

What Is International Baccalaureate?

The International Baccalaureate Program is a comprehensive and rigorous curriculum designed to prepare students for a quality university education. The primary objective of the IB Program is to provide students with a balanced, integrated curriculum in all academic areas, while seeking to instill in its students an understanding of the global context of learning (IB mission). The IB Program promotes the education of the whole person, emphasizing intellectual, personal, and social growth through all domains of knowledge. By focusing on the dynamic combination of knowledge, skills, independent critical and creative thought, the IB Program espouses the concept of education of the whole person as a lifelong journey in pursuit of international-mindedness and responsible citizenship (IB learner profile). IB students can earn college credit by taking examinations at the end of their Junior or Senior year. Students who excel in the program demonstrate a strong commitment to learning and develop the discipline necessary to succeed in college. The student who elects this course of study is responsible for the commitment made to its rigors and to personal accountability and self-sufficiency. Students who are selected will be provided with academic, social and leadership experiences that will prepare them to compete with any student from any program in the world. Students interested in this program should be highly motivated and willing to work beyond the minimum requirements of the Washoe County School District (WCSD).

Washoe County School District Magnet Program Athletic Eligibility

A Baccalaureate Prep (BP)/IB student who is not zoned for Wooster High School and wishes to participate in athletics at Wooster must be enrolled in a minimum of four BP/IB classes and meet the requirements of NIAA regulation 2070.063. For more information, contact Jeff Freeman, WCSD Student Services Director at 348-0385 or Eddie Bonine, NIAA Executive Director at 688-6464.

It should be noted - Per NAC 386.787/NRS386.430 Sec 5: A pupil who is accepted into the program of a magnet school and who, after acceptance into the program, chooses to return to his/her school of residence, becomes ineligible for the remainder of the school year in which the transfer occurs and for an additional 180 school days in any sanctioned sport in which his/her name appeared on a roster of the Association during the period he/she attended the magnet school. IB courses may not be taken for audit.

How Does The IB Program Work?

The IB Program is a two-year program for high school students in their junior and senior years. Wooster offers two choices for IB students. The first is to commit to a four-year plan which, if completed successfully, would result in the awarding of the IB diploma. The second manner is through IB certificates. This would not require a four-year commitment, but would allow students to take part in the IB classes of their choice. Potential IB diploma students should begin preparing in middle school by taking Algebra 1 and a foreign language. Students apply to enter the BP Program in the spring of their eighth grade year. Students then take BP courses throughout their freshman and sophomore years. At the end of their sophomore year, students who are enrolled in BP coursework will be eligible to fill out an IB application and enter the IB Program.

<u>IB Subject Area</u>	<u>Wooster Designation</u>
Language A.....	English
Language B.....	Foreign Language
Individuals and Societies	History of the Americas
Experimental Sciences.....	Biology, Chemistry, Physics
Mathematics	Mathematical Studies, Computer Science, Higher Level Math
Sixth Subject	Visual Arts, Theater Arts, Music, Chemistry or Physics

Certificate Candidates

A student may participate in the IB Program at the certificate level. Each certificate candidate will take one or more IB subjects and take the IB exam in those subject areas.

Diploma Candidates

To participate as a diploma candidate the IB student must fulfill the following requirements:

1. Participate in six IB subjects. Three must be at higher level (240 hours) and three at the standard level (150 hours).
2. Take IB examinations in each of the six subject areas (each student is responsible for paying an entry fee and the cost of all six exams).
3. Write an original essay (called the Extended Essay) of approximately 4000 words.
4. Take the Theory of Knowledge class.
5. Participate in 150 hours of C.A.S. (Creativity, Action, Service).

IB Program Application Procedure

To qualify for selection to the BP or IB Program, students must complete the IB Application Form and provide the following:

1. Two letters of recommendation from current teachers or counselors.
2. A copy of the student's last report card.
3. A copy of the student's most recent CRT scores (8th or 10th grade).
4. Results from any Credit-by-Exams taken.
5. A copy of PSAT and /or PLAN scores (10th grade).

Applications are due March 1.

Late applications will be accepted pending space availability. The IB selection committee will review applications and accompanying documentation. Students will be notified of acceptance status.

Types of acceptance:

1. Full acceptance to IB Program
2. Probation

Students are expected to have credit in Algebra 1-2 before entering the BP Program. Classes are available through WOLF or summer school for students who did not take Algebra in eighth grade.

**Wooster High School's
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