

## The IB Diploma Programme at UWC Thailand

The IB Diploma Programme is designed as an academically challenging and balanced programme of education with final examinations that prepares students for success at university and life beyond. The programme is taught over two years and has gained recognition and respect from the world's leading universities.

### Curriculum

In the IB Diploma Programme, students study six courses at higher level or standard level.

Students must choose one subject from each of groups 1 to 5, thus ensuring breadth of experience in languages, social studies, the sciences, and mathematics. The sixth subject may be an arts subject chosen from group 6, or the student may choose another subject from groups 1 to 4.

Three subjects are taken at higher level (HL) - 240 teaching hours, and the other three at standard level (SL), 150 teaching hours.



### IB Diploma Subjects offered at UWC Thailand\*

Group 1: Studies in Language and Literature	Group 2: Language Acquisition	Group 3: Individuals and Societies	Group 4: Sciences	Group 5: Mathematics	Group 6: The Arts
English A Language and Literature HL/SL	Spanish ab initio SL	Economics HL/SL	Biology HL/SL	Mathematics: analysis and approaches HL/SL	Theatre HL/SL
Thai A Language and Literature HL/SL	French ab initio SL	Business management HL/SL	Physics HL/SL	Mathematics: applications and interpretation HL/SL	Visual Arts HL/SL
School supported self taught mother tongue literature SL (SSST)	French B HL/SL	History HL/SL	Chemistry HL/SL		
	Chinese B HL/SL or Chinese ab initio SL	Global Politics HL/SL	Design technology HL/SL		
	English B HL/SL	Environmental Systems and Societies SL	Environmental Systems and Societies SL		

\*Diploma Choices are dependant on the timetabling blocks so not all combinations of subjects are possible.

### **The Diploma Programme 'Core'**

In addition to 6 subjects, IB Diploma students at UWC Thailand also complete the three core elements of the Diploma Programme that broaden the students' educational experience and challenge them to apply their knowledge and skills. These are:

**The Extended Essay (EE):** Students engage in independent research through an in-depth study of a question relating to one of the DP subjects they are studying. The world studies extended essay option allows students to focus on a topic of global significance, which they examine through the lens of at least two DP subjects. This research essay is 4,000 words and there is an additional 500 word reflection

**Theory of Knowledge (TOK):** Develops a coherent approach to learning that unifies the academic disciplines. In this course on critical thinking, students inquire into the nature of knowing and deepen their understanding of knowledge as a human construction.

**Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS):** Involves students in a range of activities alongside their academic studies throughout the DP. Creativity encourages students to engage in the arts and creative thinking. Activity seeks to develop a healthy lifestyle through physical activity. Service with the community offers a vehicle for new learning with academic value. The three strands of CAS enhance students' personal and interpersonal development through experiential learning and enable journeys of self-discovery.

### **Alternative Tracks in Grade 11 and 12 at UWC Thailand**

If the IB Diploma course combination does not best meet their individual needs, students can choose to pursue the '**IB Diploma Courses**' track rather than the full IB Diploma.

If a student chooses the 'IB Diploma Courses' track then they would be eligible for a UWC Thailand High School Diploma if they have either at UWC Thailand or at other school(s) and UWC Thailand:

- a. Recorded an average of 3 points in grades 11 and 12 in each of a selection of a minimum of **four** IB Standard Level or Higher Level Courses, that must include one Language A course (and Language B English if their Language A choice is not English).
- b. Completed the 'Theory of Knowledge' (ToK) course including completion of either the ToK essay or ToK presentation.
- c. Completed a minimum 1500 word modified version of the Extended Essay.
- d. Completed the Thai Language and Culture Course if necessary.