



The IB Diploma in Wellspring Learning Community

The Diploma Framework



Session 2

- UWC : www.uwc.org
- Applications are due by January
- Short summer courses are also available
- Other sites: www.ucas.com

www.collegeboard.com

Some Summer Courses

- *InThinking*: Group course to Wales “Think” Summer Camp 1 to 14 July
- Oxford Summer Courses: www.osc-ib.com
- Oxford Royale Academy: www.oxford-royale.co.uk
- SAT preparation courses

The DP Requirements

- ◆ 6 academic subjects, 3 HL, 3 SL
- ◆ The core: TOK, EE and CAS
- ◆ Each subject is reported on the IB 1 to 7 levels
- ◆ 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)

Groups

- ◆ Studies in Language and Literature A (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)

Course Offerings

- No school can offer all the subjects, except perhaps some very large schools
- **WLC** possible courses include:
- **Individuals and Society:** History, Economics, Environmental Systems, Psychology, Business and Management [Psychology and Business will be offered online]
- **Experimental Sciences:** Chemistry, Physics, Biology and Environmental Systems [will all be offered]

Languages

- English is A: Studies in Literature and Language (HL/SL)
- Arabic is B (HL/SL)
- *Ab initio* : Spanish, French (SL)
- Students cannot take an *ab initio* if they have been exposed to the language for more than 2 years before the start of the course. [*Ab initio* means from the beginning, a language that is new to the student]

Course Choices

- ◆ Some courses, majors in universities require 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

University Implications

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

Be Ready

- Programme is challenging
- HL subjects are hard: some students may be advised against taking some HL subjects
- CAS is required by all DP students, it takes time and commitment
- Students need to be organized from the first day

FAQs

- Q: Will anyone be accepted into the Diploma Programme?
- A: In some schools there is a required (high) pass rate for entry into the DP. In Wellspring we will give all students the opportunity to enter the full Diploma Programme **BUT** later, we may advise some students to follow DP courses (certificates)

FAQs

- Q: If a student does not follow the full Diploma Programme OR gets a failing condition, can he or she still get into university?
- A: Yes, a student who does not have the full diploma will enter as a Freshman depending on his or her SAT score and school transcripts from grades 10, 11 and 12

FAQs

- Q: What are 'failing' conditions ?
- A: To get the full diploma a student should score 24 or above **BUT** he or she will not be awarded the diploma if there is a failing condition. There are several failing conditions including:
 - ☐ No CAS
 - ☐ Mediocre (level 3 or lower) TOK or EE
 - ☐ A level 2 (or below) in any HL subject

FAQs

- Q: If student does not get the full diploma, can he or she still get the equivalency for the Lebanese Baccalaureate?
- A: Yes, equivalency is granted for the full diploma AND it is also granted for a SAT (I&II) score of 2,750 (Arts and Humanities) or 2,850 (Engineering and Sciences) + Freshman

FAQs

- Q: If a student does not get Math (HL), or another of the prerequisites for a specific major can he or she still enter the major?
- A: Yes, he or she can still get the necessary courses at university **BUT** entry into many majors such as Engineering is very competitive

FAQs

- Q: Why do students have to do SATs?
- A: SAT I is required for admission into all American universities in Lebanon and most in the USA and Canada. SAT (II) is required for equivalency purposes for those students who do not have the IBDP

Do you have any questions?

- **Please ASK**

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