



Indiana Department of Education
SUPPORTING STUDENT SUCCESS

TO: The Indiana State Board of Education
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SUBJECT: New International Baccalaureate Courses

The International Baccalaureate World Organization (IBO) has recently adopted five (5) new course titles for use at authorized IBO schools. Indiana is currently home to twenty (20) IB Diploma awarding high schools, and two high schools in the application process. The approval of these course titles will allow these schools to expand their international curriculum in alignment with IBO. The IDOE Division of College and Career Readiness requests State Board approval for the inclusion of these courses in the approved course titles for the 2013-2014 school year. The course titles are as follows:

- Sports, Exercise and Health Science
- Environmental Systems and Societies
- Literature and Performance
- World Religions
- Global Politics

LITERATURE AND PERFORMANCE STANDARD LEVEL, INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE

Literature and Performance Standard Level, International Baccalaureate focuses on (i) a conventional literary emphasis on close reading, critical writing and discussion and (ii) the practical, aesthetic and symbolic elements of performance. A distinctive outcome of this “marriage” is the performance of a piece *transformed* from poetry or prose. Throughout the course students study a minimum of five texts; one novel, two poetry texts, one play and a choice of prose or poetry. Study will include literary analysis and interpretation, developing performance skills, realizing work in performance, play script and analysis of performance. The course is based on the curriculum published by the International Baccalaureate Organization.

- Recommended Grade Level: Grades 11 or 12
- Credits: 2 semester course, 1 credit per semester
- Fulfills an English/Language Arts requirement for the General, Core 40, Core 40 with Academic Honors, Core 40 with Technical Honors and International Baccalaureate diplomas or counts as an Elective for any diploma

HQ recommendation: ELA

WORLD RELIGIONS STANDARD LEVEL, INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE

World Religions Standard Level, International Baccalaureate includes the introduction of five world religions to be studied from a choice of nine, in-depth studies of two world religions, with the underpinning questions: What is the human condition? Where are we going? How do we get there? The course is based on the curriculum published by the International Baccalaureate Organization.

- Recommended Grade Level: Grades 11 or 12
- Credits: 2 semester course, 1 credit per semester
- Fulfills an Elective requirement for the General, Core 40, Core 40 with Academic Honors, Core 40 with Technical Honors and International Baccalaureate diplomas

HQ recommendation: Social Studies

ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEMS AND SOCIETIES STANDARD LEVEL, INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE

Environmental Systems and Societies Standard Level, International Baccalaureate is an interdisciplinary course providing students with the interrelationships between environmental systems and society. Topics include systems and models, ecosystems, human populations, carrying capacity and resource use, conservation and biodiversity, pollution management, global warming and environmental value systems. Students will be able to investigate and evaluate environmental issues and articulate diverse viewpoints. Students will carry out experiments in response to pressing environmental issues and collaborate with IB schools across this and other continents. The course is based on the curriculum published by the International Baccalaureate Organization.

- Recommended Grade Level: Grades 11 or 12
- Credits: 2 semester course, 1 credit per semester

- Fulfills a Science requirement for the General, Core 40, Core 40 with Academic Honors, Core 40 with Technical Honors and International Baccalaureate diplomas or counts as an Elective for any diploma

HQ recommendation: Science or Social Studies

SPORTS, EXERCISE AND HEALTH SCIENCE STANDARD LEVEL, INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE

Sports, Exercise and Health Science Standard Level, International Baccalaureate involves the science that underpins physical performance and allows students opportunities to apply these principles both through inquiry and experimental (field and laboratory). Topics must cover anatomy, exercise physiology, energy systems, movement analysis, skill in sport and measurement and evaluation of human performance. Students are required to do in-depth study of two of the following options: optimizing physiological performance, psychology of sport, physical activity and health, and nutrition for sport, exercise and health. Students taking this course will also address issues and ethics on an international scale by considering sport, exercise and health within a global context relevant to the individual. The course is based on the curriculum published by the International Baccalaureate Organization.

- Recommended Grade Level: Grades 11 or 12
- Credits: 2 semester course, 1 credit per semester
- Fulfills a Science requirement for the General, Core 40, Core 40 with Academic Honors, Core 40 with Technical Honors and International Baccalaureate diplomas or counts as an Elective for any diploma

HQ recommendation: Science or PE/Health

GLOBAL POLITICS STANDARD LEVEL, INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE

Global Politics Standard Level, International Baccalaureate explores key political concepts and issues in a range of contexts and at a number of levels. Students will develop an understanding of local, national, international and global dimensions of political activity as well as how to critically engage with a variety of perspectives and approaches in global politics. Students will appreciate the complex and interconnected nature of many political issues, and develop the capacity to interpret competing and contestable claims regarding those issues. The course is based on the curriculum published by the International Baccalaureate Organization.

- Recommended Grade Level: Grades 11 or 12
- Credits: 2 semester course, 1 credit per semester
- Fulfills an Elective requirement for the General, Core 40, Core 40 with Academic Honors, Core 40 with Technical Honors and International Baccalaureate diplomas.

HQ recommendation: Social Studies

GLOBAL POLITICS HIGHER LEVEL, INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE

Global Politics Higher Level, International Baccalaureate includes all content from the Standard Level course and uses a case study approach to examine and evaluate two global political challenges, which by their nature are complex, contestable and interlinked. The course is based on the curriculum published by the International Baccalaureate Organization.

- Recommended Grade Level: Grades 11 or 12
- Credits: 2 semester course, 1 credit per semester
- Fulfills an Elective requirement for the General, Core 40, Core 40 with Academic Honors, Core 40 with Technical Honors and International Baccalaureate diplomas.

HQ recommendation: Social Studies