

Entry Requirements for IB Full IB Diploma and Diploma Course Programmes at BISI

Internal Applicants

Entry into the IB Full Diploma Programme is moderately selective. Students wishing to study the Full IB Diploma Programme must have demonstrated an academic ability which enables them to follow the rigorous course of subjects and the core programmes (CAS, Extended Essay and Theory of Knowledge).

Students who have failed to demonstrate this ability may be accepted into the Diploma Course Programme, provided that a suitable programme can be offered.

Minimum Requirements for Internal Applicants for the Full IB Diploma Programme

In order to enter the IB Full Diploma Programme in Years 12 and 13, students must meet acceptable levels of attainment in the IGCSE programme in Years 10 and 11. The following entry requirements are based on students' grades in the IGCSE examinations

To undertake the Full IB Diploma Programme students will need to have gained a minimum 6 grades C in their IGCSE examinations. This must include at least a C grade in English Language, Mathematics and a Science. In addition the following criteria and restrictions will apply:

Criteria for Registering for a Higher Level course

Students will need to achieve at least a B at IGCSE to continue the subject at IB Higher level. The exceptions to this are:

1. To take Mathematics at Higher Level students must have gained an A* in IGCSE Extended Mathematics or a B in IGCSE Additional Mathematics.
2. Subjects offered in the IB subject choices which do not have an IGCSE prerequisite (Business Management, Economics, Sport, Exercise and Health Science, Psychology) may be taken at Higher Level as long as the student reaches the minimum entry level to the Full IB Diploma Programme.

Final acceptance into the Full Diploma Programme will be made at the discretion of the Director of Secondary, the Deputy Director of Secondary and the Key Stage 5 Coordinator.

Entry to the Diploma Course Programme

Students may take a minimum of four and a maximum of six individual IB Diploma Courses in Years 12 and 13. Students entering the Diploma Course Programme must have a minimum of four IGCSE Grades C with all grades to be gained in the most recent IGCSE examination session. Additionally, students must have a sufficient knowledge of the English Language. Students in this situation will be advised upon their subject choices by the Key Stage 5

coordinator in conjunction with the University and Careers Coordinator.

External Applicants

External applicants who have followed an IGCSE programme will be subject to the same requirements as our own students. Students who have attended schools following other educational systems may be required to sit entrance tests in Mathematics, English, Humanities, Science and a foreign language. The school will organise entrance testing days by appointment. Entrance tests are marked by Heads of Department who then advise the Key Stage 5 Coordinator on the suitability of the applicants and the level which they should take certain subjects.

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