



Archbishop MacDonald High School

IB Diploma Course Pathways

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IB Diploma Programme Academic and Personal Skills

Academic Skills Approaches to Teaching	Rigorous Curriculum, AB + IB Content, University Level Content Based on inquiry and conceptual understanding, developed in local and global contexts, focused on effective teamwork and collaboration, differentiated to meet the needs of all learners, informed by assessment (formative & summative)
Personal Skills Approaches to Learning	Enhancement of skills in: Communication, Socialization, Higher Order Thinking, Academic Research, Self-Management
Learner Profile Characteristics	Inquirers, Knowledgeable, Thinkers, Communicators, Principled, Open-Minded, Caring, Risk-Takers, Balanced, Reflective

2 Options for Registration

Full IB DP Candidate	All IB Courses: 6 Subjects + 3 IB Core Courses
IB DP Course Candidate	Choice of 1 or more IB courses, but not all



IB Core:

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

IB Courses

Group 1: Studies in Language and Literature
English A Literature HL 20-30-English Lit 35IB

Group 2: Language Acquisition
French B SL 20-30 IB
French B HL 20-30 IB (Immersion only)
Spanish AB SL 20-30 IB (Beginner only)

Group 3: Individuals and Societies
History Europe HL
20-30-Western World History 30 IB

Group 4: Sciences
Biology HL 20-30 - 35 IB
Chemistry SL 20-30 -Learning Strategies IB
Physics HL 20-30 - 35 IB

Group 5: Mathematics
Mathematics: Analysis & Approaches SL
20-30-31-Learning Strategies IB

Group 6: The Arts
Theatre SL/HL 20-30 IB
Visual Arts SL/HL 20-30 IB

IB Course Pathways

IB Subject Group	Grade 10 Enhanced Program	Grade 11 IB Course Pathways	Grade 12 IB Course Pathways
Group 1: Studies in Language and Literature	English 10	English 20 IB	English 30 IB + English Literature HL 35*
Group 2: Language Acquisition	French 10 9Y FLA 10 Spanish 10	French 20 IB SL 9Y French 20 IB HL Spanish 20 IB Ab Initio	French 30 IB SL 9Y French 30 IB HL Spanish 30 IB Ab Initio
Group 3: Individuals and Societies	Social 10	Social 20 IB	Social 30 IB + Western World History HL 35*
Group 4: Sciences	Science 10	Chemistry 20 IB Biology 20 IB Physics 20 IB	Chemistry 30 SL IB + Learning Strategies 15* Biology 30 IB + Biology HL 35* OR Physics 30 IB + Physics HL 35*
Group 5: Mathematics	Math 10	Math 20 IB + Math 30 IB	Math 31 SL IB + Learning Strategies 15*
Group 6: The Arts	Drama 10 Art 10	Drama 20 IB Art 20 IB	Drama 30 IB SL or Drama 30 IB HL Art 30 IB SL or Art 30 IB SL
IB Core		Theory of Knowledge 25* Creativity Activity Service** Extended Essay 35 IB**	Theory of Knowledge 35** Creativity Activity Service**

*3 credit class

**independent project outside of the schedule

Courses that can potentially be anticipated and completed in Year 1 (grade 11).

French 20IB/30IB and Math 30 IB are to be completed in the grade 11 year.

Archbishop MacDonald offers **enhanced programming** at the grade 10 level to prepare all students for not only the IB pathway but for success in post-secondary. At the center of this pedagogical model are the IB Learner Profile and the Approaches to Teaching and Learning.

Anticipating courses ensures students can complete all requirements for the International Baccalaureate Programme and/or post-secondary applications. Please ensure you plan appropriately; refer to the attached sample schedules or consult with MAC Faculty during registration for assistance.