IB English-High Level score of 5 for clearing English 1A for admission to UC or CSU – 12-8-09

Note: As of 5/10/10 - NO IB scores for IGETC in English or COMM

Dear Counselors,
We will be getting many more students with IB results since Scotts Valley high school has adopted the IB curriculum. The following example from Jay illustrates how we can use the English IB-HL exam. We will update our policy as soon as the UC and CSU systems update their systemwide policies. For now, we will work on a case by case where our current policy (see page 27 of the catalog) is lacking. Mary Ellen

Jay wrote:
1. Carolyn has confirmation from Berkeley that the combination of IB/English (higher level score 5) plus our English 1B plus English 1C will meet the Berkeley 1A/1B sequence for engineering.

2. I've got a confirmation email from Sharon at UCSC. She surveyed other UC campuses and heard back from all but Davis. All were in agreement that they would accept IB/English (higher level score 5) to meet one of the two English (UC/E) classes for admission. She went on to say they were trying "to get systemwide to publish something somewhere".

3. Carolyn has confirmation from Cal Poly that says "passage of the English A1 Higher Level IB exam with a score of 5, 6 or 7 will provide the applicant with credit for the equivalent of a college level English Composition course for admission purposes".

All of this makes me feel safe to enter an equivalency for English 1A for my student seeking Mechanical Engineering at UCB, UCD, or Cal Poly, and then advising him to take English 1B and English 1C. This should cover UCB, UC Davis admission, and Cal Poly as they waive A3 for engineering applicants.