

SLW Centennial High School

Cambridge AICE Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is AICE?

The Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE) is an advanced academic curriculum and assessment program written and administered by the University of Cambridge in England. AICE program courses and examinations may be offered during grades 9-12 in schools that are registered as Cambridge AICE Centers.

2. What are the benefits of AICE?

AICE allows high school students to earn college credit. AICE also provides students with the skills required to be successful in college. Through the AICE program students will develop analytical and critical thinking skills.

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

Students must pass seven credits worth of examinations within a three year period. At least one examination must come from each of the three subject groups: Mathematics & Sciences, Languages, and Arts & Humanities. Global Perspectives is considered a core subject group and must be taken by all students who wish to earn an AICE diploma. **Advanced Subsidiary (AS) Level** exams count for one credit and **Advanced (A) Level** exams count for two credits.

4. What is the difference between an AS and an A Level exam?

Advanced (A) Level syllabuses and exams cover approximately two years of college-level curriculum in a subject. The Advanced Subsidiary (AS) Level syllabus and exam covers the first year of the two-year Advanced (A) Level curriculum. An AS level exam counts for one credit towards the AICE Diploma. The A-Level exam counts for two credits.

5. 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.

6. Does earning the AICE Diploma qualify students for the Florida Bright Futures tuition scholarship?

Yes, currently students who earn the AICE Diploma and complete 100 community service hours during their high school careers automatically earn the Florida Academic Scholars tuition scholarship regardless of grade point average and/or college entrance examination scores.

7. Is AICE comparable with IB and AP?

Yes, all three programs are well established in the education community and in universities around the country. Both AICE (AS and A Level) and IB are accepted at universities around the world. The main difference between AICE and IB is the flexibility of the AICE Diploma. Students have the freedom to create their own educational experience within the three AICE curriculum areas.

8. How do AICE examination grades compare with the US grading scale?

Passing grades available on AICE exams range from A to E with A being the highest. Performance of students below the threshold of a CIE grade of E receives a grade of U, ungraded, which is not considered as passing.

9. Do many universities give college credits for AICE exams passed?

Yes. CIE (Cambridge University) publishes a list on their website (go to www.cie.org.uk and follow links under “Recognition” tab to “International A / AS Levels” link then select the “A / AS Level Recognition Handbook” link) of US universities that have provided written statements of their AICE recognition policy. If a university admissions counselor is unfamiliar with “AICE”, we suggest you ask to speak to the international applications counselor and ask about their A level exam policy. All public universities and community colleges in Florida award up to 30 hours of college credit for AICE exams passed.

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