

What is the International Baccalaureate (IB)?

The International Baccalaureate Diploma is an internationally recognised school-leaving certificate. An academically rigorous programme, the IB Diploma Programme is taught in the last two years of secondary school. The two-year IB Diploma Programme prepares students ideally for university and encourages them to:

- ask challenging questions
- develop a strong sense of their own identity and culture
- become active, compassionate and lifelong learners
- develop the ability to communicate with and understand people from other countries and cultures.

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Vision statement

We want to see our students leave our school as critical thinkers who have a sustained interest in learning and inquiry. They will be responsible and morally ambitious young adults.

We will help our students to listen and acknowledge the views of others, especially when they oppose their own, and to communicate respectfully. We want our students to embrace each other's differences, recognise that there is a wider world outside of their familiar context and to live peacefully with their fellow human beings.

To achieve our vision, our school will align the best traditions of an Austrian Gymnasium with the global perspectives of an International Baccalaureate education.



Why IB?

The IB supports pupils in

- Fostering a love of learning
- Pursuing their interests with a tailored curriculum
- Pursuing their extracurricular activities
- Reflecting on information critically and consciously in a digitalised world
- Becoming socially and civically engaged
- Developing into independent and reflective adults

How is the IB taught?

The IB is practice-orientated and promotes independent learning and working. Through a challenging and varied curriculum, students not only learn content, but also skills and approaches in the various disciplines. In Biology or Chemistry, for example, the focus is on designing and carrying out scientific experiments, while in History the emphasis is on analysing primary sources. This allows students to get a taste of the work of a biologist or historian.

Subjects available

Our pupils choose a total of six, two-year taught courses, from the following groups:

Group 1: Studies in Language and Literature

German, English or a self-taught language

Group 2: Language Acquisition

English, German, French, Spanish or German ab initio

Group 3: Individuals and Societies

Economics, History or Psychology

Group 4: Sciences

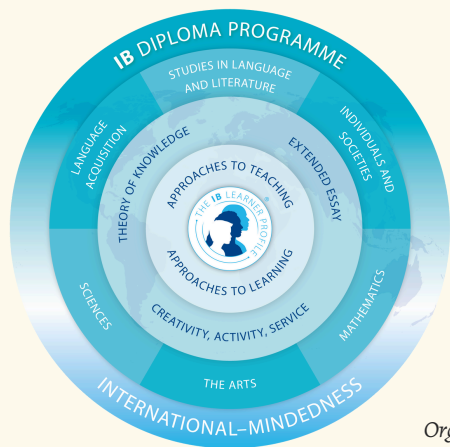
Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Physics or Sports, Exercise and Health Science

Group 5: Mathematics

Mathematics: Analysis and Approaches

Group 6: The Arts

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The core - the central elements of the IB

Theory of Knowledge (TOK)

Theory of Knowledge is a core element of the IB programme and poses the fundamental question: 'How do we know what we know?' TOK encourages students to reflect critically and it prepares them to act in a responsible and open-minded way.

Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS)

Creativity, Activity, Service emphasises extracurricular activities and complements the IB's academic education. Students are encouraged to pursue creative, sporting and social/charitable projects according to their individual interests and talents. From piano lessons and football training to volunteer work in an old people's home, CAS helps students to develop into well-rounded individuals.

The Extended Essay (EE)

The Extended Essay is the first piece of independent academic work and is an important preparation for university study. Each pupil researches a topic of their choice and writes an extended essay of 4000 words. The focus is on personal commitment in developing the research question, the independent research process and the effective presentation of the research results.

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COSTS

The IB Diploma Programme at Gymnasium Klosterneuburg enjoys substantial support from the Board of Education for Lower Austria and other sponsors.

When registering for the two-year IB Diploma Programme at our school, parents should expect the following costs:

Monthly contribution: 50€

IB exam fees: ~550€ (~90€ per subject)

Approximate book costs: 200 – 350€

Calculator: 165€

3 day school trip: 210€



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