

Social Sciences Advanced Credit Request Form 2024-25

Level I students could be eligible for advanced credit toward their university degree if they have graduated from an international secondary school curriculum including A-Levels (GCE), AP, and IB courses or have completed a Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) in high school. If you are eligible and wish to be considered for advanced credit toward your university degree, please fill in the chart below and confirm that your **final** transcript has been received in the McMaster Applicant Portal.

All incoming Social Sciences students will need to clear the conditions as per your offer of admission by the deadline stated in your Offer of Admission letter. **Please review your offer letter carefully and follow up as required.**

**Note: Requesting advanced credit is optional and conditional upon the receipt of official final transcripts and is subject to change. You are more than welcome to enrol in the Level 1 course and not receive advanced credit as your prior knowledge in the subject may be an advantage to your overall GPA.

Direct-entry Economics 1 students are strongly encouraged to enrol in ECON 1B03 and 1BB3, as opposed to requesting advanced credit for these courses.

Name: _____ **McMaster student #:** _____
McMaster Email Address: _____

Level I Pathway Program

Choose an item.

What type of Advanced Credit are you requesting?

Choose an item.

If you completed a Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM), which Program did you complete?

Choose an item.

Please note the following qualification information:

GCE Advanced Level Courses

Applicants with a minimum grade of C (or higher where specified) may be eligible for up to 12 units of advanced credit.

International Baccalaureate (IB)

Applicants with a minimum score of 5 in Higher Level (HL) subjects may be eligible for advanced credit of up to 18 units.

Advanced Placement (AP)

Applicants who have completed AP exams through the College Board in acceptable courses and achieve a minimum grade of 4 will be considered for up to 18 units of advanced credit.

For those students requesting advanced credit from GCE, IB, or AP education, please complete the below chart:

Example	Curriculum (GCE, IB or AP)	Full Course Code and Title	Final Grade	Final Transcript Uploaded (Yes/No)
<i>EXAMPLE</i>	<i>GCE A-LEVEL</i>	<i>Mathematics 9371</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>Yes</i>

Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM)

SOCSCI 1HS3 - Pathways into the Social Sciences is Level I course credit that recognizes a set of specialized and transferable skills acquired by students in specific SHSM programs. Students entering a Level I program in the Faculty of Social Sciences are eligible. To qualify, students must have completed one of five eligible SHSM programs (with copy of final transcript or diploma for verification), obtained the minimum final admission average on the 6 U/M courses assessed for program entrance, and complete this form including reflection.

For those students requesting advanced credit from a SHSM, please write a 500-word reflection on what you have learned from completing the SHSM program and how this learning will serve you while enrolled in the Social Sciences. Be sure to cite specific examples from your SHSM program.

Deadline for submission - August 31st

Once complete please UPLOAD REQUEST FORM HERE

Please include your last name in the file name:

Ex. Smith_Social Sciences Advanced Credit Request