

## 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](http://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 to the German Abitur as double Diploma.

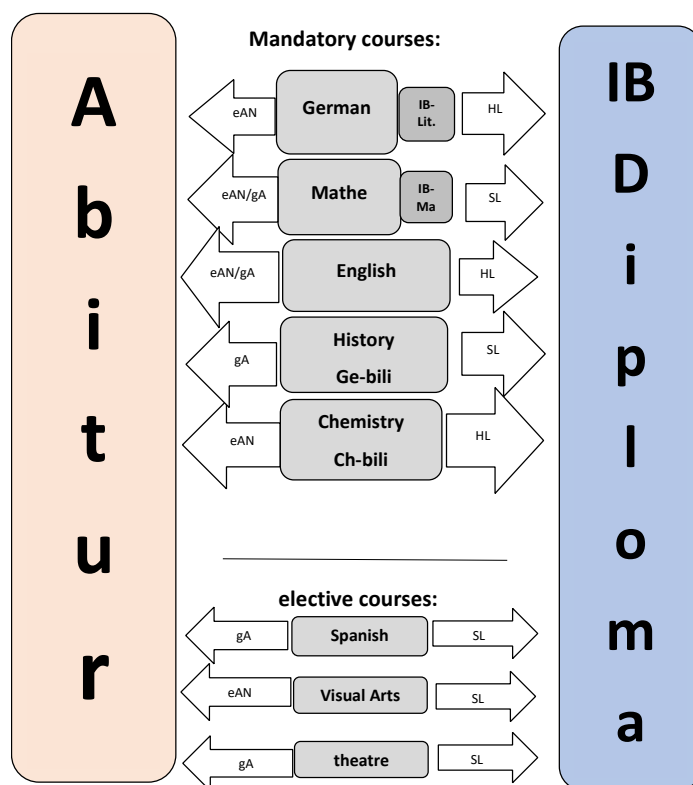
**International students** between 16 and 19 who are still learning German as a foreign language ("Sprachlerner") can opt for the IB-Diploma as their main qualification (see: international profile)

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

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><b>Abitur</b></i>	<i><b>subject</b></i>	<i><b>IB-Diploma</b></i>	<i><b>Lessons per week</b></i>
<b>P1 eAN</b>	<b>English</b>	<b>HL</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>P2 eAN</b>	<b>German + IB-Lit</b>	<b>HL</b>	<b>5+1</b>
<b>P3 eAN</b>	<b>Chemistry (bilingual)</b>	<b>HL</b>	<b>5</b>
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:

<b>Abitur</b>	<b>subject</b>	<b>IB-Diploma</b>	<b>Lessons per week</b>
<b>P1 eAN</b>	<b>Visual Arts (German/English)</b>	<b>SL</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>P2 eAN</b>	<b>German + IB Lit</b>	<b>HL</b>	<b>5+1</b>
<b>P3 eAN</b>	<b>Chemistry bilingual</b>	<b>HL</b>	<b>5</b>
P4 gA	English	<b>HL</b>	<b>3</b>
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

<b>Abitur</b>	<b>subject</b>	<b>IB-Diploma</b>	
<b>P1 eAN</b>	<b>Chemistry bilingual</b>	<b>HL</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>P2 eAN</b>	<b>Math</b>	SL	<b>5+1</b>
<b>P3 eAN</b>	<b>German + IB Lit</b>	<b>HL</b>	<b>5+1</b>
P4 gA	English	<b>HL</b>	<b>3</b>
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 can opt for the IB Diploma as their main qualification.

However, they must attend Year 11 at the ASG in preparation for the IB-Diploma and learn basic German (up to level A2/B1).

In the IB Diploma programme in Year 12 and 13, they attend - along with English, Math, Chemistry and History – a *German B* course on Higher Level (see table underneath).

There are two possible combinations for international students; they differ in terms of the student's individual language level in English.

The **international profile with English A** is suitable for students who already speak good or very good English (level B2 or better). You take a combined language and literature course in English (English A - language and literature) and as the sixth examination subject you can choose between a basic theater course or a literature course in your own mother tongue, which, however, must be carried out in self-study.

### International profile: English A

<i>subject</i>	<i>IB-Diploma level</i>	<i>W e e k l y lessons</i>
<b>German B (level B1)</b>	<b>HL</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>English A / (level min. B1/C1)</b>	<b>HL</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Chemistry</b>	<b>HL</b>	<b>5</b>
Math	SL	3+1
History	SL	3
<b>Theatre <u>or</u> self-study Literature</b>	SL	3
Seminar subject (TOK)	TOK/EE	1,5
Visual Arts/Music/(Theatre)	(CAS)	1,5
P.E.	(CAS)	2

The **international profile with English B** is suitable for students who are still learning English as a foreign language and are at language level B1/B1+. The sixth examination subject must be a literature course (standard level) in the mother tongue (language A). The preparation of this school-supported self-study literature course is administratively supervised by a teacher from the school, but is otherwise in the hands of the examinee himself. The content can, for example, be taught in an online course or with the help of a private tutor. There is a manual (*self study guide*) published by the IBO for this purpose. The school is to be kept regularly and appropriately informed of the progress of this course. Any costs incurred must be borne by the legal guardians. All examinations in this subject are conducted externally by an IBO teacher, usually online.

## The international profile: English B

<i>subject</i>	<i>IB-Diploma level</i>	<i>W e e k l y lessons</i>
<b>German B (level B1)</b>	<b>HL</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>English A (level B2/C1)</b>	<b>HL</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Chemistry</b>	<b>HL</b>	<b>5</b>
Math	SL	3+1
History	SL	3
<b>Self-study Literature</b>	SL	3
Seminar subject (TOK)	TOK/EE	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)

