

# IB Diploma Programme (IBDP)

The International Baccalaureate® (IB) Diploma Programme (DP) is open to any student aged 16-19. In the United States the IBDP is offered as a two year program in the Junior and Senior Years.

Students may participate in one of two IBDP concentrations pathways.

The DP organizes teaching and learning through six subject groups, underpinned by the DP core (TOK, EE and CAS).

## Diploma

Students who choose to complete the Diploma Concentration pathway

### must complete

all four of the bulleted components in an IBO defined holistic framework.

- **Theory of knowledge** (TOK), in which students reflect on the nature of knowledge and on how we know what we claim to know.

- **Creativity, action, service** (CAS), in which students complete a project related to those three concepts.

minimum 150 hours

Sept/Oct Jr Yr. – Feb/Mar Sr Yr.

- **The extended essay** (EE), which is an independent, self-directed piece of research, finishing with a 4,000-word paper.

Feb Jr Yr./- Feb Sr Yr./

max 5 hrs working w/advisor

## Coursework

Students who choose to complete the Coursework Concentration pathway

### may choose

to complete any or all of the four bulleted components.

- **Theory of knowledge** (TOK), in which students reflect on the nature of knowledge and on how we know what we claim to know.

*\*(May be taken as a stand alone)*

- **Creativity, action, service** (CAS), in which students complete a project related to those three concepts.

minimum 150 hours

Sept/Oct Jr Yr. – Feb/Mar Sr Yr.

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- **The extended essay** (EE), which is an independent, self-directed piece of research, finishing with a 4,000-word paper.

Feb Jr Yr./-Feb Sr Yr./

max 3 hrs working w/advisor

*\*(May be taken as a stand alone)*

- **Coursework:**  
including Internal Assessment (IA )  
+ External Assessment (EA) components

6 specific subjects (Groups)

Group 1 Language A (Eng)

Group 2 Language B (Fr/SP)/German\*

Group 3 Ind. & Societies (Hist. and/or Econ)

Group 4 Sciences (Bio, Chem, Physics)

Group 5 Mathematics (Math SL, Math Studies SL)

Group 6 Arts or IB Electives:

Film 2<sup>nd</sup> Lang B (Gp. 2)

Theater 2<sup>nd</sup> Ind & Soc (Gp. 3)

Visual Arts 2<sup>nd</sup> Science (Gp. 4)

Music \*\*

Complete one course from each of the above 6 Groups

3 of the Groups completed at a Higher Level (HL)

And

3 of the Groups completed at a Standard Level (SL)

All IBO Coursework is completed over a two year concurrency (Junior and Senior Years). Students who select to participate in the first year of the IBO Coursework in Junior Year are expected to complete the second year of the IBO Coursework in Senior Year to attain IBO (IB) designation.

The San Diego School of International Studies has received permission from the IBO to allow students who are advanced in Group 5 Mathematics to complete their IBO Group 5 Standard Level (SL) coursework including the IA and EA components in their Junior Year.

- **Coursework:**  
including IA + EA components

1 or more subjects (Groups) of their choosing at either an SL/HL level.

**Please note:**

A student may select to complete as many as 6 subjects and all of the Core components (TOK, EE, CAS) as stand alone.

Group	HL Classes:	Soph.	Junior	Senior	IB Designation
1	English -		HL1 +	HL2 =	HL
2	Sp./French -		HL1 +	HL2 =	HL
2	German* (Class of 2017+)		HL1 +	HL2 =	HL
3	History -		AP(HL1) +	HL2 =	HL
4	Bio/Chem/Physics -		HL1 +	HL2 =	HL
6	Film -		HL1 +	HL2 =	HL

Group	SL Classes:	Soph.	Junior	Senior	IB Designation
2	French/Spanish -		SL1 +	HL1 =	SL
2	German* (Class of 2016)		SL1 +	HL1 =	SL
2	French/Spanish -		HL1 +	HL2 =	SL
2	German* (Class of 2017+)		HL1 +	HL2 =	SL
3	History -		HL1 +	HL2 =	SL
3	Economics -		TOK +	SL =	SL
4	Bio/Chem/Physics -		HL1 +	HL2 =	SL
5	Math (SL) -		Integrated Math III Adv +	Math SL =	SL
5	Math Studies (SL) -		Integrated Math III +	Math Stud. SL =	SL
5	Math (SL) -	Integrated Math III Adv +	Math SL =		SL
5	Math Studies (SL) -	Integrated Math III +	Math Stud. SL =		SL
6	Visual Arts (SL) -		Sr Art Studio +	IB Visual Arts SL =	SL
6	Music **	AP Music Theory	IB Music SL1 (yr 1)	IB Music HL1 (yr 2)	SL
6	Theatre	3-4	IB Theatre SL1 (yr1)	IB Theatre HL1 (yr 2)	SL