

Implications of the changes to the Diploma Programme matrix for the Extended Essay

Addendum to pages 21-22 of the Extended Essay guide (2013 version)

This information replaces the matrix currently published in the above-mentioned guide. It is taken from the document entitled *IB Diploma Programme: Simplifying the diploma requirements and failing conditions* which is available in full on the OCC

Changes to the theory of knowledge/extended essay matrix

In addition to simplifying the list of requirements and failing conditions, the theory of knowledge/extended essay matrix will change from May 2015.

There is currently 1 additional point if a candidate obtains an A and an E, regardless of the fact that the candidate may fail the diploma if they have 24 to 27 points. If the matrix remains the same and is combined with the simplified requirements/failing conditions, such candidates would still gain an additional point and not achieve the diploma if they had an A+E combination. However, this would apply to all candidates not just those with 24 to 27 points. Gaining an additional point and then not being eligible for the diploma is considered inappropriate.

The current matrix is:

		Theory of knowledge					
		Grade A	Grade B	Grade C	Grade D	Grade E	No grade N
Extended essay	Grade A	3	3	2	2	1 Failing condition*	Failing condition
	Grade B	3	2	1	1	0 Failing condition*	Failing condition
	Grade C	2	1	1	0	0 Failing condition*	Failing condition
	Grade D	2	1	0	0	0 Failing condition*	Failing condition
	Grade E	1 Failing condition*	0 Failing condition*	0 Failing condition*	0 Failing condition*	Failing condition*	Failing condition
	No grade N	Failing condition	Failing condition	Failing condition	Failing condition	Failing condition	Failing condition

* Since the May 2010 session 28 points overall are required to be eligible for the diploma if a student attains an "E" grade in either the extended essay or theory of knowledge. As previously, a grade "A" in one of the requirements earns an extra point even if the other is a grade "E". Attaining a grade "E" in both the extended essay and theory of knowledge continues to represent an automatic failure.

The following new matrix will be adopted from the May 2015 session.

ToK/EE	A	B	C	D	E
A	3	3	2	2	Failing condition
B	3	2	2	1	
C	2	2	1	0	
D	2	1	0	0	
E	Failing condition				

Changes from the current matrix

B + C combination now results in 2 additional points (previously 1 point)

A + E combination now results in zero points and a failing condition (previously 1 point)