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# HS/IB Diploma Program

Class of 2020



# All FIS learners strive to be



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- Inquirers
- Knowledgeable
- Thinkers
- Communicators
- Principled
- Open-minded
- Caring
- Risk-takers
- Balanced
- Reflective

# Information and support



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- High School → Mr. Lock
- IB DP Coordinator → Mr. Bird
- HS Counselor → Mrs. Ang
- HS Dean of Students → Mr. Haug
- CAS Coordinator → Mr. Simpson
- ToK Coordinator → Mr. Hoffmann
- Extended Essay → Mrs. Smith
- Learning Support
- ESL
- Courses → HoDs / Teachers

# Two pathways



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## HS Diploma with IB courses

1. IB course
  2. IB course
  3. IB course
  4. IB course
  5. IB course
  6. (Elective IB course)
  7. CAS
  8. (HS Reflective Project)
- ✓ HS Diploma
  - ✓ IB course certificates
- 7 or 8 components

## IB Diploma Programme

1. IB Studies in language and literature
  2. IB Language acquisition
  3. IB Individuals and societies
  4. IB Sciences
  5. IB Mathematics
  6. IB Arts or electives
  7. CAS
  8. Extended Essay
  9. TOK
- ✓ HS Diploma
  - ✓ IB Diploma
- 9 components

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# Recognition for University/College entry

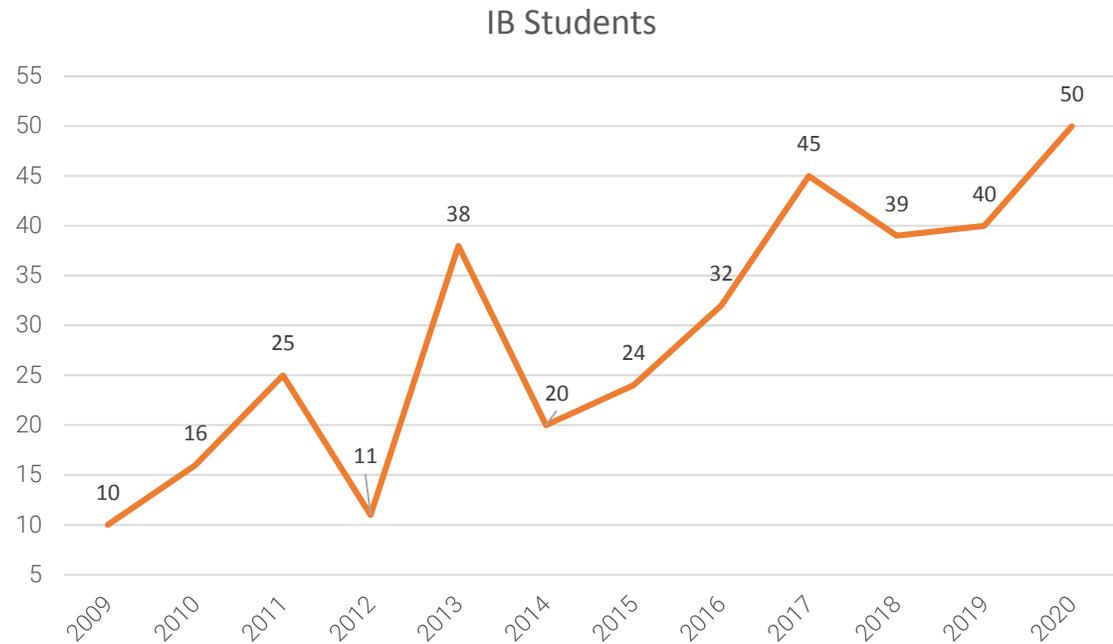


	IB Diploma	HS Diploma
USA	✓ some schools give course credits/advanced placement	✓ some schools give course credits – check with schools
UK	✓ Universities give some preference to IB students	✓ some courses or foundation courses → check with schools and UCAS
The Netherlands	✓	✓ some courses – check with individual schools
Germany	<p>✓ IB Diploma recognition if you follow the officially prescribed pattern:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Natural science or mathematics at HL (✗ Mathematical studies)</li> <li>○ Restricted list of courses in Group 3 and electives in Group 6</li> <li>○ Two G1 languages, or one G1 language and one HL B language</li> <li>○ German-language proficiency-testing</li> <li>○ No requirement for HL G1 German</li> </ul>	✗ complicated: GPA, SAT and German fluency requirements
Other countries	<p>Australia ✓ Canada ✓ Spain ✓</p> <p>The IB website gives details: <a href="http://www.ibo.org/recognition">www.ibo.org/recognition</a></p>	



# IB at the FIS

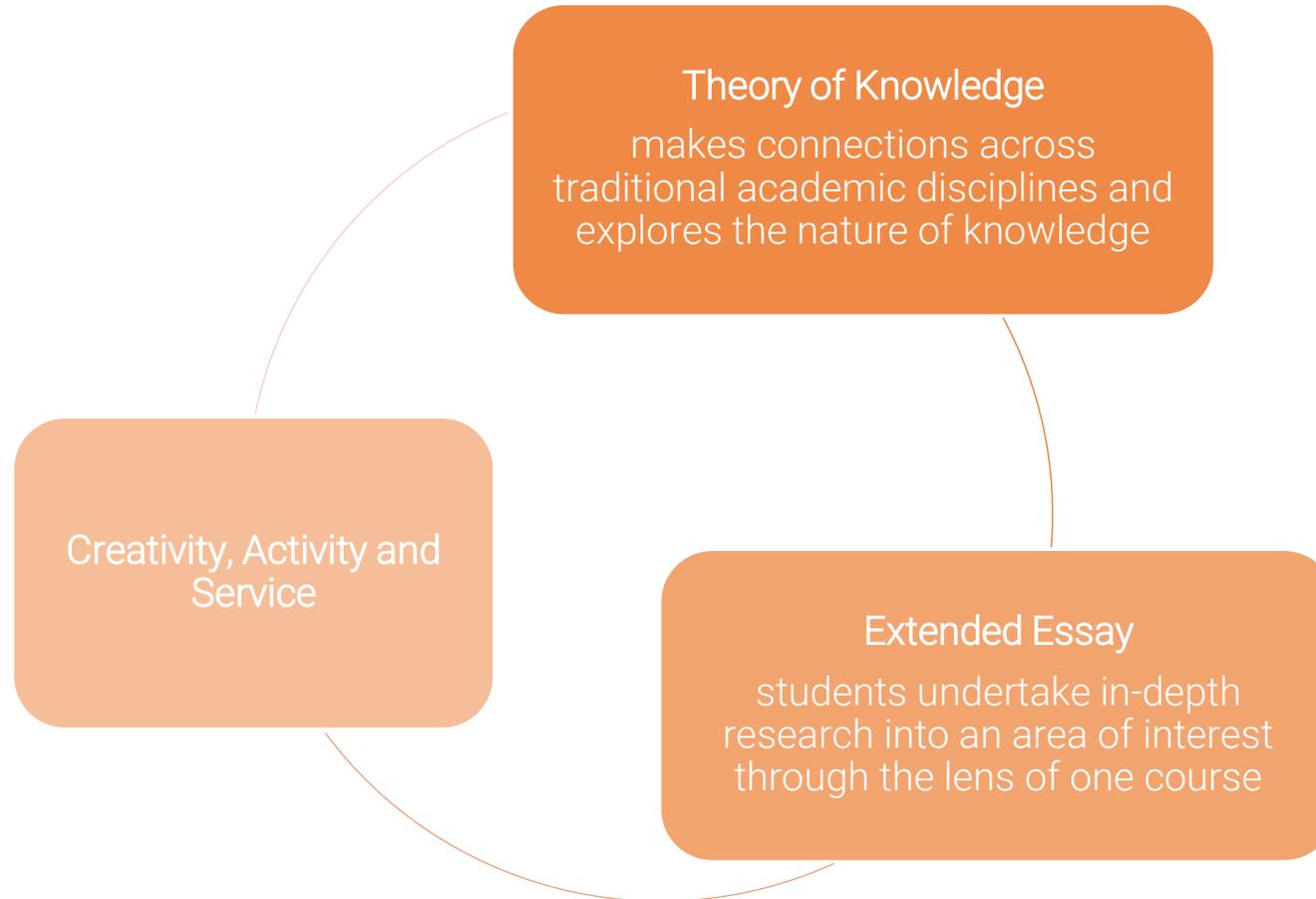
- Authorized as an IB World School in April 2007
- Taught by a team of highly qualified and motivated teachers who assist, guide, stimulate, stretch, challenge, support, nurture, motivate, extend, dare, test, and cultivate lifelong learning.



# IB Diploma Programme



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# DP – Structure and Prerequisites

1. Studies in Language and Literature
2. Language acquisition
3. Individuals and Societies
4. Sciences
5. Mathematics
6. Arts or electives

3 courses in HL, 3 courses in SL + core (TOK, CAS, EE)

General FIS grade prerequisites	General IGCSE grade prerequisites	Mathematics
HL: grades of 5 or better	HL: grades of B or better	HL: IGCSE grade of A or better / FIS grade of 6 or better
SL: grades of 4 or better	SL: grades of C or better	SL: IGCSE grade of B or better / FIS grade if 5 or better
		SL Studies: IGCSE grade of C / FIS grade of 4 or better

# Assessment grades and results

- Criterion-based assessment
- For each of the six courses a score of between 1 and 7 points is awarded – a maximum of 42 points.
- Three bonus points can be awarded for outstanding levels of achievement in the EE and TOK.
- A total of 45 points is possible, a minimum of 24 points may earn you the Diploma.
- How do you earn the course points?
  - Internal Assessment
  - Written examinations in April/May 2020; between 80% and 45% of the final grade
  - **CAS is pass/fail.**
- Results posted electronically July 6, 2020

# What the IB DP is not...



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- “Abitur”
- A-levels
- Advanced Placement
- Rote learning for examinations
- Easy
- Parochial
- A buffet
- A conspiracy supported by the UN to brainwash youth and found a communist world state...

# What makes the IB unique?

- A reputation for high quality education sustained for 50 years.
- The encouragement of international-mindedness in IB students. To do this, we believe that students must first develop an understanding of their own cultural and national identity.
- Creating a positive attitude to learning by encouraging students to ask challenging questions, to critically reflect, to develop research skills, to learn how to learn and to participate in community service.
- Programmes are accessible to students in a wide variety of schools—national, international, public and private.
- 50% of IB schools are state funded.
- Programme assessment is recognized by the world's leading universities. High standards are maintained by actively training and supporting teachers, and by authorizing and evaluating IB World Schools.

# IB DP Time Commitment

- three HL courses → 9 lessons each per cycle
- three SL courses → 6 lessons each per cycle (Maths SL/Studies = 7 lessons)
- TOK → 4 lessons per cycle
- CAS → 4 hours per week (self-scheduled)
- Advisory → 2 lessons per cycle for careers, university applications, health issues, life skills, etc.
- Extended Essay → 40 hours over several months
- The rest → class work, internal assessments, reading, revising, planning, drafting, thinking, chilling, eating, sleeping, washing, breathing,...

# DP academic expectations



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- Knowledge and understanding of content and concepts
- Critical-thinking, reflection, research and independent learning skills
- Applying standard methods
- Analyzing and presenting information
- Evaluating and constructing arguments
- Solving problems creatively
- Intercultural skills and understanding
- An international outlook

Reflection



Inquiry



Action

# Creativity, Activity and Service (CAS)



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## Why we do CAS (observations from DP Students) :

- *"CAS helps create experience and knowledge outside of academic knowledge."*
- *"CAS made me realise how fortunate I am"*
- *"To get comfortable to step out of your comfort zone"*
- *"Help to improve myself as a whole"*
- *"CAS helps us to see what we are capable (or not) of doing"*
- *"It develops ones personality and helps one find themselves."*
- *"It helps me not forget to keep a balanced life and also helps me explore myself as a being and learn more about myself."*



**CAS**  
adventures  
await

# Preparing for G11-12 CAS

- Four years of CAS is required for a HS diploma
- Students must have “on track” progress status:
  - Have completed activities; public reflection (CAS Fair); entrance interview in June 2018 (during DP week) → move on to G11
  - Incomplete CAS must be resolved **before** starting G11 (deadline before new school year: August 2018)
- Parents should familiarize themselves with the [Parent Handbook](#) on the school website or contact the CAS Coordinator / CAS Coach.

# IB policy on language course selection



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- **Studies in Language and Literature:**

These courses are designed for students who are experienced in using the target language of the course in an academic context. If you are in FIS first-language English or German your pathway is to Studies in language and literature.

- **Language acquisition:**

Language B courses are additional language-learning courses designed for students with some previous learning of that language.

- **Language ab initio (SL only):**

An Ab Initio course is designed for students with little or no prior experience of the language they wish to study.

# Mathematics placement recommendation



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- The Mathematics Department will make a course recommendation based on testing
- Before we look at the provisional blocks and course groups....
- The FIS strives to offer course options satisfying individual wishes but we cannot guarantee that all course combinations are possible.

# Provisional courses and blocks

1	2	3	4	5	6
English Literature	German Literature	Geography	Biology	HL Mathematics	Music
English Language and Literature	German Language and Literature	Economics	Chemistry	SL Mathematics	Theater
B English	B German	Business Management	Physics	SL Mathematical Studies	Visual Arts
	B Spanish*	History	<i>SL Sport, Health Science</i>		Computer Science
	SL Ab Initio German		<i>SL Env. Systems</i>		Chemistry
	SL SS-ST Literature				Business and Management

- Mathematics HL → you must take English at SL for timetabling reasons
- Courses in **bold** are confirmed
- Courses in *italics* may run with sufficient confirmed enrollment
- \*Students wishing to take German & Spanish → possible with restrictions

# “Abitur” req. for public universities (KMK)



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- G1 Language
- G1 Language or G2 HL B Language
- An approved Humanities course
- One Natural Science (Biology, Chemistry & Physics)
- HL/SL Mathematics (~~SL Mathematical studies~~)
- Arts course, or approved elective
- A natural science or mathematics at HL
- Continuous study over two years
- In the IB Diploma (one grade of '3' permitted if compensated for by other higher grades)
- **Universities can impose extra tests or requirements**

# What else should I know?



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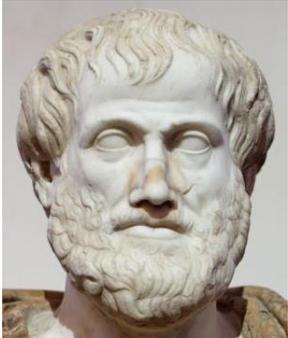
To keep in mind:

- Doors are always open.
- There are no dumb questions.
- Teachers will challenge you to solve problems yourself and this can be frustrating.
- Organizational skills are vital.
- Meeting deadlines is vital.

# Course-choice forms deadline



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*We are what we repeatedly do.  
Excellence, then, is not a act, but a habit*

- Aristotle

→ Course-choice forms back to your Advisor or Mr. Bird by

**Friday, 26 January, 2018**

# University Admissions Handbook



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## Grade 11 higher education calendar

### September

- Read the [FIS University Admissions Handbook](#), available on the website. Have your parents read it too.
- Read the FIS Higher Education, Careers and Counseling Newsletter each time it is published; if you have a Twitter account, add #FISHSCounseling.
- Make plans to take the October PSAT test, if considering studying in the US.

### October / November

- Start your BridgeU account.
- Register with the [IB](#) and [CIS](#) Student Registries
- Take the PSAT if you will be applying to university in the US. Before taking the test, read the PSAT/NMSQT Student Bulletin and take the full-length sample test.
- Meet with university representatives who visit the FIS.
- Attend the international university fair in Munich or Frankfurt.
- Continue your search for universities. Use the resources in the Higher Education Handbook for finding schools that meet your criteria.
- If you would like a bit of assistance in career and/or higher education course choice exploration, plan a meeting with Mrs. Ang, visit the [BiZ](#) in Fürth, or take an online occupational interests and/or values inventory, such as those indicated in the "Self-Assessment" section of this handbook

# Higher education info evening



Tuesday, March 13, 2018 – 18:00 to 20:00

- University Fair, with representation from over 30 universities worldwide
- Special sessions (tbd)
- Applying to universities in the US, Canada, Netherlands, UK, Germany
- Duales Studium in Germany
- Scholarships to study in North America
- Etc...