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THE INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE®

Outline, Class Offerings, and Assessment Method

Course Structure:

- The IBDP is a two-year academic program.
- Students take six subjects, from each of the following groups:
 - At least one subject must be chosen from Groups 1, 3, 4, and 5.
 - Students may choose a subject from Group 2 or an additional subject from Group 1.
 - Students may choose their sixth subject from Group 6 or another subject from Groups 1-4.

Subject Levels

- Three subjects must be taken each at Higher Level (HL) and Standard Level (SL).
- Students should plan for approximately 15-20 hours of independent study per week.

Core Requirements:

- In addition to the six subjects, all students complete the IB Core, which includes:
 - Theory of Knowledge (TOK): A course exploring how knowledge is constructed across disciplines.
 - Extended Essay (EE): A 4,000-word independent research paper
 - Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS): A student-led experiential learning programme.

Assessment Overview

- All IB subjects are assessed both externally and internally.
- Final external examinations take place over three weeks in May of the second year.
- Assessment breakdown:
 - HL subjects: 80% external assessment, 20% internal assessment
 - SL subjects: 70% external assessment, 30% internal assessment
- Exceptions:
 - Language B and Language Ab-Initio: 75% external assessment, 25% internal assessment.
 - Mathematics AI (SL): 80% external, 20% internal assessment.
 - Visual Arts: 60% external (although Visual Arts has no written exam), 40% internal.

Classes Available

Group 1: Studies in Language and Literature

- Spanish A: Lengua y Literatura (HL/SL)
- English A: Language & Literature (HL)

Group 2: Language Acquisition

- Spanish B SL/HL
- Spanish ab initio (SL)
- French ab initio (SL)

Group 3: Individuals and Societies

- Business Management (HL)
- required by Spanish universities for some degrees
- Environmental Systems and Societies (SL)

*the course is interdisciplinary and meets the requirements for both subject areas 3 and 4

- Global Politics (SL)
- Psychology (HL/SL)
- History

*Offered as Historia (in Spanish, like Spanish A)

Group 4: Sciences

- Environmental Systems and Societies (SL)
- Biology (HL/SL)
- Physics (HL)

Group 5: Mathematics

- Applications and Interpretations (SL)
- required by Spanish universities for some degrees
- Analysis and Approaches (HL)

Group 6: Arts

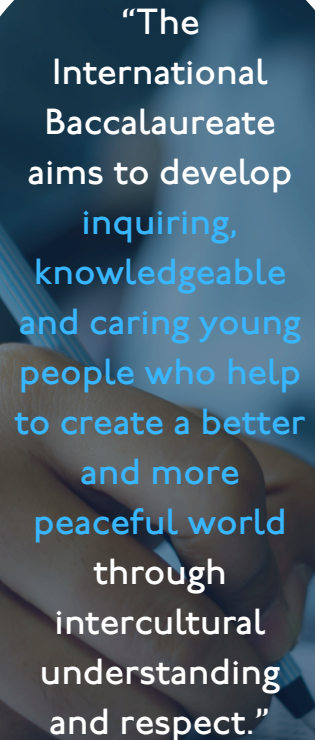
- Visual Art (SL/HL)
- Film (SL/HL)

Bilingual IB Diploma

Students who successfully complete two Group 1 subjects in different languages, with the award of a grade 3 or higher in both languages (e.g., English A and Spanish A) are eligible for the Bilingual IB Diploma, a prestigious distinction recognized by universities worldwide.

University Access

Students have direct access to UK and European universities, as well as Spanish public and private universities, without the need for homologation.



“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.”

IB Mission Statement

IB Diploma Programme

Programme Structure:

- Six courses over two years, plus the IB Diploma Programme (DP) Core.
- Three Higher Level (HL) and three Standard Level (SL) courses. Four HLs with school approval.
- Courses span two years with the same teacher.

Mandatory Subjects:

- Mathematics, Literature, Science, and Language Acquisition (or another Literature course instead), & Individuals and Societies.

Assessment:

- Final grades are based on 2-3 external exams (up to 80% of the grade).
- Remaining 20-30% comes from teacher-assessed projects, essays, or oral exams.

Grading:

- Scored 1 to 7 per course, with a maximum total of 45 (42 from courses + 3 from DP Core).
- A minimum of 24 points is required to earn the Diploma. A minimum of 12 HL points + 9 SL points, and no more than two grade 2s awarded.

University Applications:

- Suitable for elite, international, and American universities (a score of 35+ is recommended).
- Applications use predicted grades based on Year I (Grade II) performance. IB Diploma students don't need homologation for Spanish universities, only the UNEDasiss accreditation.

American High School Diploma

Programme Structure:

- 12 to 14 courses over two years, depending on academic standing in Grades 9 and 10.
- Courses are one year long.

Graduation Requirements:

- English, Math, History/Social Science, Language every year.
- Three years of Science, one of Art across Grades 9-12.

Assessment and Grading:

- Assessment is entirely internal and varies based on course descriptions.
- Graded on a D-A scale, with a maximum GPA of 4.0.

University Preparation:

- Suitable for applications to American, international, and European universities.
- In combination with AP exams, this pathway is suitable for elite US and UK universities.
- Preparation for PCE exams makes it suitable for Spanish university applications.

University Applications:

- Applications are based on the most up-to-date GPA calculations.

Do you have any questions? Speak to us!

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Brewster Madrid La Moraleja 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 Brewster Madrid La Moraleja 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 (DP), 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

