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Diploma Programme

Grade 11 Parents
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Contents: What does the Diploma Programme curriculum contain?

The curriculum contains six subject groups and a core of three parts.



Students study concurrently:

- three subjects at higher level (240 hours each).
- three subjects at standard level (150 hours each).
- all three parts of the core.

The IB Learner Profile and the core are central to the philosophy of the Diploma Programme.

The Extended Essay

Core and Mandatory Component of the IBDP

Where should students be at NOW:

- Decided on **subject area**
- Explored **subject specific areas** for study: e.g., topic, concepts, theories, issue, framework
- Identified specifics: e.g.,
 - a **business + specific theory or principle**
 - literature text + theory or aspect,
 - a **phenomenon of language;**
 - **historical event, person, concept;**
 - application of **DT concept;**
 - **comparison of aspect of two artists' work**
 - **psychological issue – evaluation of research;**
 - **scientific method to solve a science issue;**
 - **CS problem or CS solution to a real-life problem;**
 - application of economic theory to real life issue;
 - contemporary global political issue

A successful RQ will be

Focused
Analytical
RQ
Arguable
Researchable

- Defines the investigation
- Sets boundaries
- Provides direction



Expectations, Checkpoints, Communication, Deadlines

Support

- Workshops
- Presentations
- Shared Google Drive with essential documents
- Detailed Calendar November 2022 – October 2023
- Database of past IAA EEs
- PERSONAL SUPERVISOR

Supervisor assigned on successful completion of pitch (early march)

Timely Checkpoints

- Proposal (23/1)
- Pitch (Feb - various)
- Research (various)
- Reflections (6/4)
- Outline (23/5)
- Draft (3/9)
- Final Submission (30/10)

All check-in dates are on the calendar already.

Expectations

- Responsive and open Communication
- Adherence to Deadlines
- Academic integrity
- 6-8 hours per month to work on EE

IBO suggests that the EE is a **40-hour** project.

Map 6-8 hours per month on their study calendar

Theory of Knowledge – G11 Update

Exhibition (33% final grade)

- Choose 3 real world objects
- Relate to one of 35 Prompts
- Two practice tasks

Draft Due: Late April

Final Submission: Sunday 21st May

Resources and Advice

- Regularly Update TOK Journal
- Read high scoring examples
- Resources on Google Classroom

Knowledge and the Knower

Can new knowledge change established values or beliefs?



Figure 1: Track and Field Hurdle (Image by author.)



Figure 2: Fur Elise Sheet Music (Paterson)

Theory of Knowledge – G11 Update

TOK Essay (67% final grade)

- Choose one of 6 Essay Titles – released September 2023
- Based on Area of Knowledge (Mathematics, History, The Arts, Human Sciences, Natural Sciences)
- 1,600 words, externally Assessed

Grade 11 Practice

800 word mini-essay: Sunday 19th March, 2023

Resources and Advice

- Regularly Update TOK Journal – *History AOK*
- Read high scoring examples

Resources on Google Classroom

IB Diploma Points Matrix

The diploma points matrix

May 2015 onwards

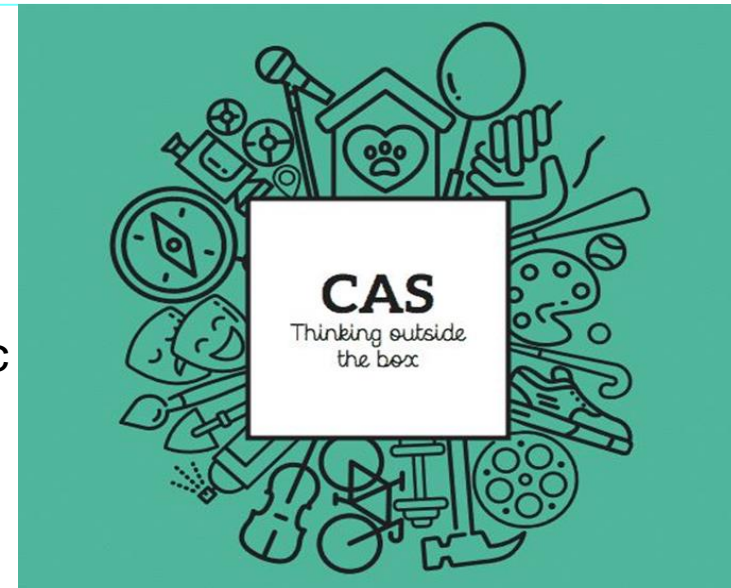
		Theory of knowledge					
		Grade A	Grade B	Grade C	Grade D	Grade E	No grade N
Extended essay	Grade A	3	3	2	2	Failing condition	Failing condition
	Grade B	3	2	2	1	Failing condition	Failing condition
	Grade C	2	2	1	0	Failing condition	Failing condition
	Grade D	2	1	0	0	Failing condition	Failing condition
	Grade E	Failing condition	Failing condition	Failing condition	Failing condition	Failing condition	Failing condition
	No grade N	Failing condition	Failing condition	Failing condition	Failing condition	Failing condition	Failing condition

Contents: What does the Diploma Programme curriculum contain?

There are three core requirements:

Creativity, activity and service (CAS):

- Part of the DP Core and an IAA requirement
- Encourages students to be involved in artistic pursuits, sports and community service
- Education outside the classroom
- Provides stress relief and balance
- Resourceful for University applications and CVs
- Progress recorded on ManageBac



CAS Examples of Experiences and Projects

- Cooking courses ([creativity](#) and [service](#))
 - Group and team sports i.e. football, basketball, swimming ([activity](#))
 - Tutoring for younger students and/or teachers ([service](#))
 - Helping elders with groceries and donations to old age homes ([service](#))
 - Learn a new skill and take an online class through [Coursera](#), [Udemy](#), [Khan Academy](#) or many of the other online learning platforms ([creativity](#), maybe [activity](#) if it's a sports class)
 - Do sports challenges with friends and neighbors i.e. who can hold a plank the longest? Football tournaments etc. ([activity](#))
 - Host a session with your friends for some mindful yoga or Pilates. Maybe even open up the class to their family and other friends ([activity](#))
 - Start taking care of your diet - analyse your diet and create an informed nutritional plan with recipe ideas and juice recipes. You could use the website [HappyForks](#) or the [myfood24 app](#) ([creativity](#), [activity](#))
 - Get involved with school activities i.e. fashion show, IMUN etc. ([creativity](#))
 - Support communities in and around Amman with clothes drives, animal welfare and food packages through local charities and institutions ([service](#))

UPCOMING CAS EXPECTATIONS

- Six completed entries on their ManageBac portfolios – deadline was this morning
- A discussion of their CAS project
- Considerations for upcoming experiences
- First formal interview with myself

IB Diploma vs. IB Certificate

What is the difference between an IB Diploma and an IB certificate when it comes to university applications?

UK	IB certificate students are typically required to apply for a foundation year. Some universities however will accept first-year students if they are taking three HL subjects.
USA	Pursuing an IB certificate has no impact on applications.
EUROPE	Most universities do not accept IB certificates.
CANADA	Most universities do not accept IB certificates. There may be a few universities that do, but they aren't usually highly ranked.
JORDAN	Pursuing an IB certificate has no impact on applications.

Importance of Academic Honesty

For the most **sustainable** and **long lasting** benefit, we expect all of our students' work to be authentic. The core elements exist in the program to develop individuals that are distinguished and well rounded.

- Staff will be asked to double check the authenticity of submitted work and follow up on any suspicions of 'outsourcing'



How can students excel in the CORE?

- Allocating time to work on the CORE
- Abiding by deadlines
- Checking in with supervisors/teachers regularly
- Communicating and asking whenever there is anything that is unclear
- Be organized!

