

Frequently Asked Questions

What is AICE? The Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE) is a diploma program emphasizing balance and flexibility. It is overseen by the University of Cambridge International Examinations (CIE), a not-for-profit department of the University of Cambridge in Cambridge, England. AICE courses expose students to rigorous instruction as well as collegiate level exams, which are provided by CIE. Cambridge helps students develop the in-depth subject knowledge and understanding that universities and employers look for. With passing scores, a student may enroll in a university with up to 45 hours of college credit.

What about Bright Futures? AICE provides Florida students an opportunity to earn top level Bright Futures Scholarship funds, Florida Academic Scholarship (FAS). In order to qualify for the top level of money through AICE, students must earn an AICE diploma and also accumulate 100 hours of community service.

To obtain an AICE diploma, a student must accumulate seven (7) exam points by passing seven (7) AS level exams in a 3-year period. A passing score on an "AS" exam is worth one (1) point towards an AICE diploma

DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS = Student must accumulate seven (7) points by passing (7) exams, At least one point is required from groups 1, 2 and 3 and Global Perspectives In Group 5 Is required. Group 4 counts towards diploma, but Is not a required group.

Group 1: Math and Sciences	Groups 2: Languages	Group 3: and Humanities	Group 4: Interdisciplinary and Skills Based Subject (optional courses — not required)	Group 5: Global Perspectives & Research
Marine Science AS Enviro. Management AS Psychology AS Computer Science AS	English Language AS Spanish Language AS	US History AS European History AS** Literature AS/AL Psychology AS Drama AS Media Studies AS	English General Paper AS** Thinking Skills (suggested co-req. of Alg 2 H) AS (Max of 2 points available from Group 4)	Global Perspectives & Research AS (required for diploma)

** — recommended 9th grade options

How do you get college credit?

Universities award credit based on a subject-by-subject basis according to grades earned on individual exams passed. Therefore, if a student does not earn the full AICE diploma, they can still earn college credit. Cambridge International courses are accepted at universities throughout the world. For more information on the recognition and acceptance of AICE, please visit <http://www.fldoe.org/core/fileparse.php/5421/urlt/0078391-acc-cbe.pdf>

How do the exams work?

AICE exam sessions occur twice a year; May/June and October/November. Results are issued in August and January respectively. Cambridge grades using a letter system: A through U.

A,B,C,D and E are all passing grades. A grade of "U" stands for ungraded and is not passing. A letter grade of

E is equivalent to a "C" here in the United States or a "3" on an AP exam. Cambridge "A" and "AS" level exams use a wide range of assessment processes and techniques to supplement written examinations- orals, practical, projects and coursework are all used in various subjects where they are the best means of measuring attainment.

Is AICE the same/different than AP?

AICE courses are similar to AP (Advanced Placement) courses in several ways. Both the AP and AICE curriculums are college level. The University of Cambridge writes the course outcomes for AICE and The College Board writes the outcomes for Advanced Placement. For both AP and AICE, there is an exam at the end of the school year. The exam dates are pre-set and will be communicated to students well in advance since no make-up dates are offered. The grade a student receives from their Central High School teacher and the score they receive on the national (AP) or international (AICE) exam are completely separate from one another. It is reasonable to assume though that if a student is doing well throughout the school year in their Central High School course, they will likely score well enough on the exam and be able to use the course for college credit. College credit is only earned by passing the (AP) or international (AICE) exam. A weighted grade point will be earned here at Central High School as long as the student sits for the exam(s) at the end of the school year. A grade of "A" in an AICE course is worth 5.0 grade points. A student registered for an exam who does NOT sit for an exam may lose the weighted GPA for the entire course.

Benefits to earning the AICE Diploma:

- Students earn a prestigious, international diploma certificate
- Rich and rigorous, international curriculum designed by the University of Cambridge in U.K.
- Courses are weighted at the highest level (5.0 WGPA for the "A")
- Automatically qualifies students for the top level Bright Futures Scholarship (F.A.S.) covering 100% of tuition (waives the required 1330 SAT score/3.5 GPA) 100 community service hours required for Bright Futures
- Passing an AICE exam earns students college credit .

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