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ACADEMIC INFORMATION

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The IB Diploma Programme was founded in 1968 by the International Baccalaureate Organisation (IBO), a non-profit, international educational organisation based in Geneva, Switzerland. The vision of the IBO is to develop through its Diploma Programme, inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who will help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect.

The IB Diploma Programme is a comprehensive and challenging pre-university course that demands the best in motivation and rigor from both students and teachers. This sophisticated two-year curriculum covers a wide range of academic subjects and has stood the test of time for over half a million students in 119 countries since 1968.

The IB Diploma Programme graduates are welcomed by the world's leading universities. Colleges recognize the outstanding qualities of the Diploma Programme students such as :

- The ability to debate over real-world issues from an international perspective
- To provide leadership and support to the local and global community
- A capacity for in-depth study while maintaining a broad perspective of different subject areas
- A positive attitude to learning
- The propensity to ask challenging questions and to develop research skills
- The development of a strong sense of their own identity and culture while also being able to communicate with and understand people from other countries and cultures

IB at GSIS

The following IB groups / subjects are offered at two different levels – Higher and Standard. Six Subjects are to be chosen from the following five Groups – two need to be selected from either Group 3 or Group 4. Mathematics from Group 5 is compulsory.

- Group 1 : Language A - English
 - Group 2 : Language B - French or Hindi as Second Language ; French Ab Initio
 - Group 3 : Individuals and Societies - Psychology, Business and Management, Information Technology in a Global Society (ITGS), Economics
 - Group 4 : Sciences – Physics, Chemistry, Biology
 - Group 5 : Mathematics. Computer Science as Elective
- Environmental Systems and Societies is offered as a Trans Disciplinary Course.

The choice of subjects / combinations / levels is to be decided in consultation with the Admissions and IB Coordinators. It is recommended that students wishing to pursue higher studies in Commerce or Science may choose Group 3 or Group 4 subjects respectively.

The compulsory Core Components of the IB constitute :

Theory of Knowledge (TOK) – this is required as an interdisciplinary course intended to stimulate critical reflection upon the knowledge and experience gained inside and outside the classroom.

Creativity Action Service (CAS) – engagement of a stipulated number of hours in these areas is a fundamental requirement of all IB students.

Extended Essay (EE) – this is an original research paper of 4000 words that is required of all IB students. The project offers students the opportunity to investigate a topic of special interest to them and takes them through a process of independent research and writing.

Assessment in the IB :

Students are assessed on a scale of 1-7 (points) with a further three-points available for Theory of Knowledge and Extended Essay components.

Students who display good levels of performance across all six subjects and achieve a minimum of 24 points (out of the possible 45) are awarded the Diploma. All others receive a certificate for each of the subjects successfully completed.

Recognition in India for the IB :

The Association of Indian Universities (AIU) rates the IB on par with a pre-university course like Class 12 CBSE or ISC. The IBO has decided that those completing their Class XII from IB schools will be issued mark sheets in addition to their grades so as to make the students' admission process in any University in India feasible. The IBO will issue mark sheets for students on request.

There is an increasing awareness and recognition for the IB in India in view of its many merits and internationally accepted credentials.

For more information on the academic programme and any further details contact

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