

Full Diploma Checklist

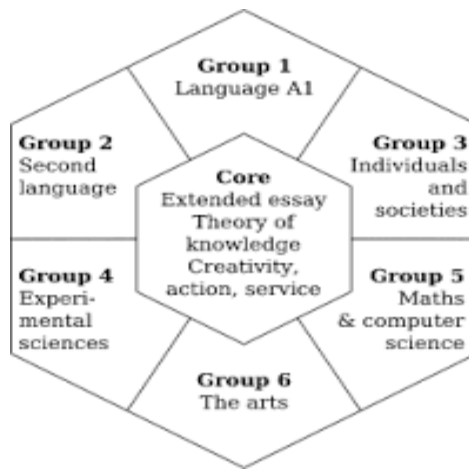
As a full diploma candidate there are several steps and courses you need to take over the next two years. Please use the following checklist as a guide, however, consult with your IB Coordinator, CAS, or Extended Essay coordinator for assistance.

1.) Required: 3 HL Courses and 3 SL Courses

IB Group	Group Name	Junior year		Senior year	
		Courses (highlight the courses you've chosen)	Courses (highlight the courses you've chosen)		
1	Language and Literature	HL Lang/Lit (2 years) SL Lang/Lit (2 years)	HL Lang/Lit (2 years) SL Lang/Lit (2 years)		
2	Language Acquisition	SL Spanish (2 years)	SL Spanish (2 years)		
3	Individuals and Societies	HL Euro (2 years) SL Econ (1 year)	HL Euro (2 years) SL Econ (1 year) SL Business (1 year)		
4	Sciences	SL/HL Bio (2 years)	HL Bio (2 years) SL Physics (1 year)		
5	Mathematics	HL A/A (2 years)	HL A/A (2 years) SL A/I (1 year)		
6	The Arts	HL Film (2 years) SL Music (2 years)	SL Music (2 years) HL Film (2 years) SL Art (2 years)		
		TOK (Spring semester)	TOK (Fall Semester)		

You must take at least three (but no more than four) classes at the Higher Level (HL); this means studying for a total of 240 hours. The rest of your classes will be taken at the Standard Level (SL), which entails 150 hours of studying.

Each class culminates in an exam, which is **graded on a scale of 1-7, with a 4 considered passing and a 7 being the highest score possible.** For more information on scoring, check out the [IB website](#).



2.) Required: The Core - To receive your IB Diploma, you will also need to complete what is known as "the core." **The core consists of three components:**

- A class known as Theory of Knowledge
- An essay known as the Extended Essay
- A series of tasks known as Creativity, Activity, Service

#1: Theory of Knowledge (TOK)

[Theory of Knowledge, or TOK](#), is a class that's on the more philosophical side. According to the IB, TOK "asks students to reflect on the nature of knowledge, and on how we know what we claim to know."

Note that there's no exam for this class. Instead, you **write a 1,600-word essay and give an oral presentation.**

#2: Extended Essay

The [Extended Essay](#) is not a class but a **4,000-word mini-thesis**. You choose a topic that needs to be approved by the IB (which isn't very difficult).

#3: Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS)

[CAS is a three-part project](#) that requires you to engage in specific kinds of extracurriculars:

- **Creativity:** Getting involved in something creative, such as learning an instrument, acting in a play, writing a short story, etc. As long as you can argue that your activity is creative (you'll have to do a report on it), you can use it to fulfill your "creativity" requirement.
- **Activity:** Generally a sports-related experience that could be anything outdoorsy like rock-climbing or hiking.
- **Service:** Think of this component as traditional community service. You could volunteer to feed people experiencing homelessness, host a fundraiser for brain cancer research, organize a drive to collect prom dresses for Becca's Closet, and so on.

Are These All the Requirements to Get Your IB Diploma?

In short, no. **You also need to hit certain score markers on your exams in order to get the IB Diploma.** Specifically, you must score 24 points or more between all your IB exams. If you do this, you will receive your diploma as long as you meet all the following requirements as well:

- All CAS requirements have been met
- There is no "N" awarded for TOK, the Extended Essay, or a contributing subject
- There is no grade E awarded for TOK and/or the Extended Essay
- There is no grade 1 in any subject or level
- There are no more than two grade 2s awarded (SL or HL)
- There are no more than three grade 3s or below awarded (SL or HL)
- Keep in mind that it's really, really, really difficult to get a 7.
- At least 12 points have been gained on HL subjects (for candidates who register for four HL subjects, the three highest grades count)
- At least 9 points have been gained on SL subjects (students who register for two SL subjects must gain at least 5 points at SL)
- The final award committee has not given the candidate a penalty for academic misconduct

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