

An Overview of the IB Diploma Program

What is it?

- ✍ *A two-year course of studies with an “external exam” at the end of each course.*
- ✍ *Six required courses. Some are one-year; most are two-year.*
- ✍ *Three are Higher Level (HL) and three are Standard Level (SL)*
- ✍ *High challenge, high interest, thinking-centered classes with wide student choice.*
- ✍ *Courses are graded on a scaled of 1 – 7; 45 points possible; 24 required for Diploma*
- ✍ *Completion of Creativity/Action/Service (CAS) project over two years*
- ✍ *Original research project called the Extended Essay*
- ✍ *Theory of Knowledge course*

Who can apply?

- ✍ *2.75 GPA and above average test scores*
- ✍ *recommendation from current teachers*
- ✍ *Application essay and form*

What courses should I take to earn the Diploma?

You will take one course from each of the six subject areas. At least three courses must be HL.

1. *English HL (2)*
2. *French SL/HL(2) or Spanish SL/HL(2)*
3. *History HL(2)*
4. *Biology HL(2) or Environmental Systems SL(1) or Physics SL(2)*
5. *Math SL(2)*
6. *Choose one or two IB electives: Geography SL(1), Economics SL(1), ITGS SL(1), Environmental Systems SL(1), Physics SL(2), Visual Arts SL/HL(2), Film SL/H(2), Music SL(1)*
7. *Theory of Knowledge(1or 2)*
8. *Study Hall (11th or 12th) or Service, or non-IB elective*

Why should I do this?

- ✍ *Use your mind!*
- ✍ *Best possible college preparation: admissions and scholarships*
- ✍ *International perspective*
- ✍ *Attending a large state university? Don't be a one-semester wonder!*
- ✍ *Attending a selective college? Polish those transcripts with “most rigorous curriculum offered”*
- ✍ *Advanced course standing*
- ✍ *Enhanced GPA (A= 5.0), (B= 3.75), (C= 2.5)*

What else should my parents and I know?

- ✍ *See the “IB” link at www.uhigh.lsu.edu for more information*
- ✍ *Cost is \$700 over two years*
- ✍ *Acceptance into the Program means a one-semester commitment.*
- ✍ *Final application deadline is January 31, 2009.*
- ✍ *Applications available online or in the school office*

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