



Should I take the IB Exam? 2021-2022



While participating in IB courses has many life-long benefits, one of the main benefits of taking the IB exams is to earn college credit. Here are some points to consider before you register for IB exams.

1. If you are a full diploma student you must take six exams during your junior/senior year:
 - One exam must be taken from EACH of the six subject areas:
 - Group 1: English HL
 - Group 2: French SL/HL, German SL/HL OR Spanish SL/HL/ab initio
 - Group 3: History HL
 - Group 4: Biology HL
 - Group 5: Math:Analysis & Approaches SL OR Math: Applications & Interpretations SL
 - Group 6: Psychology SL OR Visual Arts SL/HL
 - HL exams must be taken in Grade 12.
 - Up to two SL exams can be taken in Grade 11.
 - Most colleges and universities award additional credits for completion of the full diploma.
2. If you are a course (certificate) student, be a wise consumer. While all IB curriculum is college-prep, not all colleges award credit for all IB exams.
 - HL exams on which you score a 4 or better (out of 7) will earn credit at most universities. However, some schools may require a 5 or 6 on the exam to earn credit.
 - SL exams may earn you credit at some colleges (for example, UW-Milwaukee and UW-Green Bay have a very good SL policy) but generally you may not earn credit for SL exams.
 - It is your responsibility to check out IB credit policies at the universities you are planning to attend. To check on credit policies:
 - Go to <http://www.ibo.org/university-admission/>. Under “Recognition of the IB” you will be able to find all college/universities and their policies on awarding IB credit.
 - Go directly to a college’s website and search for the IB policy.
 - Contact the admission’s office at the school of your choice.
3. Paid exam fees are only refundable if you are formally withdrawn from the exam by January 5, 2022.
4. Check the official IB exam schedule to make sure that you will be available on the exam day. There are no make-up days for IB exams (IB does have procedures in place, however, to deal with extreme cases, such as illness or an accident that is outside a student’s control).

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