

The IB Diploma

The International Baccalaureate Diploma is a two-year educational programme offered to students aged 16+ around the globe. The internationally recognized qualification of secondary education is highly respected by leading universities and colleges in more than 100 countries – Germany included - and serves as an excellent gateway into international multi-lingual career opportunities.

For a full IB-Diploma degree, the students take six academic 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 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 (see IB learner profile). Thus, the Core of the programme lies in the interdisciplinary course *Theory of Knowledge, an individual Extended Essay* and a high demand of extracurricular engagement in *Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS)*.

For more details on the IB-Diploma, see: <https://www.ibo.org/>

The IB Diploma at the ASG for international students



The Albert-Schweitzer-Gymnasium Wolfsburg has only recently been accredited as an IB world school and started with its first cohort in summer 2023.

International students who have only been in the German education system for a short while and who are still learning German as a foreign language can opt for the IB-Diploma as their main qualification. However, basic knowledge of German (A2/B1) and proficient knowledge English (B2) are necessary entry requirements.

The students must have finished ten years of full-time education and show strong performance in the key academic subjects. Before enrolling into the school's IB-Diploma Programme in year 12, attendance of year 11 as transition and preparation is considered mandatory (pre IB year). Beginners of German have the chance to catch up to the required language level during this year and familiarize themselves with the school environment.

The IB-Diploma courses are embedded into the structures of the German *Qualifikationsphase* (year 12&13) and therefore mostly attended by German and international students collaboratively. All IB classes – except for the language courses – are taught bilingually and examined in English.

Subject	Level
English A lang. & literature <i>or English B</i>	Higher Level (5h/week)
German B (language <i>acquisition)</i>	Higher Level (5h/week)
Math	Standard Level (4h/week)
Chemistry	SL (HL)
History	HL (SL)
<i>Theatre OR</i> <i>Visual Arts OR</i> <i>Spanish OR</i> <i>Self-study literature in another language</i>	SL
<i>Theory of knowledge</i>	Core (2h/week)
<i>CAS (creativity/activity/service)</i>	Core (2h/week)

As the IB-Diploma Programme is academically demanding and based on rigorous assessment, students are to bring a high level of commitment, reliability, discipline, and the ability to work autonomously.

During the two years of the programme, the students submit extended course works, term papers and essays in each subject. The final assessments at the end of year 13 are drafted and graded externally by the IBO.

The examination fee for a full Diploma momentarily amounts to 550,- Euro which needs to be paid half with entrance into the programme and half with exam registration in year 13.

The 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/>

The IB Learner Profile



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