



Grimsley High School International Baccalaureate Program

Grimsley is a certified International Baccalaureate World School, offering nearly three dozen sections of different IB courses in all disciplines. Our current senior class boasts 54 members en route to Diploma status, 60 juniors engaged full time, and over 100 additional students enrolled in 1 or more IB courses.

A SUMMARY OF THE IB PROGRAM AT GRIMSLEY HIGH SCHOOL

How do I earn an IB Diploma?

- Earn 24 IB Diploma Points by...
 - Participating in and completing internal/external assessments (i.e. exams) for 6 IB courses
 - Completing a Theory of Knowledge (TOK) course and assessment
 - Writing an original Extended Essay (the EE)
 - Completing a Creativity, Activity, and Service (CAS) Portfolio

What do I need to know about the 6 IB Courses?

- 3 must be Higher Level (HL) courses (No more than 4)—taken over 2 years
- 3 can be Standard Level (SL) courses (No fewer than 2)—taken over 1-2 years
- Each class comes from a different IB subject area (English, Foreign Language, Social Studies, Science, Math, and the Arts)

What is Theory of Knowledge (TOK)?

- A course to develop students' critical thinking
- Students will complete a TOK Presentation
- Students will also complete TOK Essay on one of six IB prescribed titles
- Students will work on CAS and their Extended Essay in TOK

What is the Extended Essay (EE)?

- An in-depth independent research of a specific topic chosen by the student
- Completed with consultation with a supervisor (Usually a classroom teacher)
- Maximum of 4000 words
- Roughly 40 hours of research, writing, and reflection over 2 years
- Much of this work will be accomplished in second semester of TOK

What is the Creativity, Activity, and Service (CAS) Portfolio?

- Begins junior year and completed over 2 years. Students learn outside the classroom through...
 - Creativity—encourages students to engage and think critically about the arts
 - Activity—seeks to develop a healthy lifestyle through physical activity
 - Service—providing service to the community as a vehicle for new learning
- Includes a reflective log throughout the CAS experience with evidence of learning outcomes
- Students will receive instruction and class time to document and reflect on CAS in TOK

Where can I learn more about Grimsley IB and the Application Process?

- Grimsley IB Open House—**Thursday, February 8th 5:30-7:00 PM in the GHS Media Center.**
- Tuesday Tours — **Feb. 6th, 13th, & 20th 11AM – 12 Noon & 2:30-3:30 PM**

When and how can I apply?

- IB Application Window for 2024-2025 school year **January 12th - February 23rd**
- Applications submitted online enrollment system at <https://gcsnc.schoolmint.net>

THE END GOAL: Become reflective, principled, balanced, caring, open-minded, knowledgeable, an inquirer, a communicator, a thinker, and a risk-taker. Find **YOU**.

POTENTIAL PRE-IB and IB SCHEDULE PATHWAY FOR EACH YEAR:

FRESHMEN Pre-IB Students: Honors Civics, AP US Government, Honors English I, Honors Math II or III, World Language (level 1 or higher), Honors Biology, Health and PE, and an elective.

SOPHOMORE Pre-IB Students: *Honors Economics & Personal Finance, AP European History, Honors English II, Honors Math III/AP Stats/AP Pre-Calculus, World Language (level 2 or higher), Honors Chemistry, and an elective. *EPF can be taken online the summer before or after 10th grade year.

JUNIOR IB STUDENTS: IB Theory of Knowledge, IB English SL, AP US History, Math (AP Pre-Calc, AP Stats, IB Math, or AP Calculus) World Language (level 3, 4, or IB), IB Science (IB Biology, IB Environmental, IB Chemistry, or IB Physics), Possible Elective

SENIOR IB STUDENTS: IB 20th Century World History, IB English HL, IB Science (Unless already tested in the junior year), Math (IB or AP Calculus—Must take a math course all four years) IB World Language (Unless already tested in the junior year), Honors Economics and Personal Finance.

HONORS, AP, IB Courses offered:

Some courses are not offered every year since offerings require a minimum enrollment. This list is not exhaustive and is subject to change depending on course registration numbers.

AP COURSES

AP English 11 (Lang & Comp)
AP English 12 (Lit & Comp)
AP Spanish
AP Computer Science
AP Environmental Science
AP Chemistry
AP Biology
AP African American History
AP Human Geography
AP Pre-Calculus
AP Calculus AB, BC
AP Statistics
AP US Government & Politics
AP Psychology
AP World History
AP U.S. History

IB COURSES

IB Theory of Knowledge
IB History (HL)
IB English (SL, HL)
IB Biology (SL, HL)
IB Environmental Systems (SL)
IB Chemistry (SL, HL)
IB Spanish (SL, HL)
IB Latin (SL)
IB French (SL, HL)
IB Philosophy (SL, HL)
IB Psychology (SL, HL)
IB Math Applications (SL)
IB Math Analysis (HL)
IB Music (SL)
IB Visual Arts (SL, HL)

HONORS COURSES

Honors English I, II, III, IV
Honors Marine Science
Honors Visual Arts and Art & Design
Honors Human Anatomy & Physiology
Honors Environmental Science
Honors Chemistry
Honors Biology
Honors French, Spanish, Latin 3 and 4
Honors Psychology
Honors American History 1 and 2
Honors Civics
Honors World History
Honors African American History
Honors Economics and Personal Finance
Honors Math I, II, III, and IV
Honors Jazz Band

IB vs. AP	IB Program	Advanced Placement
Potential College Credit*	YES	YES
Program Outline	Holistic	A la carte
Program Requirements	6 IB courses over 2 years from 6 different subject areas	A la carte
Additional Requirements?	YES (The Core: CAS, EE, TOK)	NO
Additional Diploma?	YES	NO
Exam Grades	7 points 4+ is passing Writing Intensive Internal and External Assessment	5 points 3+ is passing ½ MC ½ written External Assessment

*All AP and IB courses end with a final exam. Depending on a student's exam score, and the college a student attends, college course credit may be awarded based on student exam performance. Please contact the college or university of interest to find out more about AP and IB exam score credit.

Questions?

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