

Frequently asked questions

Recognition of the IB in India

Is the IB Diploma Programme recognized in India?

We have been fortunate to receive recognition of the IB Diploma by the Association of Indian Universities since 1983, and IB Courses in 2016 (students with 24 points with 3 subjects at HL and 3 subjects at SL) which is applicable to all universities in India. The number of students completing the IB and applying to higher education institutes in India has grown substantially in the past few years. We maintain a current list of universities with written statements recognizing the IB Diploma Programme, which can be downloaded from the [“Guidance on university recognition in India \(2020\)”](#) guide. The written statements are an evidence of the awareness and support by these universities. It can be useful to take print outs of recognition policies to admission officers as they may be unaware or new to the IB Diploma Programme. Prior to commencing the DP, students and parents must be familiar with the required subject combinations and levels required for the course of study. Please check the university/college website, make direct contact with the university/college and talk to the DP coordinator and college counsellor at the school for college specific details.

What are the prospects of IB Diploma students getting admission into Indian universities?

A number of universities in India give provisional admission on the basis of predicted grades as the admissions in most Indian universities are completed by end of June and the Diploma Programme results are declared on July 6. The percentage of transcript requests to Indian universities from IB schools in India has increased substantially by 48% in 2020 for the last 5 years since 2016. In May 2020, we processed more than 4600 transcript requests to colleges and universities in India. The most popular higher education destinations in India were University of Mumbai, University of Delhi, Ashoka University, Narsee Monjee Institute of Management Studies, Podar World College, Gujarat University, FLAME University, Christ University, Manipal Academy of Higher Education and O.P. Jindal Global University. Students must talk to their IB Diploma Programme Coordinator or College Counsellor at their school to help them through the process of admission to such universities.

Can IB Diploma students appear for entrance examination for admission to professional courses like Medicine and Engineering?

As the IB Diploma Programme is recognized by all universities in India, students can take the entrance test for professional courses. Most of the entrance tests are conducted in the months of April/May, since the IB exams are also in the month of May, students need to balance the preparation of the entrance exams along with the May IB Diploma Programme examinations.

Note: For 2021 various bodies have started to announce their schedule of admissions and entrance test dates, please look out for the same as these may be different from previous years due to the pandemic.

Indian universities need percentage equivalence for admission, what is the process for obtaining Indian equivalent percentage of Diploma Programme points?

All requests for current session candidates should be made through the IB coordinator at the candidate's IB school using the request for results service option on IBIS. Requests must be submitted on IBIS before results are released on 5 July for the May session and 2 January for the November session (please check the IB website for updates on the release of results for November 2020 exams and moving forward). Any requests made after this date must be submitted by the candidate directly, using the [transcripts request form](#) from the IB website. For Indian universities, the transcripts are not sent to universities directly, they are sent to the address details you will be providing in the form.

AIU Equivalence for IB Diploma and MYP

Certain institutions might require IB DP and IB MYP students to obtain an AIU equivalence. This is provided by AIU through a prescribed application form, payment of prescribed fees and meeting the equivalence criteria. For further information, please refer to the [AIU website](#).

Will a migration certificate be automatically issued once a school or a graduate submits a transcript request for a university in India?

The migration certificate will be automatically generated for schools to download and give to the students once the request for an Indian transcript is made through the secure online system (IBIS) by the IB coordinator. Alumni from previous years can order the migration certificate through the [Request for Results Service form](#).

I want to do medicine in India. Can I take three sciences within the IB Diploma programme?

There is a requirement to study three sciences (Physics, Chemistry and Biology) for studying medicine in India. The IB gives permission to students to take the three sciences. Students can explore two options; the first option is to take an additional science subject as an 'extra' certificate.

Although this will come with extra work, the overall score for this extra course will not count towards the IB diploma score, and therefore the utility of taking the extra course is simply to satisfy the entrance requirements for the university requiring three sciences. The second option is to apply for a non-regular IB diploma, thus allowing three sciences to be completed, usually in lieu of a group 3 (Individuals and societies) subject. A candidate may be authorized to take a non-regular diploma only if the proposed higher education course allows no other alternative. The student must contact the IB coordinator at the school to proceed with this request. Please note that this request must be submitted to the IB organization (via the IB coordinator) at least 18 months prior to the examinations. Taking three sciences only helps meet the minimum entry requirements for studying Medicine in most colleges; students often will have to sit the entrance test which may require additional tutorials.

What is the recognition of Middle Years Programme (MYP) in India?

The MYP has also been given equivalence with grade 10 of an India Board Assessment by the Association of Indian Universities, Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations (CISCE), The Council of Boards of School Education in India (COBSE), Maharashtra State Board of Secondary & Higher Secondary Education and many more. Students having completed the MYP can apply for admission for higher studies in any school or college in India. Students must talk to the MYP coordinator at their school for more details and documents required for admission to a junior college or another board.

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