



# THE INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE PROGRAMME



## **What is IB?**

International Baccalaureate is a two-year Diploma Program made up of an internationally recognized group of courses providing preparation for students planning on post-secondary studies. Universities and colleges throughout Canada and around the world offer a variety of university course credits or course exemptions for students who did well in IB courses in high school

## **Who should take IB?**

Anyone who is thinking of going to university or college after grade 12 might want to consider taking IB courses to get a head start on the types of classes that are offered when they go on after grade 12. OR...

Anyone who really likes a subject and wants to explore it in more depth might want to take the IB version of the course.

## **What is full IB?**

A full IB student takes only IB courses in grade 11 and 12. Students who finish the program in that way get an IB diploma which tells colleges and universities that they graduated high school with internationally recognized courses equivalent to first year university.

## **Do I have to take full IB?**

No! Semi students can take any IB course just by selecting it in their course selection.

## **Is it harder than regular grade 11?**

Not a lot harder but when you think that you are going to go from the end of grade 10 to the end of first year university in just two years you realize that IB classes have to cover more material in the same amount of time.

**Is there a lot more homework than regular grade 11?**

There may be more homework in some subject areas because everything is going faster. Students who take a full program might expect as much as three hours of additional homework each week.

**Will a still be able to play rugby if I take IB?**

If you manage your time well you should be able to continue with any sport or other activity outside of school. If you have heavy outside of school commitments you might need to rebalance what you do whether you are in IB or regular courses in grade 11 and 12.

**Will IB help me get in to university?**

It might. Most universities accept students from the IB program on a different standard. They want IB students because they know that they have already learned many of the skills needed for doing well in university

**What if I take an IB course and don't like it?**

Just don't sign up for the IB course for the following year.

**What if my parents want to know what IB is like?**

They might want to come to an information session on  
*Monday, February 6, 2006 at 7 pm*  
*Students may come too!*

**Is there a website?**

**HOW TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE PROGRAM**

Please Check our web-site at [www.semi.sd36.bc.ca/ibdept](http://www.semi.sd36.bc.ca/ibdept)

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