

International Baccalaureate vs. Advanced Placement

International Baccalaureate (IB)	Advanced Placement (AP)
<p>Courses: IB Courses are offered in wide range of subjects. Students pursuing the IB Diploma must take IB courses in six subject areas, and they must take ToK , Extended Essay and CAS. Certificate students may pick and choose IB courses. Courses are designed to be challenging.</p>	<p>Courses: AP courses are offered in a wide range of subject and students may take those that appeal to them. Courses are designed to be challenging.</p>
<p>Exams: Students taking IB exams must have 150 hours (1 year) for SL and 240 hours (2 years) for the HL exam. IB students may take both AP and IB exams.</p>	<p>Exams: Nearly all students attend one, two or three semesters of an AP class to prepare for a n exam. Students with special knowledge make test without taking an AP class. AP students may not take IB exams</p>
<p>Teachers: Teachers help students prepare for year-end exams. All IB teachers are required to be trained at 3-6 day workshops, nationally or internationally. They submit projects, taped oral exams, labs, papers etc. to external examiners who score them to provide standardization of quality and rigor</p>	<p>Teachers: Teachers help students prepare for year-end exams. All AP teachers must be endorsed by their high school principal. They may receive training ranging from one day to one week. Training sessions are available to teachers in each of the 32 subject areas. Training is not required. Teachers may choose to be trained in Canada oar the United States.</p>
<p>Assessment: IB tests, papers, labs, orals, etc. are scored on an international scale by carefully selected and trained examiners in countries all over the world</p>	<p>Assessment: AP tests are evaluated by carefully selected and trained college and university professors and experienced AP teachers. Exams are sent to test centers for marking.</p>
<p>University Admissions and Credit: High scores on IB exams may garner university credit or advanced standing. Universities around the work recognize IB coursework/diplomas and often allow university credit for successful IB exams. Some universities allow the student to skip the intro level of a course or skip a student a full year ahead.</p>	<p>University Admissions and Credit: Participation in AP courses can be very helpful in gaining college admission. High scores on AP exams may garner college credit or advanced standing. Universities recognize AP coursework and often allow university credit for successful AP exams.</p>
<p>Program Start up: IB is a full program rather than a selection of classes. A broad range of courses must be available to all students and must at all time, meet international requirements. Official IBO authorization and periodic program evaluation for standardization of quality rigor is required.</p>	<p>Program Start up: AP classes can be implemented as a school wishes, on an individual basis. Courses must be approved by Advanced Placement through the AP Course Audit Process.</p>