

## COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

### Pre-matriculation Credits

Pre-matriculation credits are defined as credits earned from certain scores on Advanced Placement and SATII examinations, scores on examinations of certain international diplomas, as well as credits earned from college courses taken prior to matriculation at Tufts. These scores and their equivalencies have been determined by the individual departments and are listed below. Pre-matriculation credits are treated as regular course credits, but are not normally applied toward the concentration (the major you choose). These credits may be accepted in partial satisfaction of the liberal arts foundation requirements. They also may count toward one of the two credits required in each distribution area. If the credit received is equivalent to a Tufts course, the student may not take the course for additional credit toward the degree. Students do not need to take the next level course in order to keep the pre-matriculation credit (except where stated). *Liberal arts students are limited to five pre-matriculation credits toward their degree.* Credits earned prior to matriculation via Tufts Summer Session are not included in this limit. Also, for students who transfer to Tufts, college courses taken at the previous school are not included in this limit.

Secondary school students who have taken college courses should consult the appropriate departments regarding their placement and the possible awarding of credits. Credit is awarded only for courses taken at a college with regularly enrolled college students. Some colleges offer their courses at nearby secondary schools for classes composed entirely of secondary school students; credit is not awarded for these courses. You must also provide a letter from your high school principal or counselor indicating that you did not need these courses in order to graduate from high school.

*Please note: Most medical schools do not accept credits from standardized examinations in place of science courses with a laboratory component taken at college unless additional coursework in that subject area is completed on the college campus.*

### FOR ALL PRE-MATRICULATION CREDITS

**(Refer to this chart to ensure that you do not duplicate enrollments.)**

|                       | <b>If you received ONE Tufts credit:</b>                           | <b>If you received TWO Tufts credits:</b> |
|-----------------------|--|---|
| Biology               | Do not enroll in Biology 3<br>(may take either 13 or 14; not both) | Do not enroll in Biology 3, 13, or 14     |
| Chemistry             | Do not enroll in Chemistry 1 or 16                                 | Do not enroll in Chemistry 1, 2, or 16    |
| Computer Science      | Do not enroll in Computer Science 11                               | Consult department for placement          |
| Economics             | Enroll in Economics 5  | Do not enroll in Economics 5              |
| English               | Do not enroll in English 1 or 3                                    | Do not enroll in English 1, 2, 3, or 4    |
| Environmental Science | Do not enroll in Biology 7   |   |
| Foreign Language      | Do not enroll in level 21 or below                                 | Do not enroll in level 21 or below        |
| Mathematics           | Do not enroll in Math 4, 5, or 11                                  | Do not enroll in Math 4, 5, 11, or 12     |
| Physics               | Do not enroll in Physics 1 or 11                                   | Do not enroll in Physics 1, 2, 11, or 12  |
| Psychology            | Do not enroll in Psychology 1                                      |   |

## ADVANCED PLACEMENT

### **Art History and Studio Art**

**5:** Exemption from FAH 0001 and 0002; no credit.

### **Biology**

**5:** Consult department regarding placement; normally, placement will be in Biology 13 or 14; one course credit which may count toward the major. Students who take both Biology 13 and 14 will not also be awarded pre-matriculation credit.

### **Chemistry**

**5:** Placement into Chemistry 31 or 51; two credits awarded.

### **Chinese**

**5:** Exemption from the basic language requirement (part 1); placement into Chinese 22. One credit equivalent to Chinese 21 is granted and one course is required to complete part II of the foreign language requirement.

**4:** Exemption from the basic language requirement (part 1); placement into Chinese 21. No credit is granted and two courses are required to complete Part II of the foreign language requirement.

**3 or lower:** Tufts Chinese language placement exam required for proper placement. No credit is granted.

### **Computer Science A and/or AB**

*If both tests are taken, only one credit is awarded to the student.*

**5 or 4:** Placement into Computer Science 15; one credit.

### **Economics**

**5** in microeconomics: One credit; enroll in Economics 5.

**5** in macroeconomics: One credit; enroll in Economics 5.

**5** in microeconomics and macroeconomics: Two credits; exemption from Economics 5 prerequisite; eligibility for Economics 11, 12, or 18.

### **English Language and Composition and/or Literature and Composition**

*If both tests are taken, only one credit is awarded to the student.*

**5:** Exemption from the College Writing Requirement; one credit.

**4:** Exemption from the first semester of the College Writing Requirement (placement into English 2 or an equivalent course); one credit.

Scores of 760 or higher on the SAT Writing Exam will exempt students from English 1.

**Environmental Science 5 or 4:** One course credit equivalent to Biology 7.

### **French and Spanish Language and Literature**

**5:** Exemption from the Basic Language Requirement (Part I); placement into French/Spanish 22. One credit equivalent to French/Spanish 21 is granted and one course is required to complete Part II of the Foreign Language Requirement.

**4:** Exemption from the Basic Language Requirement (Part I); placement into French/Spanish 21. No credit is granted and two courses are required to complete Part II of the Foreign Language Requirement.

**3:** Exemption from the Basic Language Requirement (Part I); placement into French/Spanish 4. No credit is granted and three courses are required to complete Part II of the Foreign Language Requirement.

### **Italian Language and Culture**

**5:** Exemption from the Basic Language Requirement (Part I); placement into Italian 21. No credit is granted and two courses are required to complete Part II of the Foreign Language Requirement.

**4:** Exemption from the Basic Language Requirement (Part I); placement into Italian 4. No credit is granted and three courses are required to complete Part II of the Foreign Language Requirement.

**3:** Placement into Italian 3. No credit is granted and one course is required to complete Part I of the Foreign Language Requirement.

Scores above 770 on the SAT II Subject Tests for French, Spanish, or Italian satisfy Parts I and II of the Foreign Language Requirement and confer one credit that is equivalent to French/Spanish/Italian 22.

The Department of Romance Languages awards two credits, equivalent to French/Spanish/Italian 21 and 22, only to students who have completed the International Baccalaureate.

Students whose results on the Tufts Placement Test are superior to their scores on the Advanced Placement Test or the SAT II Subject Tests will be placed at the higher course level. AP and SATII examination credit satisfies language course requirements (but does not satisfy the Liberal Arts humanities requirement).

### **German**

**5:** Exemption from the Basic Language Requirement (Part I); placement into German 22 or 33 or 44; one credit. One course is required to complete Part II of the Foreign Language Requirement.

**4:** Exemption from the Basic Language Requirement (Part I); placement into German 21 or 33; one credit. Two courses are required to complete Part II of the Foreign Language Requirement.

Scores of 770 or higher on the German SAT II Subject Test satisfy both Parts I and II of the Foreign Language Requirement and also earn one credit.

**3:** Exemption from the Basic Language Requirement (Part I); placement into German 4; no credit.

**2:** Placement into German 3; no credit.

### **Hebrew**

Scores of 770 or higher on the Hebrew SAT II Subject Test satisfy both Parts I and II of the Foreign

Language Requirement and also earn one credit.

### **History**

*If all three tests are taken, the student is awarded a maximum of two credits.*

**5 or 4:** One credit, which may be counted as either humanities or social science distribution credit, but may not be counted toward the history major.

**Latin 5 or 4:** Exemption from the Basic Language Requirement (Part I); placement into Latin 21, 22, or 91; one credit.

The above placement and credit are also given for scores of 720 or over on the Latin SAT II Subject Test.

**3:** Exemption from the Basic Language Requirement (Part I); placement into Latin 21, 22, or 91; no credit.

**2:** Placement into Latin 3; no credit.

### **Mathematics—Calculus AB and BC AB**

AB 4 or 5, or BC 4, or BC 3 with an AB subscore of 4 or 5: One credit, equivalent to Mathematics 11, and placement into Mathematics 12 or one mathematics credit and placement into Mathematics 17.

BC 5: Two credits, equivalent to Mathematics 11 and 12, and placement into Mathematics 13, 18, 46, or 54.

### **Music**

Consult department.

### **Physics B (non-calculus-based)**

**5:** One credit equivalent to Physics 1; placement into Physics 2.

**4:** With successful performance on the Mechanics Placement Exam (offered during orientation), one credit equivalent to Physics 1 and placement into Physics 2.

### **Physics C (calculus-based)**

#### **MECHANICS SECTION**

**5:** One credit equivalent to Physics 11; placement into Physics 12.

**4:** With a successful performance on the Mechanics Placement Exam (offered during orientation), one credit equivalent to Physics 11 and placement into Physics 12.

#### **ELECTRICITY AND MAGNETISM SECTION**

**5:** One credit for Physics 12.

#### **BOTH SECTIONS**

Students who receive credits for both Physics 11 and 12 achieve placement into Physics 13.

### **Political Science—Government and Politics—**

#### **U. S. and/or Comparative**

*If both tests are taken, only one credit is awarded to the student.*

**5 or 4:** One credit, which may not be counted toward the minimum required for a political science concentration, but may be counted as Liberal Arts distribution credit.

**Psychology 5 or 4:** Eligible for two-digit course. No credit.

**Statistics 5 or 4:** One credit, which may be counted as Liberal Arts mathematical sciences distribution credit.

**FOREIGN LANGUAGE PLACEMENT FROM SATII SUBJECT TESTS**

Listed here are the suggested placements for scores achieved on the SAT II Subject Test. If tests are taken in both language and literature, only one credit will be awarded for each language. .

**French Italian/Spanish**

|         |         |  |
|---------|---------|--|
| 450–510 | 420–490 | Placement into level 2                 |
| 520–590 | 500–580 | Placement into level 3                 |
| 600–660 | 590–650 | Placement into 4                       |
| 670–710 | 660–710 | Placement into level 21                |
| 720–760 | 720–760 | Placement into level 22; one credit    |
| 770–800 | 770–800 | Exempt from Parts I and II; one credit |

**Latin**

|               |                           |                 |                |                        |
|---------------|---------------------------|-----------------|----------------|------------------------|
| 480–610       | Placement into Latin 3    |                 |                |                        |
| 620–710       | Exempt Part I             |                 |                |                        |
| 720–800       | One credit; exempt Part I |                 |                |                        |
| <b>German</b> | <b>Hebrew</b>             | <b>Japanese</b> | <b>Chinese</b> |                        |
| 410–480       | 430–450                   | 410–480         | 420–480        | Placement into level 2 |
| 490–590       | 460–510                   | 490–590         | 490–590        | Placement into level 3 |
| 600–650       | 520–570                   | 600–640         | 600–650        | Placement into level 4 |

|         |         |         |         |                                      |
|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------------------------------------|
| 660–710 | 580–670 |         |         | 650–700                              |
|         |         |         |         | into level 21                        |
| 720–760 | 680–750 | 710–750 | 660–700 | Placement                            |
|         |         |         |         | into level 22                        |
| 770–800 | 760–800 | 760–800 | 710–750 | Placement                            |
|         |         |         |         |                                      |
|         |         |         | 760–800 | One credit; exempt<br>Parts I and II |

### INTERNATIONAL DIPLOMA CREDITS

Tufts does not grant credit automatically for the diploma as a whole; rather, credit is awarded for each approved subject passed at an appropriate level. No more than five credits total will be awarded to liberal arts students. Students receiving five credits will be allowed to graduate in seven semesters instead of eight; however, this advanced standing will not be instated until after the student completes four semesters at Tufts. These credits may be used to satisfy Liberal Arts foundation and distribution requirements and as prerequisites for advanced courses. For possible credit from foreign diplomas not listed here, students must contact a professional academic equivalency service--such as the World Educational Service (W.E.S.)--to provide an official evaluation. Tufts accepts possible credit only for certain scores on standardized examinations and reserves the right to determine equivalencies toward the Tufts degree.

### British General Certificate of Education: A-Level

| COURSE  | GRADE  | CREDIT/PLACEMENT   |
|---|--------|--|
| English   | A      | One Tufts credit; exempt from English 1 and 2  |
| English   | B      | One Tufts credit; exempt from English 1  |
| Economics   | A or B | One Tufts credit; exempt from Economics 5  |
| All other approved subjects (except those listed above) | A or B | Two Tufts credits; do not enroll in introductory level courses in relevant subject (see chart above) |

### INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE : Higher Level

| COURSE           | GRADE      | CREDIT/PLACEMENT  |
|------------------|------------|---|
| Economics        | 5, 6, or 7 | One Tufts credit equivalent to Economics 5; do not enroll in Economics 5  |
| English          | 7          | One Tufts credit; exempt from English 1 and 2   |
| English          | 5 or 6     | One Tufts credit; exempt from English 1   |
| Foreign Language | 5, 6, or 7 | Two Tufts credits; (students should take the Tufts Language Placement exam to determine level of placement, but should not enroll in a course below level 22) |
| Mathematics      | 6 or 7     | One Tufts credit; equivalent to Math 11; do not enroll in Math 4, 5, or 11  |

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|---|------------|---|
| All other approved subjects (except those listed above) | 5, 6, or 7 | One Tufts credit; do not enroll in introductory level courses in relevant subject (see chart above) |
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**INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE: Subsidiary Level**

| <b>COURSE</b>       | <b>GRADE</b> | <b>CREDIT/PLACEMENT</b>  |
|---------------------|--------------|--|
| English             | 6 or 7       | One Tufts credit; exempt from English 1  |
| Foreign Language    | 5, 6, or 7   | One Tufts credit; (students should take the Tufts Language Placement exam to determine level of placement, but should not enroll in a course below level 22) |
| Mathematics         | 6 or 7       | One Tufts credit equivalent to Math 5  |
| Further Mathematics | 7            | One Tufts credit equivalent to Math 6  |

No other subjects are awarded credit for the subsidiary level.

**FRENCH BACCALAUREATE**

A score of 10 or higher, in subjects with a coefficient of 3 or higher, will equal 2.0 Tufts credits in that subject. (See above chart “For All Pre-matriculation Credits” for equivalencies.)

Exemption from Parts I and II of the Foreign Language Requirement and Culture Option.

No credit or exemption is given for English with this diploma.