



INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE

Frequently Asked Questions



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What is IB?

The International Baccalaureate (IB) is a globally recognized program designed to provide a rigorous academic experience that prepares students for university and beyond. The program emphasizes critical thinking, research skills, intercultural understanding, and global perspectives, helping students develop into independent and engaged learners.

Frequently Asked Questions

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| <p>Who can take IB courses?</p> | <p>IB courses are open to all juniors and seniors in Dublin City Schools.</p> |
| <p>Where are IB courses offered?</p> | <p>The IB program is housed at Emerald Campus. Shuttles provide transportation between the three high schools and Emerald campus throughout the day.</p> |
| <p>Can I earn college credit in IB?</p> | <p>Yes! Colleges appreciate the rigor of the IB program and the hard work and dedication it takes to perform well. IB programs can help develop academic and critical thinking skills that are essential for college success.</p> <p>Public universities in Ohio will award college credit for a score of 4 or higher in higher-level IB courses and a score of 5 or higher in standard-level courses. More information about IB credit awarded by colleges and universities can be found in the online database provided on this site.</p> |
| <p>Do IB courses have weighted grades?</p> | <p>Yes! All IB classes are graded on a 5.0 scale.</p> |
| <p>Is IB only for students who want to go to an international college?</p> | <p>No, the International Baccalaureate (IB) program is not exclusively for students who want to attend an international college. While it is designed with a global perspective in mind and encourages international-mindedness, it is a challenging academic program that can benefit students regardless of where they plan to attend college.</p> |
| <p>What is an IB Diploma?</p> | <p>The IB Diploma is a prestigious achievement recognized by universities around the world. To earn the diploma, students must complete a comprehensive, two-year program during their junior and senior years of high school. It covers six subject groups, including languages, sciences, mathematics, and humanities, along with a core consisting of the Extended Essay (a 4,000-word research paper), Theory of Knowledge (TOK) course, and Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS) requirements. Students who complete the IB Diploma receive a globally recognized qualification and may be eligible for college credits based on their exam scores.</p> |
| <p>Do I have to do the entire IB program?</p> | <p>No. You may choose to take individual IB courses rather than the full Diploma Program. While students taking individual courses do not earn the full IB Diploma, they may still qualify for college credit based on their exam scores.</p> |
| | <p>Both IB and AP are excellent academic options, and the best choice for you depends largely on your personal learning style and goals.</p> <p>IB courses tend to dive deeper into subjects, promoting a thorough understanding of key concepts. The IB program emphasizes inquiry-based, student-centered learning, with a focus on collaboration and critical thinking. Students in the IB program often appreciate the global perspective it offers, as</p> |

How is IB different from AP?

well as the opportunity to engage with a variety of subjects in a cohesive way. IB students also have the flexibility to make certain choices within their curriculum, tailoring it to their interests while still maintaining a well-rounded education.

In contrast, **AP** courses cover a broader range of content, often touching on more topics within each subject but with less time spent on each individual aspect. While the AP approach is excellent for students who prefer to focus on mastering specific subjects in depth, it doesn't require the same level of interdisciplinary exploration or emphasis on global perspectives as the IB.

Assessment methods differ in IB and AP.

In IB courses students are assessed through a combination of internal assessments (coursework, projects, presentations, etc.) and external assessments (exams). The final grade is determined through both coursework and final exams, with some subjects having written exams at the end of the program

AP courses are assessed through one exam at the end of the course.

Are IB classes really hard?

IB classes can be challenging, but they are also incredibly rewarding for students who thrive in an academically rigorous, inquiry-based environment. The difficulty level depends largely on your personal strengths, study habits, and how well you manage the demands of the program.

IB teachers provide a great deal of support for students and help to make the workload manageable and the learning accessible to all students.

If you enjoy deep intellectual engagement, critical thinking, and are ready for a challenging academic experience, the IB Diploma can be a fantastic option!

Would you like more information about IB?

[Emerald Campus International Baccalaureate](#)

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[10 Reasons Why the IB Diploma Program is Ideal Preparation for University](#)

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