

International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme



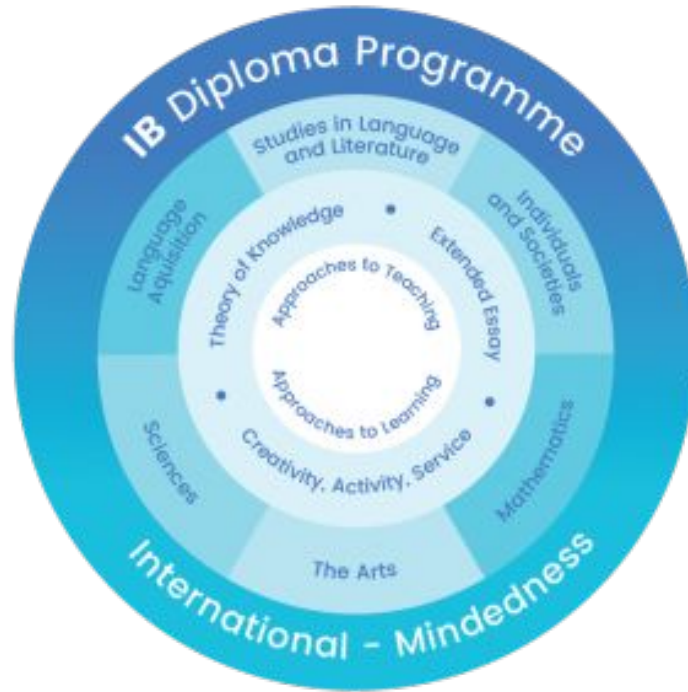
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Overview

- Two year educational programme primarily aimed at 16 to 19 year olds
- Established in 1968
- Taught by over 5000 schools in over 140 countries
 - Accepted at over 2000 universities in 75 countries
- Students complete assessments in six subjects and three required components (DP Core)
- Academic breadth, depth and interdisciplinary thinking
- Internal and external examinations
- Higher rates of of IBDP students go on to university and higher education study than non-IB students

The Curriculum

- Made up of the DP Core and six subject groups
- DP Core, three required components:
 - Theory of knowledge
 - The extended essay
 - Creativity, activity and service
- Six subject groups
 - Studies in language and literature, language acquisition, individuals and societies, the arts, sciences and mathematics
 - Different courses within each subject group
 - Each student takes at 3 or 4 subjects at higher level, and the remaining at standard level.
- Reviewed on a seven-year teaching cycle to ensure it is fit for purpose in a changing world and incorporates the latest educational research.



Assessment and exams

- Designed to assess mastery of both advanced and basic skills
- Assessment encourages an international outlook and intercultural skills where possible
- External assessment (examinations)
 - Essays
 - Structured problems
 - Short, data & text response questions
 - Case study questions
 - Multiple choice questions
- Internal assessment
 - oral work in languages
 - fieldwork in geography
 - laboratory work in the sciences
 - investigations in mathematics
 - artistic performances

Grading

- Points are awarded from 1 to 7, with 7 being equal to A*, 6 equal to A, and so on.
 - Up to three additional points are awarded depending on the grades achieved in the extended essay and theory of knowledge.
 - Candidates must receive a minimum of 24 points or an average of four out of a possible seven points for six subjects.
 - Candidates must also receive a minimum of 12 points from their Higher Level subjects and a minimum of 9 points from their Standard Level subjects.
 - Candidates must complete all of the requirements for the three DP core components.
- The maximum possible point total in the IBDP is 45.
- The global pass rate for the IB diploma is approximately 80%.

Benefits of the IBDP

- Enables students to direct their own learning pathway and develop the skills and confidence they need to thrive and make a lasting difference.
- Empowers teachers as the architects of learning excellence.
 - Supported by a strong global network.
- The IBDP is offered in three languages: English, French and Spanish.
- DP students are better able than their peers to cope with demanding workloads, manage their time and meet the expectations placed on them, according to one study.
- Analysis of DP students in Canada, the UK and the USA found that the DP's extended essay improves students' approach to learning in higher education.
- 72% of students taking the DP in China attend one of the world's top 500 universities, according to a 2013 study.

More information is available at

<https://www.copperfield.education/dp>

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