Cambridge Assessment International Education

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Join the AP & Cambridge Canvas Course:

What is Cambridge International?
Cambridge International Examinations is part of the University of Cambridge in Cambridge, England. The program has a 150-year history of providing international exam. There are nearly a million students in over 10,000 Cambridge schools in 160 countries. It was adopted by the Florida Department of Education as a special program in 2002. In this program, students take Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE) courses and can earn an international diploma within a three-year period. Students explore areas of strength and interest while taking college-level courses. It is a rigorous curriculum that is heavily writing-based with a strong emphasis on critical thinking, analysis, and interpretation.

What are the benefits for the students?
Students can take AICE courses and earn two additional quality points on the district's weighted GPA with a C or above in the course. They can earn three or more college credits for every exam passed. Students can also earn the AICE Diploma by passing seven exams in different areas of study. **If a student earns a Cambridge diploma and completes 100 community service hours, they qualify for the highest level of the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship, without having to meet the SAT/ACT and GPA requirements for the scholarship. The scholarship includes 100 percent tuition to any Florida public university or college for up to five years.** They can also wave the physical education and online course requirements set by the Florida Department of Education if they qualify for the diploma by the completion of their junior year.

What are the AICE Diploma requirements?
- Students must pass a minimum of seven exams within 25 months of the first exam series (between 9-11 grades or 10-12 grades)
- Must pass at least one exam in Groups 1, 2, & 3 and the core, Global Perspectives & Research
- The other three exams passed can be in any group
- A maximum of two credits is allowed in Group 4

What AICE courses does Nova High School offer?

Math & Science (Group 1)	Languages (Group 2)	Arts & Humanities (Group 3)	Interdisciplinary Subjects (Group 4)
Computer Science AS	English Language AS & A	Art & Design AS & A	English General Paper AS
Environmental Management AS*	Spanish Language AS	Biblical Studies AS	Thinking Skills AS
Marine Science AS	Spanish Language & Literature A	Digital Media AS	**Core**
Sport Physical Education AS*		English Literature AS	Global Perspectives AS
Psychology AS & A*		European History AS	
*Can also be counted in Group 3		Law (British) AS	
		Media Studies AS	
		Sociology AS	
		Travel & Tourism AS	
		U.S. History AS	

What is the difference between AS and A Level Exams?
Advanced Subsidiary (AS) Level is a one-year course. Students usually take two papers (exams) on different days and receive one score (a, b, c, d, or e). Advanced (A) Level is typically a two-year course, but it can be completed in one year. Students usually take two more papers on different days and receive one score (A+, A, B, C, D, or E). Some subjects can be started at AS Level and be extended to A Level. Students carry over points earned from the AS Level exam if they sit for the A Level exam the following year. AS Levels exams count as one point towards the AICE Diploma and A Level exams count as an additional point.

Do many universities give college credits for AS & A Level passed exams?
Yes. Generally, students can earn three or more college credits by passing AS level exams, and an additional three or more credits by passing A level exams. Universities recognize all AICE courses as core classes. There are 895 institutions across the United States that formally recognize Cambridge AS & A Level credits. For a list of colleges and universities that accept Cambridge qualifications, search the recognitions and credit policy database at http://recognition.cambridgeinternational.org/.

What is the Cambridge program process selection?
The Cambridge program is an innovative program for students attending Nova High School. There is no separate application process. Generally, students entering the program have an overall GPA of 3.0 or higher and a Level 4 or 5 on the FAST English Language Arts and Algebra I EOC.

Do students have to earn the full AICE Diploma to earn college credits?
No. Students can take individual AICE classes based on their interests or work towards earning the AICE Diploma.

What is the comparison between AICE, AP, and IB courses?
All three programs are well established in the education community and recognized in universities in the United States. Both AICE and IB courses are accepted at universities around the world. Students in the Cambridge program have the freedom to create their own educational experiences with three AICE curriculum areas: mathematics and science, languages, and arts and humanities.

Why offer AICE in addition to AP?
The Cambridge program provides a variety of course offerings in academic and elective subjects in addition to those offered by the AP program. We strongly believe in offering students all possible options in their areas of interest to accrue benefits to their GPA, earn college credits, and have a well-rounded and rigorous education.

Can a student take both AICE and AP courses at the same time?
Yes, students can have any combination of regular, honors, AICE, AP, or Dual Enrollment courses.

When and how does the Cambridge testing occur?
Most AICE exams begin at the end of April and end in June. They can occur past the Broward County school year since the Cambridge International testing calendar extends until mid-June. Most exams require students to sit for two to three parts (called papers) on different days for each subject. Some subjects require coursework that is completed during the school year that counts towards their exam score. Cambridge does not offer make-up exams, so students must be in attendance for each part of the exam, or they will not receive a score. Any other exams (FAST, EOC, AP, etc.) that conflict with Cambridge will be rescheduled. Students must take each exam to be eligible for the two quality points of their GPA. Students are notified of the testing schedule in November. If a student does not pass an exam, they may pay to retake it as many times as they like. Retake exams are offered in October and April/May.