

History Department Guidelines on Transfer Credit toward the History Major
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1. Normally, documented Advanced Placement, concurrent enrollment, and International Baccalaureate credit earned by students before matriculation at Oberlin College will be counted toward their history major as follows:

AP European History:	3 credits for score of 4 or 5
AP American History:	4 credits for score of 4 or 5
AP Global History:	3 credits for score of 4 or 5
IB History of the Americas:	3 credits for score of 6 or 7
IB European History:	3 credits for score of 6 or 7
OCEAN/concurrent enrollment American History courses (must be accompanied by a college transcript)	2-4 credits depending on program

2. Normally, the History Department does not accept toward the major credits earned from two-year institutions after a student has declared a major in History. Students wishing to appeal must (1) submit a syllabus in advance; (2) provide information on the professional training of the course instructor; and (3) provide work completed for the course for review by the Chair of the History Department.

3. Normally, students not majoring in history are permitted to transfer credits from history courses earned at regularly accredited colleges and universities to fulfill their general credits toward graduation. They may, however, be asked to submit syllabi and work completed for the course, and may be asked to provide information on the professional training of the instructor.

4. Normally, students majoring in History and seeking to receive credit toward the History major at Oberlin for course work done at regularly accredited colleges and universities in the United States and abroad will be granted credit if they (1) receive preliminary approval for transfer of credit; (2) submit a syllabus for the course; (3) provide information on the professional training of the course instructor; and (4) provide work completed for the course for review by the Chair of the History Department on their return.

5. Normally, distance learning and internet-based courses will not count toward the major in History. Students wishing to have such work considered for credit must (1) submit a syllabus in advance; (2) provide information on the professional training of the course instructor; and (3) provide work completed for the course for review by the Chair of the History Department.

6. Students majoring in History are reminded that they can apply to the major no more than 12 credits earned from classes taught by persons not holding regular appointments in the History Department at Oberlin College. Such classes include those by taught persons holding courtesy appointments in the Oberlin College History Department; all AP and IB classes; and all transfer credits.

7. Students are encouraged to check the list of courses taught outside the History Department that can, as part of their 12 credits of “outside work” be counted toward the major. The Department Secretary maintains this list.