



THE IB LEARNER PROFILE

The IB programme encourages its students to become:

- Inquirers
- Knowledgeable
- Thinkers
- Communicators
- Principled
- Open-minded
- Caring
- Risk-takers
- Balanced
- Reflective



IB students at Kongsberg videregående skole

International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme



The IB Diploma Programme is an internationally recognized and accepted university qualification programme. It was founded in Geneva, Switzerland, in 1968, for diplomatic, business, and NGO families who lived abroad and needed a consistent, comprehensive and challenging education that would be recognized world- wide.

When you take on the challenge of being an IB Diploma student, you join thousands of students across the globe who are part of something bigger than a nation's boundaries, students who are asking more of themselves as learners and as citizens of a global community.

“to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect.”(ibo.org) – IB mission statement

- **Are you looking for a challenge and an international experience?**
- **Have you just moved to Buskerud fylke (from within Norway or from abroad) and looking for a programme that suits your needs?**
- **Have you completed Vg1 or an international school equivalent and would like to pursue an international programme in English?**
- **Are you planning to pursue further studies at university?**



Why Choose the IB Diploma Programme at Kongsberg videregående skole?

- The teaching is organised in smaller groups allowing for more contact between teachers and students and more in-depth study of each subject
- Students' progress is closely monitored, and support is given where needed.
- The DP provides a firm foundation for further studies at national and international universities and colleges.
- The IB Diploma is highly regarded at universities abroad, and some universities also give preference and advanced standing to students with the IB Diploma.
- The DP is suitable for students who have been in international schools, successfully completed vg1, or have moved to Norway, or would like an international experience.
- The DP meets the demand for increasing geographical and cultural mobility.
- A common mission statement at all IB world schools promotes international understanding and respect.

WHAT OUR IB STUDENTS HAD TO SAY ABOUT THE PROGRAMME:

These are personal reflections and observations students have had about the IB.

“IB prepares you for further education abroad and gives you a greater cultural understanding.”

“I joined IB because here I know I will have teachers with world-wide experience and a good supporting team around me.”

“The IB line is creative, fun, and the students get very close and work well together. It’s an interesting road to take.”

“Awesome class environment + good teachers + big amount of work = IB programme!”

“A weekday without IB is a day filled with darkness and unanswered questions.”

“I chose IB because I like English and wanted to learn it better. We have fun subjects like CAS. We go for little trips (bowling, rafting) with the whole class and are social as a class.”

“I am happy I did the IB and I recommend it to anyone who wants to study abroad or study at all really.”



The IB Diploma Curriculum

Students take six courses chosen from the six subject groups that IB offers.

Students decide which three will be pursued at the Higher Level (240 hours), and which three at the Standard Level (150 hours); This allows students to spend more time studying those subjects that interest them most.

Students also take a Theory of Knowledge (TOK) course, complete an Extended Essay (EE), and participate in Creativity, Activity, and Service (CAS).

IB Subject Courses at KOVS

Group	Section	Subject
1	Studies in Language and Literature	English A: Language and Literature HL Norwegian A: Literature HL/SL Self-taught language SL
2	Language Acquisition	Spanish ab initio SL (online) Mandarin ab initio SL (online)
3	Individuals and Societies	Economics HL/SL History HL/SL
4	Sciences	Biology HL/SL Chemistry HL/SL Physics HL/SL
5	Mathematics	Mathematics SL Math Studies SL
6	Electives	Another course from groups 2, 3, 4.

THE CORE COMPONENTS: EE, TOK, AND CAS

What makes IB special are the core requirements of the programme, which are designed to give students the opportunity to explore their thinking, their passions, and their world.

An **Extended Essay (EE)** project allows for in-depth research on a topic of the student's choice; it also provides excellent training for the work that will be expected for them in university.

Theory of Knowledge (TOK)
In this course, students practice their critical reading, writing and discussion skills. They examine what it means to make the claim that we "know" something in a subject. We explore the issues and responsibilities that knowledge, and the search for knowledge, can create.

Creativity, Activity, and Service (CAS) plays an important role in helping students fulfill the Learner Profile. Students explore their interests and artistically through sports and physical activity, and as active members of their local and global communities through volunteering their time and talent to help others.



Applying to the IB Diploma Programme at Kongsberg videregående skole



Application date: 1. MARCH (of every academic year)

In order to apply to the IBDP at Kongsberg videregående skole, you will need to do the following:

- Go to the VIGO website (www.vigo.no) and choose “Buskerud” then “studiespesialisering” and there you will find “International Baccalaureate” as your course of study.
- If do not have VIGO access, download application form at:
<http://www.bfk.no/Tjenesteomrade/Utdanning/>
- Email a copy of your current grades to the IB coordinator (from the first semester of Vg1 or an equivalent)

- Read the student handbook to make sure you understand the course structure before you make your course selections (link on main page)
- Fill out and email the student course survey, making sure you have selected at least 3 courses at HL and 3 courses at SL (link on the main page)
- Students must have a sound foundation in Math and proficiency in English to be able to participate successfully in the programme.

Information about the IB Diploma Programme

You can get more information about the IB Diploma Programme by contacting: IB-Coordinator, Kelvin Peters: kelvin.peters@bfk.no

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