

What Is International Baccalaureate?

The IB Program is recognized as a world class college preparatory program. Students are challenged to become independent inquirers through a rigorous curriculum that emphasizes the global nature of learning.

What kind of students enroll in IB?

IB is for students who like to be challenged and have a love of learning.

Is IB an elitist program?

No. IB is a program for average and above average students, who are willing to put in the work and who like to be challenged.

What do students get out of IB?

Students learn time management, writing skills, and critical thinking.

What is the difference between AP and IB?

Both AP and IB are equally valuable. They are rigorous programs devoted to educational excellence; each program sets high performance standards for students and faculty. However, the structure of these two programs is very different. While Advanced Placement students control the number of AP courses they take, students pursuing an IB diploma must register for six IB courses in different content areas. IB students do have the option, however, of earning IB certificates for courses taken rather than pursuing an IB diploma. This option does allow students to control the number of IB courses taken.

The IB is a rigorous pre-university program leading to assessments in six subject areas. The two-year IB Diploma program provides a coherent and demanding educational experience across the full curriculum. The IB Diploma is accepted as an admissions credential at universities in 102 countries. In addition, high scores on IB exams often entitle students to credit or placement at university.

The AP is a challenging academic program designed to provide motivated high school students with college-level academic courses. The AP Program is a cooperative educational endeavor between secondary schools and colleges and universities. AP courses with qualifying exam grades

are accepted for credit, advanced placement, or both, by most colleges and universities.

Both programs attract highly motivated students who wish to excel academically, attend the most selective colleges and universities and value doing independent research, thinking, and writing. (Source: College Board)

Can students earn college credit with IB?

Yes. IB students have earned as many as 30 semester hours, depending on the institution. See "University Recognition" at www.ibo.org.

Does it cost anything to do IB?

Students pay per exam fee (approximately \$100/exam) as well as a one-time diploma registration fee (approximately \$150.00). These fees are not due, however, until IB exams are taken in the junior and senior year.

What is the difference between IB Certificate and IB Diploma?

With the IB Certificate students can take as few as one IB course, or as many as six. The IB Diploma requires students to take all six IB subject areas, as well as completing community service, the Extended Essay, and Theory of Knowledge course.

When do students actually study IB?

IB starts in the junior and senior years of high school. To prepare for the rigors of this program, students first take Baccalaureate Prep courses in the freshman and sophomore years, which are roughly 30% of the actual IB curriculum.

Do students have to do homework in IB?

Yes. Students are expected to put in on average one half hour of homework per night per class.

Do students have a life outside of class work in IB?

Yes. By learning time management, they are able to participate in many extracurricular activities and sports like other high school students do.

Can anyone teach an IB class?

No. All teachers must first be trained certified at designated IB workshops.

How can students do IB if they are not zoned to attend Wooster?

IB is a District supported magnet program, and transportation will be based on available funding.

Can students visit Wooster and see the IB Program?

Yes. Interested students are invited to come and shadow IB students in their classes for an entire school day.

How can I find out more about the IB Program at Wooster?

Go to the following link:

<http://www.washoecountyschools.org/wooster/academics/ibinfo.html>

General Information

- Wooster is currently the only IB World School in northern Nevada.
- There are currently three IB schools in Nevada (other two in Las Vegas).
- There are 1100 U.S. IB World Schools, and over 2,800 in 138 countries.
- Although IB is welcomed in many schools and colleges, there have been questions raised regarding ideology and effectiveness. For more information, feel free to visit the following websites:
unr.edu/admissions/admissions-resources/ap-ib-tests
wikipedia.org
epiconline.org/ib
myinclinevillage.com

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