

What is the Diploma Programme?

“The Diploma Programme is a challenging two-year curriculum, aimed at students aged 16 to 19, which leads to a qualification that is widely recognized by the world’s leading universities. 1”

The MYP - What you are doing now:

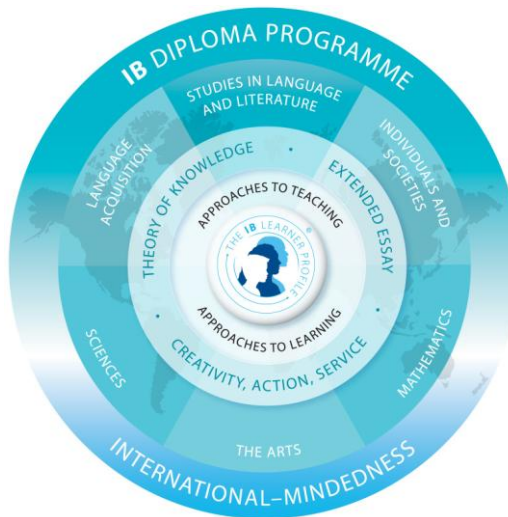
8 subjects centered around 3 core components:

- The Arts
 - Humanities
 - Language A
 - Language B
 - Mathematics
 - Physical Education
 - Sciences
 - Technology
- } - Areas of Interaction
- Community and Service
- Personal Project

The DP - The next step:

6 subject groups centered around 3 core components:

1. Studies in Language and Literature
 2. Language Acquisition
 3. Individuals and Societies
 4. Experimental Sciences
 5. Mathematics
 6. The Arts
- } - Theory of Knowledge
- Creativity Action Service
- Extended Essay



FROM THE MYP TO THE DP



DEMYSTIFYING THE IB DIPLOMA PROGRAMME

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Our Mission Statement:

AIS Kuwait inspires students to become critical thinkers and contributing world citizens through rigor and balance in a nurturing educational environment.

IB Mission Statement:

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.

To this end the organization works with schools, governments and international organizations to develop challenging programmes of international education and rigorous assessment.

These programmes encourage students across the world to become active, compassionate and lifelong learners who understand that other people, with their differences, can also be right.



The DP Advantage – Why should I take DP Courses?

- Universities give preferential treatment to DP applicants: top universities are targeting DP students for admission to their schools; they often offer early admission and university credit, or waive prerequisites
- GPA boost of 0.5 for a Standard Level Course, 1.0 for a Higher Level Course
- Standard Level Courses are delivered in **150 instructional hours** giving you one period of tutorial support per eight-day cycle for each standard level course
- Take **Three DP courses** and you will have **Supported Study in H block** for extra time to complete course work
- You could be exempted from taking the TOEFL test as an admission requirement for international students if you complete a DP English course (the Literature course is only available as a DP course)

The DP Schedule

Full Diploma students take six classes comprised of:

- 3 classes at the Standard Level
- 3 classes at the Higher Level

Five classes are taken from Groups 1-5 while the sixth class is taken from Groups 1-6. This allows students to be holistic in their approach while still permitting them to specialize in an area of interest.

In addition to their academic courses, full Diploma students will:

- complete an independent research project called the Extended Essay
- commit to the Creativity, Action and Service programme
- engage in the Theory of Knowledge classes

Standard vs. Higher

Standard	Higher
✓ All courses are delivered in 150 instructional hours.	✓ Extra classes are run (240 hours of instruction), driven solely by the content intended for those taking the Higher Level.
✓ A prescribed number of topics or themes are studied.	✓ Supplementary topics or themes are studied in addition to those studied at the Standard Level.
✓ Exams are geared toward the Standard Level. In some cases, class work carries greater weight.	✓ Exams include Higher Level topics. In some cases, exams are weighted differently.

Getting the Grade

As in the MYP, final grades for each course are a score with a maximum of 7. The total number of points accumulated, along with some minimum standards, has been set to determine whether or not a student has successfully completed the full IB Diploma Programme.

Highest possible score (45 points)

- 7 points in all 6 courses = 42 points
- 3 points total for TOK and the EE
- has met requirements for CAS

A Pass (24 points)

- a total of 12 points in Higher Level classes
- a total of 9 points in Standard Level classes
- a pass in TOK and the Extended Essay
- has met minimum requirements for CAS

On Offer at AIS

Group 1

Studies in Language and Literature

- Arabic Language & Literature SL
- English Literature SL/HL
- English Language & Literature SL/HL

Group 2

Language Acquisition

- Arabic B SL
- French B SL/HL
- French Ab initio SL

Group 3

Individuals & Societies

- Economics SL/HL
- Business and Management SL/HL
- History SL/HL

Group 4

Experimental Science

- Biology SL/HL
- Chemistry SL/HL
- Physics SL/HL

Group 5

Mathematics

- Mathematical Studies SL
- Mathematics SL/HL

Group 6

Arts

- Visual Arts SL/HL
- Theatre SL/HL