

## Course Selections for IB Diploma Students entering Grade 12

The IB Diploma is a **two-year programme**, beginning in Grade 11. Therefore, Grade 12 students **should just be verifying their IB Levels in accordance to their strengths, interests and their post-secondary program requirements.**

Depending on their credit count and their university goals, Grade 12 students will take 6-7 courses, in order to fulfill both the IB Diploma and the OSSD requirements. Students require 30 credits to graduate with an Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD). It is encouraged that students have 31 credits by the end of Grade 12, allowing them flexibility if needed.

As a continuation of their IB Diploma Programme, students will take their required **six IB courses** from the IB subject groupings they started in IB Year 1. Of these course selections, students will study **three courses at the Higher level (HL) and three courses at the Standard level (SL)**. Students should select their Higher Level courses based on their level of competence and interest, as well as specific requirements for university entrance. Students should consider their future goals as they plan their choices of SL and HL subjects and consult with the Director of University Counselling to ensure IB Levels will meet post-secondary admissions requirements and support their goals. Some courses, such as Math HL, begin HL content in Grade 11.

### Progression through Grades for IB DP students

Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12	Total
8 credits	8 credits	IB Groups 1-6 + TOK+ elective= 8 credits	IB Groups 1-6= 6 credits	= 30 credits
		IB Groups 1-6 + TOK = 7 credits	IB Groups 1-6 + elective= 7 credits	= 30 credits

In addition to their six IB subject courses, IB Diploma students are required to successfully complete the Core Components of the program: CAS, TOK and the Extended Essay. Successful completion of the Core components of the program (CAS, EE and TOK) is mandatory for passing the IB Diploma.

Core Requirements of the IB Diploma Program		
<b>TOK</b>	Theory of Knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>While the course component of TOK finishes at the end of the Grade 11 year, assessments are finalized at the beginning of Grade 12.</li> <li>TOK is both internally and externally assessed through a presentation and an essay.</li> </ul>
<b>CAS</b>	Creativity, Activity, Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students create a balanced program of CAS activities from those that Ashbury offers and those external activities in which they may be involved.</li> <li>Students maintain a CAS Portfolio to document their engagement with CAS. This is assessed internally by the CAS Coordinator against the CAS learning outcomes.</li> <li>Each student undertakes a CAS Project that demonstrates their capacity to show initiative, demonstrate perseverance and develop skills like collaboration, decision-making and problem-solving.</li> </ul>
<b>EXTENDED ESSAY</b>	Research-based Investigation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students choose an area of investigation and develop an individual research question.</li> <li>Working with a supervisor, they undertake research/writing over eight months, submitting the final 4,000-word essay in their Grade 12 year.</li> <li>The Extended Essay is externally assessed.</li> </ul>

Ms. Naufal Moffatt will have scheduled meetings with Grade 11 students in February and March to review course selections and post-secondary goals. University planning meetings will begin in April through to July. **Should you have any questions about your courses, please contact Ms. Donna Naufal Moffatt, Director of University Counselling, at [donna.naufalmoffatt@ashbury.ca](mailto:donna.naufalmoffatt@ashbury.ca) or 613-749-5954 ext. 218.** Ms. Sheryl Johnston([sjohnston@ashbury.ca](mailto:sjohnston@ashbury.ca)), University Counselling Admin Assistant, will be scheduling appointments for students directly through the MS Teams calendar. Please be on the lookout for these meeting requests.

If you require further understanding about IB course descriptions and assessment practices, please review the Academic Guide. Ms. Shannon Howlett, IB Diploma Programme Coordinator, will also be able to provide you further information about the IB curriculum and timeline of assessment practices. You can reach Ms. Howlett at [shannon.howlett@ashbury.ca](mailto:shannon.howlett@ashbury.ca) or 613-749-5954 ext. 219.

Simply choose Year 2 of the Grade 11 IB course in which you are currently enrolled.

Area of Study	Course	Selection (v)	Indicate SL or HL
<b>Group 1</b> Studies in Language and Literature <i>*One English is required</i>	English A- Lang/Lit SL/HL (ENG4US/ENG4UH)		
	English A- Literature SL/HL (ENG4UB)		
	French A- Lang/Lit SL/HL (FIF4UB)		
	Language A Literature - Self-Taught Mother Tongue (SL only)		
<b>Group 2</b> Language Acquisition	French B SL (FSF4UB/FEF4UB)		
	French B HL (FEF4UB)		
	French Ab Initio (SL only) (FSF2OB)		
	Spanish Ab Initio (SL only) (LWSCUB)		
	Spanish B SL/HL (LWSDUB)		
<b>Group 3</b> Individuals & Society	World History SL/HL (IDC4UB)		
	Economics SL/HL (CIA4UB)		
	Global Politics SL/HL (CLN4UB)		
	Environmental Systems & Societies (SL Only)(CGR4MB +CGR9IB)*		
<b>Group 4</b> Experimental Science	Biology SL/HL (SBI4UB/SBI4UH + SBI9IB)*		
	Chemistry SL/HL (SCH4UB/ SCH4UH + SCH9IB)		
	Physics SL/HL (SPH4UB/ SPH4UH + SPH9IB)		
	Computer Science SL/HL (ICS4UB/ICS4UH)		
	*Environmental Systems & Societies (ESS) (CGR4MB + CGR9IB)		
<b>Group 5</b> Mathematics	Math Applications and Interpretation SL (MDM4UB)		
	Math Analysis & Approaches SL (MCV4UB)		
	Math Analysis & Approaches HL (MCV4UH + MDM4UH)		
<b>Group 6</b> Arts and IB Elective Courses	Drama SL/HL (ADA4MB)		
	Music SL/HL (AMU4MB)		
	Visual Arts SL/HL (AVI4MB + AVI9IB)		
	<b>OR:</b> A third language <b>OR</b> a 2 <sup>nd</sup> choice in Group 3 or 4 Name of course: _____		
<b>Considerations for non-IB Elective Courses</b>	Writer's Craft (EWC4U)		
	World Issues (CGW4U)		
	<i>Enjeux mondiaux</i> (CGW4UF)		
	Challenge & Change in Society (HSB4U)		
	<i>Changements et défis sociaux</i> (HSB4UF)		
	Introductory Kinesiology (PSK4U)		
	Recreation & Healthy Active Living Leadership (PLF4M)		
Business Leadership (BOH4M)			
<b>TOTAL</b>			
<b>You should have 6-7 courses selected in Grade 12.</b>			

**Important Notes:**

- The Ashbury Diploma is awarded to all students who complete the IB Diploma.
- In some HL courses, additional class time (9IB) is required to cover the necessary content.
- \*ESS is a one-year course taught in Grade 12. Students planning on taking ESS in Grade 12 will have taken Grade 11 Forces of Nature (CGF3M), Grade 11 Biology (SBI3U) or a suitable equivalent as approved by the IB Coordinator or Director of University Counselling. SBI9IB/CGR9IB is the Huntsman Marine Biology Field Study Program.
- Students taking ESS or Biology HL must participate in the Huntsman trip which takes place one week prior to the start of the Grade 12 year. There is an additional cost of approximately \$980. **Please note:** Under the current restrictions, if the Huntsman trip is not possible to run this coming summer, students will be required to cover the additional material through additional class/seminar time in their schedule or outside of school hours.

**REGISTER YOUR SELECTIONS ONLINE!**