



AP/IB Side-by-side Comparison

- AP Capstone Diploma
 - International Baccalaureate Diploma
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Agenda

- General overview of AP Capstone and IB Diplomas
- Course Work
- Core Class Assessments
- Unique to the IB
- Theory of Knowledge & AP Seminar
- Extended Essay & AP Research
- Final Thoughts

General Overview

Program Background

- **International Baccalaureate**

- Began in 1968 (48 years old)
- Started by European diplomats
- Their purpose was to create an educational program with
 - a broad spectrum of course work
 - sound academic rigor
 - an international perspective
 - global mobility

- **AP Capstone**

- Began in 2014 (3 years old)
- Developed by the College Board
- Designed to improve college readiness and critical thinking skills for university bound students

General Overview

University Admissions

Both are academically challenging courses of study and receive the "most demanding" classification from university admissions departments

- IB is Internationally recognized, including the US and Canada
- AP is recognized primarily in the United States and Canada

General Overview

Curriculum Focus

The curricular focus for each program is unique

- IB Curriculum is a rigorous high school **Liberal Arts** curriculum with an emphasis on **Character** development and **International Mindedness**
- AP is university level coursework with a **content focus** related to the student's interest

All students are issued a **DHS diploma** at graduation in *May* of their senior year

- **AP and IB diplomas** are issued by their respective organizations during the summer after the student's senior year

Program Requirements – IB Liberal Arts Focus

- *Scored on a 1-7 scale*
- *Students must earn 24 points*

- 6 Courses (3 HL Courses & 3 SL Courses)
 - English
 - Additional Language
 - Social Science
 - Science
 - Math
 - Fine Arts or other

○ **Plus**

- Theory of Knowledge
- Extended Essay
- Creativity, Activity, and Service

Program Requirements – AP

Student Interest Focus

- Scored on a 1-5 scale
- Students must earn a 3 or better in each AP course

- 4 AP Courses
 - in any subject
- AP Seminar
- AP Research

- **Plus**
 - other DHS Graduation Requirements

Core Class Assessments

IB

- 25% of final grade based on internal assessments
- 75% of final grade based on May exams
- Heavy emphasis on writing on exams

AP

- 100% of final grade based on May exams
- mixture of multiple choice and written

Theory of Knowledge (IB) & AP Seminar (AP)

- 2 year course
- Taken during both years of the program (40 min. class)
- Focus is on how knowledge is acquired and analyzed in different content areas
- Students will complete:
 - Group or individual presentation (10 min. per person) 33%
 - Individual Research paper (1,600 words) 67%

Theory of Knowledge (IB) & **AP Seminar (AP)**

- 1 year course
- Taken during the Junior year (80 min. class)
- Focus is on critical reading and communication as outlined in the Common Core Curriculum
- Students will complete:
 - Group research paper (3,000 words) and presentation (8-10 min) 25%
 - Individual research paper (1,200 words) and presentation (6-8 min) 35%
 - May AP Exam 40%

Extended Essay (IB) & AP Research (AP)

- Patterned after scholarly work from one of the 6 courses students are taking
- Independent student work with no scheduled class time
- Occasional EE Coordinator meetings
- Students are paired with a specialist supervisor
- Research paper (4,000 words) 100%

Extended Essay (IB) & **AP Research (AP)**

- Students design a study or investigation of their choice
- Regularly scheduled class time for one year
- Research Paper (4,000 - 5,000 words) 75%
- Oral defense presentation (15-20 minutes) 25%

IB Only

Learner Profile

- Students determine how they as global citizens can use knowledge to make ethical decisions in today's world

IB Only

Creativity, Activity, & Service

- Students learn to balance their academic learning with experience

IB Only

International *Mindedness*

- Students will understand how the knowledge in each discipline impacts the global society

Final Thoughts

- AP Capstone
 - Academic Rigor
 - Student Interest
 - AP Seminar
 - AP Research
- IB Diploma
 - Academic Rigor
 - Liberal Arts Focus
 - Theory of Knowledge
 - Extended Essay
 - Learner Profile
 - C.A.S.
 - International Mindedness

Questions?