



Cambridge FAQs

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 Cambridge International Examinations (CIE) of the University of Cambridge in England. AICE program courses and examinations may be offered during grades 9 through 12 in schools worldwide registered as CIE Centers.

What are the benefits of AICE?

AICE not only prepares students to get into a university with up to 45 hours of college credit, but it also provides them with the skills required to be successful once there. A study completed by the University of Florida found that students who complete the AICE Diploma had a higher end-of-year freshman GPA average than those students taking other accelerated mechanisms, including Advanced Placement.

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

Throughout high school, students must pass seven credits worth of AS or A Level examinations. At least one examination must come from each of the four subject groups: Mathematics & Sciences, Languages, Arts & Humanities, and Global Perspectives. Global Perspectives is a mandatory course.

Advanced Subsidiary (AS) Level exams count for one credit and Advanced (A) Level exams count for two credits. Advanced (A) Level syllabi and exams cover approximately two years of college-level curriculum in a subject, while the Advanced Subsidiary (AS) Level syllabus and exam covers the first year of the two-year Advanced (A) Level curriculum.

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.

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. All public universities and community colleges in Florida award up to 45 hours of college credits for AICE exams passed.

In addition, the Florida Department of Education recognizes the AICE program as an official acceleration mechanism and is included in the Bright Futures Scholarship Program as an additional means to earn scholarship monies. Students who earn the AICE Diploma and have 100 community service hours, automatically receive the Florida Academic Scholars Award. Students who complete the diploma program, but do not earn the scholarship can still earn the Academic Scholars Award with appropriate SAT and ACT test scores. The Medallion Scholars Award is available to AICE Program completers as well for students who do not meet the high level SAT and ACT score requirements.

Do students have to be an AICE Diploma recipient to register for Cambridge courses?

No. Students are encouraged to become AICE Diploma recipients. If students are not interested in the AICE Diploma, they may register for AS/A Level courses (with teacher recommendation).

How do AICE examination grades compare with US Grading Scale?

Passing grades available on AICE exams range from A to E with A being the highest. Performance of students below threshold of a CIE grade of E received a grade of U, ungraded, which is not considered passing. CIE grade of E most closely correlates with an Advanced Placement (AP) exam grade of 3 and a US grade of C.

US Grades	AP	Cambridge Grading Scale	Cambridge Qualitative
A	5	A*, A	Excellent
B+	4	B	Good
B		C	
C+	3	D	Satisfactory
C		E	
D	2	F	Weak
		G	
F	1	U	Ungraded

For more information on the Cambridge Program, please visit: <http://www.cie.org.uk/countries/usa>

