

IB information in English (brief version)

Please note: *The Albert-Schweitzer-Gymnasium Wolfsburg is a Candidate School* for the IB Diploma Programme. This school is pursuing authorization as an IB World School. These are schools that share a common philosophy—a commitment to high quality, challenging, international education that the Albert-Schweitzer-Gymnasium Wolfsburg believes is important for our students. *Only schools authorized by the IB Organization can offer any of its four academic programmes: the Primary Years Programme (PYP), the Middle Years Programme (MYP), the Diploma Programme, or the Career-related Programme (CP). Candidate status gives no guarantee that authorization will be granted. For further information about the IB and its programmes, visit www.ibo.org*

The IB Diploma

The International Baccalaureate Diploma is an educational programme offered to students aged 16-19 since 1968. The internationally recognized qualification awarded by the non-profit, Switzerland-based International Baccalaureate Organization is recognized in more than 100 countries and serves as an entry qualification for universities or colleges. There are over 5000 global IB world schools worldwide, almost 80 of which are in Germany.

For a full IB-Diploma degree, the students take six subjects over two years, three at Higher Level (HL) and three at Standard Level (SL) covering the different academic groups *literature, languages, mathematics, humanities* and *sciences*. At the end of the two-year programme, all six subjects are assessed and graded by the IBO in an external international examination. Apart from academic excellence, the IB-Diploma Programme supports the learners to become well-rounded, internationally-minded and socially committed life-long learners.

The examination fee for a full IB-Diploma currently amounts to 600,- Euro.



For more details on the IB-Diploma, see:

<https://www.ibo.org/programmes/diploma-programme/>

The IB Diploma at the ASG

Given that the IB-Certification will be granted, the IB Diploma Programme at the Albert-Schweitzer-Gymnasium Wolfsburg is planned to start with its first cohort in summer 2023.

For **German students**, the IB-courses and curricula will be embedded into the structures of the senior level classes 12 and 13 of the German qualification phase and the students acquire the IB-Diploma as additional qualification along with the German Abitur.

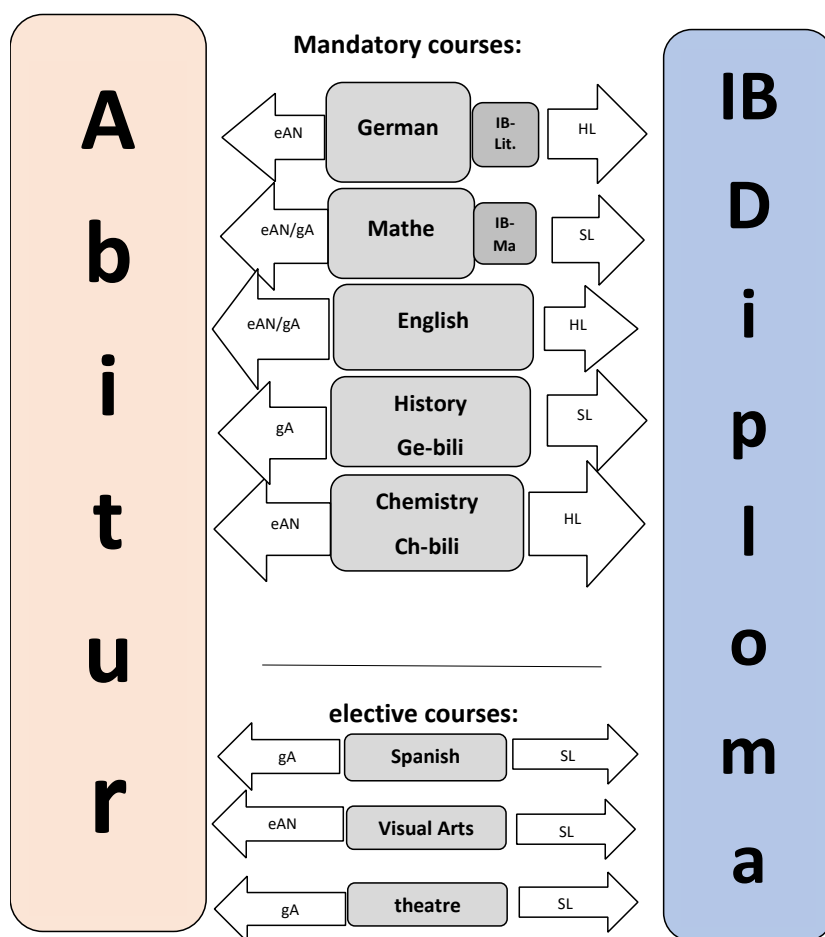
International students between 16 and 19 who are still learning German as a foreign language ("Sprachlerner") can opt for the IB-Diploma as their main qualification (see: international profile)

I. For German students: The Abitur and the IB-Diploma as double qualification

All IB courses at the ASG are combined classes that are attended by IB- and non-IB-Diploma students collaboratively. These learning groups are designed in such a way that they meet the requirements of both curricula, and thus enable the students to take both examinations at the end of their two years. They are taught by ASG-teaching personal that has undergone additional training certified by the IBO

Even if the Abitur and IB diploma curricula overlap widely and are structured to allow as much synergy as possible, the students aiming for the double examination must be aware that they will still have to deal with a significant amount of additional workload for the IB-Diploma in form of extra IB-lessons, project days or self-study time. That implies that the programme is particularly aimed at students who are achievement-oriented, well-organized and prepared to go the extra mile.

Combined courses: Abitur und IB-Diploma



The ASG offers the following subjects as mandatory IB-Diploma examination subjects on Higher Level:

- German Language&Literature,
- English B (Advanced)
- Chemistry

And the following subjects on Standard Level:

- Mathematics
- History

The sixth subject can be chosen between *Visual Arts*, *Theatre* or *Spanish B* (Advanced), depending on the selected profile in the Abitur (Languages, Science or Arts). Five of these subjects are simultaneously examination subjects in the Abitur. Chemistry and History will be fully taught in English; Math and the elective courses Visual Arts and Theatre will be taught mostly in German and only partly English.

The following three profiles and course selections are possible for a full IB-Diploma in combination with the German Abitur:

1) Language Profile – Sprachliches Profil

<i>Abitur</i>	<i>subject</i>	<i>IB-Diploma</i>	<i>Lessons per week</i>
P1 eAN	English	HL	5
P2 eAN	German + IB-Lit	HL	5+1
P3 eAN	Chemistry (bilingual)	HL	5
P4 gA	Spanish Advanced or Math	SL	3
P5 gA	History bilingual	SL	3
Kernfach/P-	Spanish Advanced or Math	SL	3
Erg.-fach	Seminarfach bilingual	TOK/EE	1,5
Erg.-fach	Philosophy (German)	TOK	1,5
Erg.-fach	Politics (German)	CAS	1,5
Erg.-fach	Arts/Music/theatre	CAS	1,5
Erg.-fach	P.E.	CAS	2

2) The Arts Profile - Künstlerisch-musisches Profil:

<i>Abitur</i>	<i>subject</i>	<i>IB-Diploma</i>	<i>Lessons per week</i>
P1 eAN	Visual Arts (German/English)	SL	5
P2 eAN	German + IB Lit	HL	5+1
P3 eAN	Chemistry bilingual	HL	5
P4 gA	English	HL	3
P5 gA	History bilingual	SL	3
Kernfach/ P-	Math	SL	3+1
Ergänzungsfach	Seminarfach bilingual	TOK/EE	1,5
Ergänzungsfach	Philosophy (German)	TOK	1,5
Ergänzungsfach	Politics (German)	CAS	1,5
Ergänzungsfach	Mu or Theatre	CAS	1,5
Ergänzungsfach	P.E	CAS	2

3) Math-Science Profile – mathematisch naturwissenschaftliches Profil

<i>Abitur</i>	<i>subject</i>	<i>IB-Diploma</i>	
P1 eAN	Chemistry bilingual	HL	5
P2 eAN	Math	SL	5+1
P3 eAN	German + IB Lit	HL	5+1
P4 gA	English	HL	3
P5 gA	History bilingual	SL	3
Ergänzungsfach	Theatre (German/English)	SL	1,5+1
Ergänzungsfach	Seminarfach bilingual	TOK/EE	1,5
Ergänzungsfach	Philosophy (German)	TOK	1,5
Ergänzungsfach	Politics (German)	CAS	1,5
Ergänzungsfach	Physics or Biology (German)	CAS	3
Ergänzungsfach	P.E.	CAS	2

II: The international Profile (IB-Diploma only) (for international students/German Language Learners)

International students who are still learning German as a foreign language must attend Year 11 at the ASG as preparation for the IB-Diploma and to learn basic German (up to level A2/B1). In Year 12&13, they attend - along with English, Math, Chemistry and History – a *German B* course (DaZ Course Level B1) on Higher Level (see table underneath).

Additionally, they have to organize a Literature Course in their selected best language as an *IB self-taught literature course*. This “school-supported self-taught” course can be supervised by a private tutor or attended as an online class. The school assists with registration and monitoring, all exams, however, are taken directly by the IBO.

The programme requires exceeding skills in self-organization und a huge motivation to learn the German language rapidly.

Fach	IB-Diploma	32
German B / DaZ	HL	5
English B (A) / Englisch	HL	5
Chemistry/ Chemie bilingual	HL	5
Math (in German) + IB math (in English)	SL	3+1
History / Geschichte bilingual	SL	3
self-taught Literature course	SL	3
Seminarfach bilingual	TOK/EE	1,5
Philosophy	TOK	1,5
Visual Arts/Music/Theatre	CAS	1,5
P.E.	CAS	2

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Mission statement

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 programs of international education and rigorous assessment. These programs encourage students across the world to become active, compassionate and lifelong learners who understand that other people, with their differences, can also be right.

<https://www.ibo.org/about-the-ib/mission/>

ASG Leitmotiv (mission statement)

