



# The IB Diploma in WLC

# The Purpose of this Orientation Session

- ◆ To give an overview of the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP)
- ◆ To explain the implications of the DP as it applies to Lebanon
- ◆ To provide information about the United World Colleges (UWC) courses and scholarships
- ◆ We will be having future opportunities to learn more about the specifics of the programme

# A Brief History

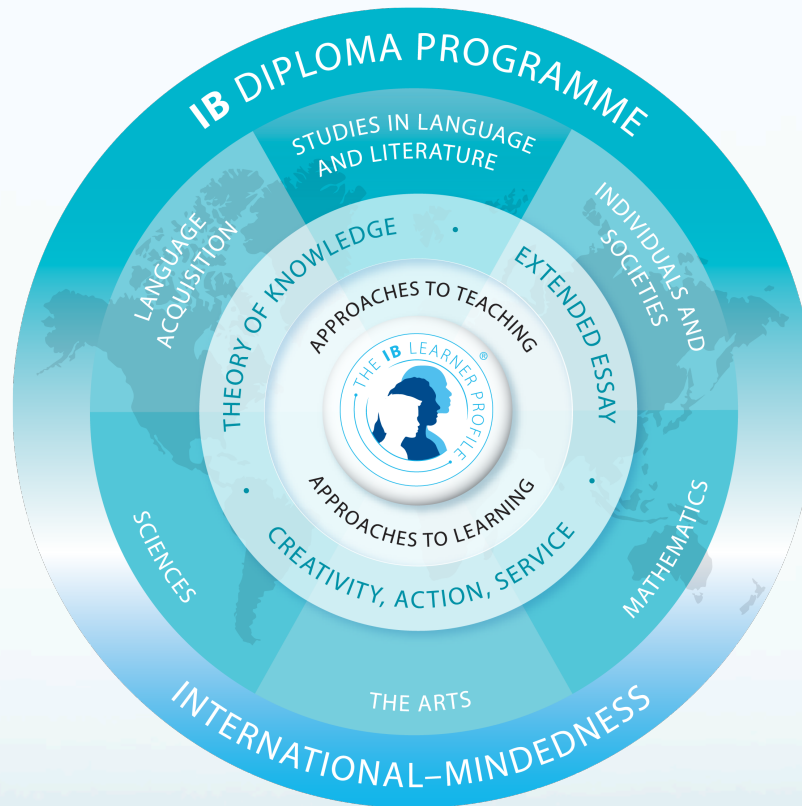
- ◆ DP began in 1968, first examinations in 1970
- ◆ MYP followed in 1994
- ◆ PYP in 1997
- ◆ IBCC- the latest programme offering a careers orientated diploma
- ◆ 3,662 schools in 146 countries, serving 1,132 000 students

# IB Mission

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- **The International Baccalaureate® (IB) aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect.**

# The Diploma Framework



# The DP Course

- ◆ A 2-year pre-university course
- ◆ Students follow 6 subjects for the whole course
- ◆ Each subject consists of several components including portfolio work and formal examinations set by the IB and administered by the school
- ◆ The final grades are based on the examinations and other assignments including lab reports, projects, and essays

# Requirements

- ◆ 6 academic subjects, 3 HL, 3 SL over a 2 year period
- ◆ The core: Theory of Knowledge (TOK), Extended Essay (EE) and Creativity, Action and Service (CAS)
- ◆ Each subject is reported on the IB scale 1 to 7
- ◆ TOK and EE can gain a bonus of up to 3 points
- ◆ Highest possible is 45
- ◆ Diploma awarded at 24 or above ( there are some failing conditions)

# The Core

- TOK: brings together the subjects, builds on the inter/trans disciplinary approach of the PYP and MYP
- EE: builds on from the PYP Expo and the MYP Personal Project
- CAS: builds on the action in the PYP and the service as action in the MYP



# Groups

- ◆ Studies in Language and Literature (HL or SL) English
- ◆ Language Acquisition (B: HL or SL) ( or *ab initio* SL )
- ◆ Individuals and Society (HL or SL), includes Geography, Economics, History, ITGS, Business and Management
- ◆ Experimental Sciences (HL or SL), includes Chemistry, Physics, Biology and Computer Science, Environmental Systems and Society
- ◆ Mathematics : HL, SL and Studies ( SL) and Computer Science
- ◆ The Arts and Elective ( Visual Art, Performing Art or another from 2, 3 or 4)

# The DP in Wellspring

- ◆ The IBDP will be the programme for non-Lebanese and those Lebanese who have the exemption from the Lebanese Baccalaureate in grades 11 and 12
- ◆ Students will be given the opportunity to follow the full diploma course. During the course full support will be given but some students may prefer to follow DP courses [formerly certificate]
- ◆ The full Diploma is recognized by the Lebanese government for equivalency purposes
- ◆ Students who do not have the exemption from the Lebanese Baccalaureate programme may opt to do both BUT will be advised on a case by case basis

# University Implications

- ◆ Full diploma + SAT: student will go into sophomore in AUB, LAU, NDU ( and other American universities in Lebanon)
- ◆ Certificates + SAT: student will go to Freshman
- ◆ British universities : ( see [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com)) students may enter depending on level of diploma, major and university applied to
- ◆ USA and Canada : varied, some (most) ask for SAT. DP can get credit. Check individual university websites ( see [www.studyusa.com](http://www.studyusa.com))

# Course Choices

- ◆ Some majors in universities have prerequisites of specific subjects at specific levels
- ◆ Example: AUB requires that an engineering major have HL Math and HL Physics
- ◆ Remedial courses can be taken if it happens that a student does not have the prerequisite
- ◆ Students will be given orientation to help with these choices
- ◆ Entry into certain majors is very competitive

# United World Colleges

- ◆ Group of boarding schools which offers the IBDP
- ◆ UWC of the Atlantic in Wales was one of the first IBDP schools
- ◆ 12 schools around the world
- ◆ Scholarships are available to students from Lebanon
- ◆ UWC also offers short courses during the summer
- ◆ see [www.uwc.org](http://www.uwc.org)

# References (useful sites)

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