

WHAT IS THE IB DIPLOMA PROGRAM?

IB stands for International Baccalaureate. The program is a challenging two-year program of studies that will prepare you for university. You take it in grades 11 and 12. It is taught from an international perspective, which means that you will learn about the world in every subject. IB courses are more challenging than most other high school courses. They demand high standards, for example, in critical thinking, oral expression, and written language.

Earning IB certificates

You also have the option of taking one or more IB courses as part of your high school program. You would earn a certificate for each IB course that you complete successfully.

How to prepare

You can prepare immediately by working especially hard in mathematics and English language arts. In grade 10 you will have the chance to find out if this program is right for you. Your school may offer one or more pre-IB courses that will give you a taste of the challenges ahead in the IB program. These courses will also help you find out if you have what it takes to do well in the IB program. You can talk to the school IB Co-ordinator and guidance counsellor about whether the program is the right choice for you to make. Go online at <www.ibo.org> to obtain information about IB.

WHAT OTHER STUDENTS HAVE ASKED ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Will I have time for other activities and a social life?

Most students find that they do have time. You will need to be involved in many activities to meet the Creativity, Action, and Service requirements. Some of these are probably things you are already enjoying now. These varied activities also help you develop a wide circle of friends.

Is there a lot of homework?

Yes, but most students find IB homework both interesting and challenging. High school usually involves much more homework than junior high, whatever program you choose.

Do I have any choice of courses?

There are some required courses such as English language arts and mathematics, but you will be able to choose four other courses from other subject areas. For example, most IB schools will offer biology, physics, and chemistry, and you can choose either one or two of those science courses.

Talk to your teacher or guidance counsellor to learn more about course options.



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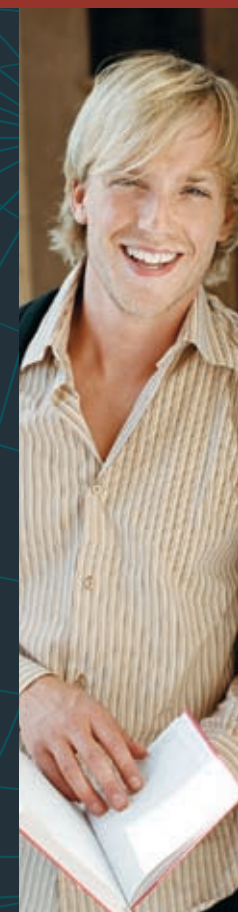
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THINK ABOUT THE

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE DIPLOMA PROGRAM





Alex Legge

THE IB PROGRAM IS FOR TWO KINDS OF STUDENTS:

1 Students who are already strong students and know they want to go to university.

The IB program will help you develop the skills that you need to do well at university and do well in jobs that involve thinking and sharing your ideas with others. That means all the professions, such as law, engineering, and nursing.

2 Students who could be high achieving students if they were motivated to do their best.

Maybe school hasn't challenged you enough yet. Maybe your brain needs more exercise. This program could be the start of something big in your life. We challenge you to give it a try.

Think about the IB program if you enjoy a challenge.

The program includes a requirement called Creativity, Action, and Service (CAS). This demands that you spend 150 hours participating in the arts, athletics or other physical activities, and community service. The IB program is for students who like to be busy!

SOME OF OUR STUDENTS

If you think that the IB program is just for bookworms, you would be wrong.

The IB program is for athletic students:

Alex Legge from Bridgewater played Division 1 basketball while she completed the program. She was awarded a Chancellor's Scholarship to Dalhousie University.

The IB program is for creative students:

Nathaniel Jones from Halifax is a student attending NSCAD (Nova Scotia College of Art and Design) University seeking to become a graphic designer.

The IB program is for students who care about their community:

Priyanka Chowdhury from Halifax completed over 700 hours of community service. She was awarded the Chancellor's Scholarship to Dalhousie University.

Think about the IB program if you like to do lots of different, exciting things.

ARE YOU CURIOUS?

- Do you want to know how the world works?
- Do you care about the world we live in?
- Do you want to get involved in global issues?
- Do you think you could do more? do better?

Think about the IB program if you want to learn about other countries and other cultures.



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