



Nogales High School

IB Diploma Easy Guide

College Credit, Scholarship Opportunities and More



What is the International Baccalaureate? The IB Diploma is a 2-year course of study. All IB students study 6 subjects from different academic areas of which 3 are studied at a higher level (HL) and 3 at standard level (SL). IB subjects are graded on a 1-7 scale with 7 being the highest score. To qualify for the award of the IB Diploma a student must receive a combined score of 24 points across 6 subjects with at least 12 points from higher-level subjects and a minimum of 9 points from the standard level subjects. Students may not earn more than two grades of 2 in any HL and SL exams, and students may not earn more than three grades of 3 in any HL and SL exams. In addition to the 6 subjects, IB Diploma students are required to complete three Core elements – Theory of Knowledge, the Extended Essay, and CAS (Creativity, Activity, Service).

Who is the IB Program for? The IB program is open to any junior/senior student, it is an academically challenging and balanced program of education. It addresses the intellectual, social, emotional and physical well-being of students, and is respected by universities across the globe.

Why is the IB different? The IB program aims to do more than other curricula by developing inquiring, knowledgeable and caring people who are motivated to succeed. With the implementation of the **IB learner profile** students' human capacities and responsibilities are developed. The profile aims to develop learners who are: Inquirers, Knowledgeable, Thinkers, Communicators, Principled, Open-minded, Caring, Risk-takers and Balanced Reflective.

What is the CORE and how is it assessed? The Core comprises Theory of Knowledge, the Extended Essay and CAS (Creativity, Activity, Service).

Theory of Knowledge is a 100 hour course taught the second semester of Junior year and the first semester of Senior year, about critical thinking and inquiry into the nature of knowledge. It is assessed through an oral presentation and a 1600-word essay.

The Extended Essay is a 4000-word independent research essay into a topic that the student is interested in. The student is guided by a supervisor.

CAS is a journey of self-discovery in which students participate in a range of activities to meet eight learning outcomes.

Which IB courses does Nogales High School offer? Nogales High School offers the following courses: Biology/SL, Business & Management/SL, Chemistry/SL, English A: Literature/HL, History - 20th Century & Americas/HL, Math Applications and Interpretations/SL, Psychology/SL, Spanish A: Literature/HL, Spanish B/HL.

How is the score calculated? The maximum points that can be awarded to an IB Diploma student is the full score of 45 with 42 points generated across the 6 subjects and 3 bonus points derived from Theory of Knowledge and the Extended Essay. To be eligible for the award of the Diploma, students cannot earn a 1 on any of the exams and no more than two 2's on any HL or SL exams. Students must receive at least a D in Theory of Knowledge and the Extended Essay as explained in the table below:

Theory of Knowledge						
Extended Essay		Excellent A	Good B	Satisfactory C	Mediocre D	Elementary E
	Excellent A	3	3	2	2	Failing condition
	Good B	3	2	2	1	Failing condition
	Satisfactory C	2	2	1	0	Failing condition
	Mediocre D	2	1	0	0	Failing condition
	Elementary E	Failing condition	Failing condition	Failing condition	Failing condition	Failing condition

Sample Student IB Score		
Subject	Level	Grade
English A Literature	HL	5
Spanish B	HL	6
History	HL	5
Biology	SL	4
Math	SL	5
Business	SL	6
Theory of Knowledge	C	1
Extended Essay	C	
TOTAL POINTS	32	


After a very rigorous journey, completing the IB diploma taught me the importance of hard work, time management, and persistence. I know I will use the skills and methodologies I acquired in the IB Program to succeed in college. Although it was difficult at times, the overall learning experience made everything worth it.


-Issac Valenzuela


IB Bilingual Diploma Recipient



2023–2024 International Baccalaureate Table

 **The University of Arizona** accepts certain standard-level (SL) and higher-level (HL) International Baccalaureate exams for credit. IB credit is considered **credit by examination**. Credit is determined from the IB credit table that applies to the date when you took the exam. Credits you earn based on your exam performance may be counted toward your major or minor fields of study or General Education requirements.

 Students who present an International Baccalaureate diploma or certificate may qualify for university credit, depending on the level of the examination and the grade received. **Arizona State University** grants credit for higher-level courses and some standard-level courses. A high-level grade of five qualifies the student to receive credit for up to two introductory courses while a grade of four qualifies a student to receive credit for one introductory course.

 Students who present an International Baccalaureate Diploma and Certificate may qualify for transfer credit, depending on the level of the exam and the grade received. **Northern Arizona University** grants credit according to the table below based on when the exam is taken.

*This information is for students who will be testing in the 2023-2024 academic year.

Arizona Universities					
Exam Name	Score	General Education and Foundations	See Note Below	Course Credit	Credit Hours
Biology, SL exam	4 or above	None		ECOL departmental elective credit	3 units
Biology, SL exam	4	Department		BIO DEC	3 units
	5 or above			BIO 100	4 units

Exam Name	Score	General Education and Foundations	See Note Below	Course Credit	Credit Hours
Biology, SL exam	4			BIO Dept. Elective	3 units
	5 or above			BIO 100 & BIO 100L	4 units
Business & Management, SL exam	4 or above	None		Elective credit	3 units
Business & Management, SL exam	4 or above	None		Elective	3 units
Business & Management, SL exam	5 or above	None		Elective	3 units
Chemistry, SL exam		None		None	0 units
Chemistry, SL exam		None		None	0 units
Chemistry, SL exam	5 or above	101		CU	4 units
English A: Literature, HL exam	5 or above	None		ENGL 101	3 units
English A: Literature, HL exam	5 or above	None		ENG 101 or Elective	3 units
English A: Literature, HL exam	5 or above	None		ENG Dept. Elective	3 units

Exam Name	Score	General Education and Foundations	See Note Below	Course Credit	Credit Hours
History - Americas, HL exam	5 or above	T1 Traditions & Cultures HIST 160	OR*	HIST departmental elective credit	6 units
	4	T1 Traditions & Cultures HIST 160	OR*	HIST departmental elective credit	3 units
History - Americas, HL exam	5 or above			HST 109 and 110	6 units
	4			HST 109	3 units
History - Americas, HL exam	5 or above			HST 291 and 292	6 units
	4			HST 291	3 units
Mathematics, SL exam	5 or above	None		MATH107	3 units
Mathematics, SL exam	5 or above	Department Elective		MAT DEC	3 units
Mathematics, SL exam	5 or above			MAT 114	3 units
Psychology, SL exam	4 or above	None		PSY departmental elective credit	3 units

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Psychology, SL exam	4 or above	Department Elective		PSY DEC	3 units
Psychology, SL exam	4 or above			PSY Department Elective	3 units
Spanish B, HL exam	7	Satisfies foreign language		SPAN101, 102, 201 & 202	16 units
	6	Satisfies foreign language		SPAN 101, 102 & 201	12 units
	5	Satisfies foreign language		SPAN 101 & 102	8 units
	4	None		SPAN 101	4 units
Spanish B, HL exam	7			SPA101, 102, 201 & 202	16 units
	6			SPA 101, 102 & 201	12 units
	5			SPA 101 & 102	8 units
	4			SPA 101	4 units
Spanish B, HL exam	7			SPA101, 102, 201 & 202	16 units
	6			SPA 101, 102 & 201	12 units

	5			SPA 101 & 102	8 units
	4			SPA 101	4 units

***Required for the IB Bilingual Diploma**

IB has not only prepared me for college through its rigorous coursework, but it has taught me the valuable life skill of time management.

-Humberto Camacho

IB Bilingual Diploma Recipient

In the Two Years I have been in the IB program I can confidently say that while it was a difficult task it was one in which I was able to learn so much from my program, my teachers and my fellow classmates. The memories, knowledge, and bonds I have formed in these last two years are one that will follow me for the rest of my life.

-Alfonso Gomez De Leon

IB Bilingual Diploma Recipient

Sample Student IB Score and College Credit					
Subject	Level	Grade	UofA Credits	ASU	NAU
English A Literature	HL	4	3	3	3
Spanish B	HL	4	4	4	4
History	HL	4	3	3	3
Biology	SL	4	3	3	3
Math	SL	5	3	3	3
Business Management	SL	4	3	3	0
Theory of Knowledge	C	0			
Extended Essay	D				
TOTAL POINTS	25				
Total College Credit			19	19	16

University of Arizona

IB Tuition Award

Award Amount

Up to \$5,000

Selection

The IB Tuition Scholarship is offered to both Arizona and non-Arizona resident high school graduates who attend college for the first time immediately after high school graduation with an IB Diploma and earn a minimum of 24 IB credits.

1. Award offers are based on rigorous high school IB curriculum and completion of an IB Diploma.
2. Offers are non-negotiable and are not increased to match offers from other institutions.
3. Awards are not offered to students admitted for spring.
4. Awards are for undergraduate studies only.

Availability

Four consecutive years (eight semesters total) for fall and spring semesters only, based on academic year renewal requirements. This award is not available for use in **University of Arizona Online** programs.

Application

A completed UA Admission Application for Fall 2023 serves as the application for this award.

Deadline

Completed admission application by May 1, 2023

Eligibility

1. Be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident.
2. Students must be pursuing a first Bachelor's Degree for Undergraduate studies.
3. Enroll in courses at the University of Arizona as a **first-time, full-time, degree-seeking freshman** (i.e. students who did not attend any higher education institution including Community Colleges, Universities, or International post-secondary education schools after high school graduation).
4. The award must be used beginning Fall 2020 semester

For additional information visit

<https://financialaid.arizona.edu/types-of-aid/scholarships/2023-2024-terms-and-conditions>

Northern Arizona University

President's International Baccalaureate (IB) Scholarship

Award Amount

\$5,000 per academic year

Selection

- Arizona residents and non-residents (including WUE students).
- Selection: The IB diploma is awarded to students who earn at least 24 points, subject to certain minimum levels of performance across the whole program and to satisfactory participation in the creativity, action, and service requirements. The maximum a Diploma Program student can earn is 45 points. Multiple awards: This award can be combined with other tuition scholarships as long as it does not exceed the cost of tuition.
- Maintain a 2.75 cumulative GPA.
 - For additional information and scholarship opportunities at NAU visit <https://nau.edu/office-of-scholarships-and-financial-aid/freshman-merit-based-tuition-scholarships/>

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Biology	SL	4	3	3	3
Math	SL	5	3	3	3
Business	SL	6	3	3	3
Theory of Knowledge	C	1			
Extended Essay	C				
TOTAL POINTS	32				
Total College Credit			30	30	30

*This sample freshmen student will be entering college with enough credits to be considered a Sophomore

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