**Students Entering Grade 11 IB**

The first thing you need to do is to select which IB stream you would like to take

* General Arts
* Business/Commerce
* Life/Health Sciences
* Engineering/Computer Science

Once you have selected your stream, you need to register using the course codes indicated at the end of this package, on My Blueprint. For Diploma students you will have 8 course codes total for Grade 11 IB.

***A note about My Blueprint:***

All IB course codes can be found under the folder labelled “IB”.

Higher Level Courses end in a 5

Standard Level Courses end in a 4

Students selecting the IB Bundles Option will need to find their ***Ontario University course codes*** by subjects. You will find the ***IB course codes*** can be found under the folder labelled “IB”.

**3 Sciences:**

It is not possible within the IB Diploma Programme to complete three IB sciences. It is impossible in terms of scheduling – there are no free periods to schedule a third science.

For those student who would like to complete three sciences, past practise is that students take the third science at summer school; summer going into Grade 11 they take the Grade 11 course and then the following summer they take the Grade 12 course OR some students will have taken it as their elective in Grade 10.

**IB Bundles:**

We offer students leaving the Grade 10 JP programme the option of completing some IB subjects. We have grouped these into “IB Bundles”. Students will select **up to 3 IB courses** to complement their Ontario courses.

We offer the following IB Bundles:

**Language/Humanities Bundle:** HL English, SL French B, HL Business Management, HL History, TOK (UP TO THREE COURSES)

**Arts Bundle**: HL English, SL Music, HL/SL Visual Arts, TOK (UP TO THREE COURSES)

* Note that students cannot take both Music and Visual Arts within the IB programme

**Science/Math Bundle:** HL/SL Biology, SL Chemistry, HL Physics, SL Mathematics (AA) (UP TO THREE COURSES)

Bundles are a great way to stay in the IB programme if you have a deficit in a particular subject and are worried about completing that subject at the IB level.

In addition, students can target HL courses to try to earn University transfer credits. It should be noted that Ontario universities do not tend to grant transfer credits in the sciences, as they prefer to introduce skills and methodologies in first year. However, our science students will tell you that they earn the necessary skills and foundational knowledge to ensure great success in university science programmes.

It is not possible to take more than 2 IB science courses in the Math/Science bundle.

Students completing IB Bundles must ensure that:

* They have completed the careers/civics option
* Register for grade 11 religion
* Have met all other OSSD requirements

**MANAGEBAC**

We are very lucky that we have this new ***online platform*** to assist with the running of IB. Each student will be given an account once they are in Grade 11. In September we will have a lunch and learn about how to use ManageBac.

Students will use it for tracking their ***Extended Essay*** work, ***Creativity Activity and Service*** projects and their ***Theory of Knowledge***. Some subject teachers will utilize it for the submission of assignments or for posting work, deadlines etc. Students can also use it to contact Ms. Robertson or Ms. Regimbal or their Guidance Counsellor with IB questions.

Students taking IB Bundles will also have an account.

**FEES:**

Fees are currently $400.00 for the grade 11 IB programme.

The first fee of $200 is due by June 15 as a commitment to the program. These fees help us plan and put all the required materials in place for next year. This fee is non-refundable if you decide to change pathways after June 15.

The second fee of $200 is due by October 31, in your grade 11 year.

You can register for **School Cash Online** to make IB fees payments. Details will follow.

Students interested in paying in instalments must see the Principal to set it up.

IB Bundles students pay their fees October 31st of the year they write their examinations. Please see Ms. Robertson individually for information.

**Why IB?**

* Early admissions to university – as early as December the stress of getting into university will be off your shoulders
* Transfer Credits – earn up to 3 university credits from your grade 12 IB courses
* BIG scholarships – do you want to be considered as a school nominee for the big scholarships? IB students tend to get the nominations
* Being Prepared for Success in University – students tell us 1st year is easier than grade 12
* Use of the Table of Equivalents
* Additional Reporting to Universities to support your applications (February, April and July)

**The Table of Equivalent Grades**

1. 97-100 % Notes:
2. 93-96 % This table was created 20 years ago by OUAC
3. 84-92 % Table Updated January 2014
4. 72-83 %
5. 61-71 % OUAC = Ontario University Admission Centre
6. 50-60 %
7. Below 50%

\***IBSO = IB Schools of Ontario**

**Some Common Misconceptions about IB …**

1. If I stay in IB my marks will drop …
2. Universities don’t care about IB…
3. Why should I work harder in IB than in academic?
4. In IB I can’t do extra-curriculars because all you do is study

**The Truth …**

1. **If I stay in IB my marks will drop … FALSE**

* It is almost impossible to fail in IB due to the T of E; not true in the university stream
* Top ranked students from our school are IB students historically
* Scholarships (of all kinds) tend to go to IB students
* School nominees for scholarships are almost always IB students

1. **Universities don’t care about IB … FALSE**

* When applying to OUAC you check off a box for IB DP Student – you are reviewed separately
* Highly competitive universities and highly competitive programs want IB students because they have the skills to be successful **IN** university, not just to get in
* Some universities have **entrance scholarships** for IB students only
* Universities look at your English + top 5 marks = IB students will have between 11-14 grade 12 credits, their top 6 will really be **the top 6**; not the only 6 they completed

1. **Why should I work harder in IB than in academic … FALSE**

* The question should be WHY NOT?
* The goal should be I want to DO WELL IN UNIVERSITY, not just get into university
* IB will teach you skills that will help you succeed – time management, subject specific skills, research, communication, confidence, balance

1. **In IB I can’t do extra-curriculars because all you do is study … FALSE**

* IB is the **only** program in high school that gives you credit for extra- curriculars in the CAS programme

**C = Creativity**

**A = Activity**

**S = Service**

* This helps with supplementary applications and scholarships!!!

**IB Pathways and Course Codes for My Blueprint – Grade 11**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| IB | University Destination: **Engineering** | University Destination:  **Life or Health Sciences** | University Destination:  **Business or Commerce** | University Destination:  **General Arts** |
| Group 1- Language A | HL English Literature  ENG 3U5  EWC 4U5 | HL English Literature  ENG 3U5  EWC 4U5 | HL English Literature  ENG 3U5  EWC 4U5 | HL English Literature  ENG 3U5  EWC 4U5 |
| Group 2 - Language Acquisition | SL French B  HL/ab initio by request  FSF 3U4  FSF 4U4 | SL French B  HL/ab initio by request  FSF 3U4  FSF 4U4 | SL French B  HL/ab initio by request  FSF 3U4  FSF 4U4 | SL French B  HL/ab initio by request  FSF 3U4  FSF 4U4 |
| Group 3 –  Individual in Society | HL Business Management  BAF 3M5 | HL History of the Americas  CHA 3U5 | HL Business Management  BAF 3M5 | HL History of the Americas  CHA 3U5 |
| Group 4 – Sciences | HL Physics  SPH 3U5 | HL Biology  SBI 3U5 | HL Biology or SL Biology  SBI 3U5 or SBI 3U4 | HL Biology or SL Biology  SBI 3U5 or SBI 3U4 |
| Group 5 – Mathematics | SL Mathematics AA  MHF 4U4 | SL Mathematics AA  MHF 4U4 | SL Mathematics AA  MHF 4U4 | SL Mathematics AA MHF 4U4 or Mathematics AI (formerly Math Studies)  MDM 4U4 |
| Group 6 \*\*\*–  The Arts | SL Music  AMI 3M4 |  | SL Music  AMI 3M4  HL/SL Visual Arts  AVI 3M5 or AVI 3M4 | SL Music  AMI 3M4  HL/SL Visual Arts  AVI 3M5 or AVI 3M4 |
| \*\*\*Second Group 3 |  |  | HL History of the Americas  CHA 3U5 | HL Business Management  BAF 3U5 |
| \*\*\* Second Group 4 | SL Chemistry  SCH 3U4 | SL Chemistry  SCH 3U4 |  |  |
| TOK | TOK Talk Series | TOK Talk Series | TOK Talk Series | TOK Talk Series |

Use the appropriate course codes for the pathway you are currently in, HL = 5 and SL =4