



Information about the IB Diploma Programme



The IB Diploma Programme

- 2 year programme
- Begins in the 7th class (11th grade)
- Final exams in May at the end of the 8th class, in 6 subjects

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The IB Subjects at SALIS

- Group 1: First language
 - German A Literature
 - English A Language and Literature/Language A self-taught
- Group 2: Second Languages
 - English B, Ger/F/ITA/SP/Lat B, German ai, Mandarin ai
- Group 3: Human and Social Sciences
 - History, Economics, Geo, Global Politics, Psychology
- Gruppe 4: Natural Sciences
 - Biology, Physics, Chemistry, Sports Science
- Gruppe 5: Mathematics – AI and AA
- Gruppe 6: Arts
 - Visual Arts, Music

The “IB-Core”

Three additional core components:

- ***Extended essay (EE):***

4000 word academic paper on a topic of the students choice, from one of the 6 subjects

- ***Theory of knowledge (TOK):***

course on scientific theory that looks at theories of learning and knowledge

- ***Creativity, activity, service (CAS):***

=extracurricular activities- In CAS, students show that they have completed a list of sporting, musical, artistic, and social/charitable activities for the school and local communities

IB Subject Selection

- Selection of 6 IB subjects: 3x Standard Level and 3x Higher Level (choice of 4 HL and 2 sl subjects possible)
- 150 hours per SL subject and 240 hours per HL subject (60 minutes)
- At least 1 subject per group, except for Group 6 (optional)
- Mathematics sl/hl must be chosen
- IB “cores”:

Theory of Knowledge, CAS, Extended Essay

- Calculation of “regular” teaching hours

The IB Diploma and the Matura

- Pre-scientific paper(=EE, IB Extended Essay)
- 3 written und 3 oral exams

M, D, E (written) → Exemption from E!

- 4 written und 2 oral exams

M, D, E and F, ITA or SPA (written)

The IB Diploma and the Matura

Oral Exams:

- All compulsory and elective subjects
(min. 4h)
- IB Students take IB subjects for their school-leaving exams, as long as they have completed at least 4 hours

Financial Expenses

- IB course books **€ 200,-**
- Technical equipment
(calculator, laptop)
- IB exam fees: approx **€ 700**

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Advantages of the IB Diploma Programme

- Internationally recognized qualification that facilitates access to universities abroad
- It is a useful addition to (rather than a duplication of) the Matura, due to its special approach which promotes “broad knowledge” and “overview knowledge”
- Promotion of English as a global language
- Holistic approach with extracurricular activities as part of personal development
- Opens up international perspectives and encourages open-mindedness

Public IB Schools in Austria

- LISA – Linz International School Auhof (1997)
 - K.I.S. – Klosterneuburg International School (2010)
 - LAIS – Lower Austrian International School (2011)
 - ISI – International School Innsbruck (2016)
 - GIBS – Graz International Bilingual School (2016)
 - SALIS – Salzburg International School (2020)
- = approx. 200 IB graduates per school year in Austria
(around 2/3 of them are Austrian students!)**

IB facts and figures & IB Hexagon

- IBO (since 1968)
- HQ Geneva
- 6000 World Schools
- 150 Countries
- Strong growth
- IB “continuum”:
PYP, MYP, DP
- 18 schools in Austria
- of which 6 are public



IB Learner Principles



Learning and teaching in the IB

- Creating a learning atmosphere which encourages engaged questioning (“enquirers”)
- Formulating tasks that encourage students to take intellectual risks (“intellectual risk-takers”)
- Teaching and promoting knowledge, skills, creative and critical thinking, and international mindedness (“educating the students as whole, lifelong learners”)

=Empowering learners to take responsibility for lifelong learning (“learner empowerment”)

SALIS Values Chart



SALIS Mission Statement

At SALIS, our goal is to nurture each student into a compassionate, inquisitive, knowledgeable, and open-minded individual, equipped with critical thinking skills and prepared to pursue their dreams in a diverse, global society. We strive to cultivate well-balanced students who are ready to thrive and lead meaningful, fulfilling lives.

IB Mission Statement

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

To this end the organization works with schools, governments and international organizations to develop challenging programmes of international education and rigorous assessment.

These programmes encourage students across the world to become active, compassionate and lifelong learners who understand that other people, with their differences, can also be right.

Further information available at:

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