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The IB Diploma Program

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Benefits of the IB Diploma Program

- A **WHOLE** student program that aims to help you improve your higher-order thinking skills, organization, time management, academic performance and rigor and **prepare for a University Education**
- Typical IB Student attributes:
 - **High Achieving**
 - **Seeking Challenge**
 - **Independent**
 - **Critical thinker**
 - **Capable student**
 - **Self-driven**
 - **Motivated**

IB Diploma Program is for all students

- Available to **ALL** students who want to work hard, focus and explore their passions
- Students who need support due to their Individual Education Plan can be assisted within the IB Diploma
- **Students can take all IB classes, or just 1 or 2 IB classes that you select**
- **For Grade 11 and Grade 12 only**

The IB “Learner Profile”

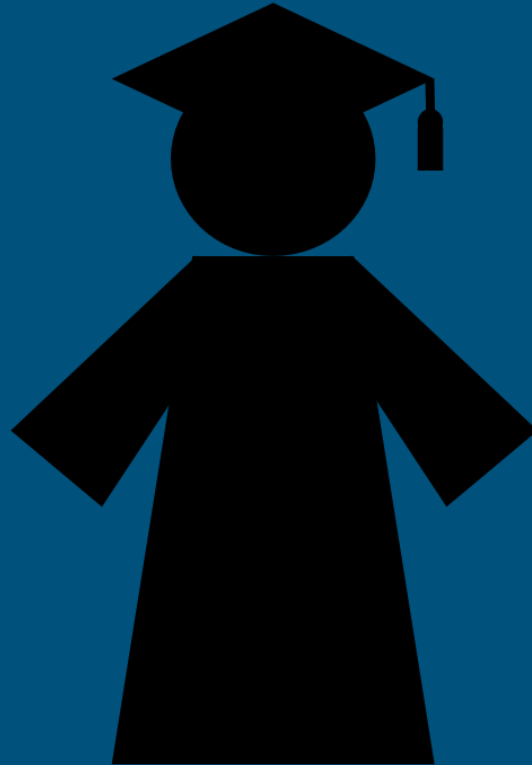
- **Inquirers**

- **Knowledgeable**

- **Thinkers**

- **Communicators**

- **Principled**



- **Open-Minded**

- **Caring**

- **Risk-Takers**

- **Balanced**

- **Reflective**

Structure of the IB Diploma Program

Group 1:

- English A: Language and Literature (HL)

Group 2:

- French B (SL)

Group 3 - Humanities

CHOOSE ONE:

- History (HL)
- Geography (HL)

Group 6:

- Visual Arts (SL)
- Music (SL)

OR Choose a 2nd
Group 3 or 4

Group 5:

- Mathematics (SL)

Group 4 - Sciences

CHOOSE ONE or TWO

- Biology(HL)
- Chemistry(HL)

Diploma CORE

In addition to the 6 Classes done over Grade 11 and Grade 12, IB Diploma Students will also participate in 3 extra CORE courses:

- **Theory of Knowledge (TOK)** - A philosophy class that teaches you how to think, how to learn and how to learn how to learn.
- **Extended Essay** - A university level academic essay that you will write on your choice of topic with support from a specialist teacher
- **Creativity, Activity and Service (CAS)** - A leadership class that will connect you with volunteer opportunities and experiences in our community.

HL vs SL

The IB Diploma Program has courses at two levels:

Higher Level (HL) and **Standard Level (SL)**.

- **HL** Courses are completed in 3 Semesters over 2 years (240 Hours)
- **SL** Courses are completed in 2 Semesters (150 Hours)
 - (Physics SL, French SL, or Psychology SL are all completed in Grade 11)
 - (Math SL is completed over Grade 11 and Grade 12)
- All Diploma Program Students need to take at least **3 HL** courses to earn their full IB Diploma
- Only **HL** Courses are eligible for students to earn Post-secondary credit
****except UVIC

Courses / Schedules

Grade 11

Grade 12

| Year 1 Semester 1 (Grade 11) | Year 1 Semester 2 (Grade 11) | Year 2 Semester 1 (Grade 12) | Year 2 Semester 2 (Grade 12) |
|---|---|--|--|
| English HL | Math SL | English HL | English HL |
| Biology HL History HL | Chemistry HL Geography HL | Chemistry HL Geography HL | Chemistry HL Geography HL |
| Psychology SL Art SL Phys SL Comp Sci SL | Psychology SL Art SL Phys SL Comp Sci SL | Biology HL History HL Phys SL Comp Sci SL | Biology HL History HL Phys SL Comp Sci SL |
| French SL | French SL | Elective | Math SL |

HL = Higher Level

SL = Standard Level

Sample Student Schedules

Example 1: **Science** Focused Student

| Grade 11 Semester 1 | Grade 11 Semester 2 | Grade 12 Semester 1 | Grade 12 Semester 2 |
|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| English HL | Math SL | English HL | English HL |
| Biology HL | Chemistry HL | Chemistry HL | Chemistry HL |
| Psychology SL | Psychology SL | Biology HL | Biology HL |
| French SL | French SL | (room for a Parkland elective) | Math SL |

Example 2: **Humanities** Focused Student

| Grade 11 Semester 1 | Grade 11 Semester 2 | Grade 12 Semester 1 | Grade 12 Semester 2 |
|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| English HL | Math SL | English HL | English HL |
| Biology HL | Geography HL | Geography HL | Geography HL |
| Art SL | Art SL | Biology HL | Biology HL |
| French SL | French SL | (room for a Parkland elective) | Math SL |

IB Course Students

- **Any Parkland student in Grade 11 or 12 can sign up for any individual IB Courses** that they are interested in. They do not need to sign up for the whole Diploma Program if they don't want or need to.
- Individual courses and their availability will depend on how many Diploma Students have signed up first as Diploma Students will get first priority for Parkland IB Courses.
- **HL Courses are eligible for Post-Secondary credit if students score a 4***, 5 or higher (out of 7) as their final IB grade (***) UVIC)**

Exams

- At the end of every IB Course (**SL and HL**) there will be a final exam that must be written in May
(Some **SL** courses in Grade 11, **HL** Courses in Grade 12).
- This exam is externally marked, and will be scaled based on the difficulty as judged by the IB Organization.
- The final grades for all IB Courses will be converted into a final mark out of 7 and tallied up with the **CORE (TOK, EE, CAS)** components to form the full IB Diploma score out of 45
- Students will also be required to also write the final Provincial Exams for BC in Literacy and Numeracy in June of their grade 12 year.

University Benefits

- **Diploma Students** can apply to international universities much easier
- **Diploma Students** usually get early acceptance confirmation before other students
- **Diploma Students** sometimes get earlier course registration dates
- **A score of a 5 or higher out of 7 (sometimes 4^{***})** in an HL course earns first year course credit, saving on tuition and allowing enrolment access to 2nd year courses
- **Better preparation for University** work and expectations
- **Better time and task management skills**
- **Ability to write longer, more academic papers**
- **More focused** on their potential career and academic studies

Parkland IB 2 Year Diploma Program

Year 1 - Grade 11: Students will begin their IB Courses. Some of the **SL** courses will be completed in Grade 11 (**French, Psychology, or Physics**). These SL courses will require students to submit their Internal Assignments (IAs) and write the final exams in May of grade 11

Summer between Grade 11 and 12: Diploma students will be required to read books, continue working on their Extended Essay, as well as complete some of the CAS volunteer hours over the summer break

Year 2 - Grade 12: Students will complete their major Internal Assessments (IAs) throughout the year as well as prepare for their final exams in May of grade 12

IB Calendar

January 29, 2021 - February 22, 2021 - Individual Advising Appointments with Counsellors, IB Coordinator, Principal available (Email for appt)

March 5, 2021 - Registration Due

Sept 2021 - IB Courses Start

May 2023 - Exams

Wrap up and Questions

- Questions?

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