



Higher Education Pathways

IB Diploma vs. Swiss Matura

Differences at a Glance

 ISB IB Diploma	 Swiss Matura (BL & BS)
 2 Years (Grades 11-12) 16-18 years old	 4 Years (Post-Sekundarschule) 15-19 years old
 English (Bilingual English-German option)	 German (Bilingual options in certain cases)

Curriculum & Choice

- ✓ **Breadth:** 6 subjects across languages, humanities, sciences and math.
- ✓ **The "IB Core"** Including; Theory of Knowledge, CAS, and Extended Essay
- ✓ **Offers Flexibility:** choose subjects and levels (Standard vs. Higher Level)

- ✓ **Breadth:** Broad core subjects in languages, math, sciences, and humanities.
- ✓ **Specialization:** Students chose a Schwerpunktfach and certain electives

Assessment & Qualification

- ★ **Assessment:** Combination of coursework and externally moderated exams, mainly at the end of Grade 12
- ★ **Qualification:** International Baccalaureate Diploma (IB DP), recognised worldwide

- ★ **Assessment:** Ongoing assessment plus written and oral Matura exams in several subjects
- ★ **Qualification:** Swiss gymnasiale Maturität, nationally recognised

Future Pathways

- ➔ Swiss universities and universities of applied sciences (if IB requirements are met), plus universities worldwide

- ➔ Swiss universities, universities of applied sciences and teacher education institutions