerequisite error message. You have a Biology AP score of 4 or 5. You can then request in ASK for the AP placement/equivalency notation of BIOL 0200 to be noted on your record. The requested notation will be loaded to your transcript, and you will then be allowed to add this course to your cart.

You need only to request the course placement/equivalency credit(s) which are needed specifically for your Fall course(s). If this is something you need for fall placement, the deadline is August 07, 2020. Requested equivalency credits will be loaded to your record on that date, so you will continue to receive a prerequisite error warning even after requesting a placement/equivalency credit(s) up until or shortly after August 7th.

There will be more information on accept/decline of placement credits later in the fall as we approach winter/spring 2021 course registration.

- Test/Exam based placement credit for a course will be denoted on your Brown transcript with the course number and a 0.0 course credit.
- If you are uncertain about appropriate course placement and selection, it is best not to request the placement credit. You will then retain the option to register for introductory level courses and the option to request the placement credit later.
  - Once you have accepted placement credit for a test/exam, you may not take the corresponding course at Brown.
  - If you take a course at Brown that corresponds to a test/exam score, you may not retroactively receive placement/equivalency credit for that AP test or IB exam score.
- If Brown has not yet received your scores, and you therefore lack a course prerequisite for registration this fall, you may also request an instructor's override to register for the course. Your scores will eventually be processed, so be sure to check in ASK for your test scores after you have sent them.

Regarding other international exams and courses taken at another college or university:
A-Level and other exam results, as well as courses taken at another college or university prior to Brown, may also be used for placement purposes. See this page in ASK for more information. You should have your official A-level, college or university transcript(s) sent directly to the Brown Office of College Admission. Once you have done so, email college@brown.edu to initiate a request for course review and placement credit. Please include your course syllabus. Such placement credit notation requests should be limited to placement credit(s) you require in order to register for a higher level course.