



# IB Coordinator Update 2009•10

A NEWSLETTER FOR INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE COORDINATORS FALL 2009

## IB and UBC

For years, UBC has been paying close attention to a highly motivated group of individuals who arrive on our campuses in Vancouver and the Okanagan in growing numbers. They are globally minded, inquisitive and well-prepared for the rigours of university life. They are your students — the graduates of the International Baccalaureate program.

Thanks in no small part to the roles you and your fellow IB Coordinators play, IB students are ready for university. You help ensure your students' diploma courses meet university admission requirements. You support their university applications. You cheer their successes. And, most importantly, you help them understand what exciting opportunities are made possible through participation in the IB program.

At UBC we recognize that you shoulder an impressive responsibility, and we would like to help you with the heavy lifting. This update is intended to share not only statistics and resources, but also our enthusiasm for your students. Please let us know how we can assist you further in the good work you do.

### PERFORMANCE STUDY

*Recently, UBC analyzed how well IB students from British Columbia performed in their first-year UBC classes compared with their counterparts who had traditional secondary school diplomas. We found that IB students who entered UBC with a final IB Diploma score of 27 points performed at the same level as BC secondary school diploma students who entered UBC with an 86 percent admission average.*

### SUPPORT FOR YOU AND YOUR STUDENTS

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## ADMISSIONS

UBC can determine admission and scholarships for an IB applicant on the basis of the diploma score alone; no other credential is required. When a student is completing both the IB diploma and another high school curriculum, UBC will use the credential that is most beneficial to the student's application.

IB Anticipated Grades are used for most of UBC's admission decisions. We include the diploma points for Theory of Knowledge and the Extended Essay.

IB Certificate students will be considered for admission on their provincial curriculum results.

### Admission Timetable

#### October to February

UBC application available online: IB students are asked to identify themselves as IB students when they apply

#### Mid to late February

Schools send IB Anticipated Grades to UBC

#### Mid-February to mid-March

IB Diploma students start receiving admission decisions from UBC.

### University Credit

UBC awards university level credit for all Higher Level courses, Philosophy credit for Theory of Knowledge, and credit for a select number of Standard Level courses. If a student receives credit for a course, they can still choose to take the course at UBC.

## UBC WELCOMES 668 IB DIPLOMA STUDENTS TO OUR CAMPUSES

In 2009, UBC received a record 2,021 applications from IB Diploma Students and offered admission to 85 percent of them.

### Programs of choice for IB students entering UBC Okanagan

- Arts - 23
- Science - 8
- Applied Science (Engineering) - 3
- Management - 10
- Pre-Pharmacy - 1

**Okanagan Campus: 45 Students**

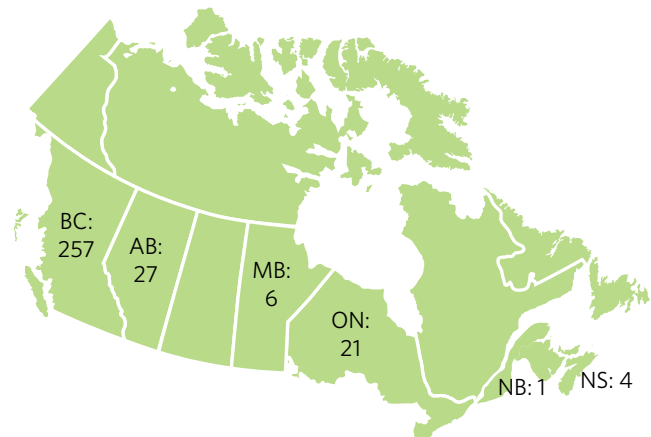
### Programs of choice for IB students entering UBC Vancouver

- Arts - 237
- Applied Science (Engineering) - 73
- Commerce - 103
- Human Kinetics - 6
- Music - 2
- Science - 189
- Agroecology - 2
- Forestry - 1
- Natural Resource Conservation - 1
- Food, Nutrition and Health - 9

**Vancouver Campus: 623 Students**

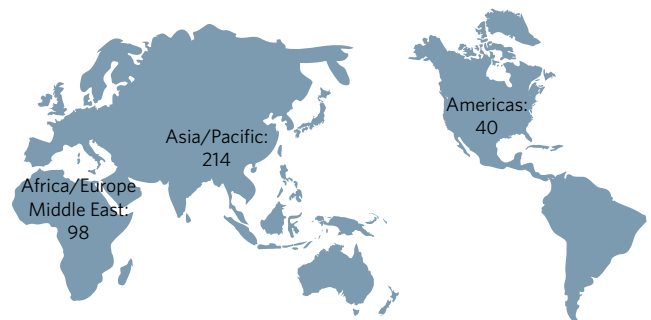
### IB students from Canadian high schools:

Our 316 IB students from 47 schools represent six provinces.



### IB students from International high schools:

Our 352 IB students come from 166 schools in 60 different countries.



**> In 2009, UBC received more IB diploma transcripts than any other university in the world.**

*International Baccalaureate Organization - Sept 2009*



## UBC'S FIRST-YEAR INTERDISCIPLINARY PROGRAMS

UBC is a pioneer in providing first-year university studies across disciplines. It's no surprise that the following programs resonate with IB Diploma graduates.

- **Arts One (Vancouver Campus)** This inspiring arts program blends history, philosophy, literature and politics. Over the course of a year, students read, discuss, debate and challenge each other through the study of the great works of Western Civilization. [artsone.arts.ubc.ca](http://artsone.arts.ubc.ca)
- **Coordinated Arts Program (CAP) (Vancouver Campus)** This introduction to core arts disciplines is taught in small, 25-person study groups. CAP streams include Global Citizens, New Media and Society, Individual and Society and PPE (Political Science, Philosophy and Economics). [cap.arts.ubc.ca](http://cap.arts.ubc.ca)
- **Interdisciplinary Performance (Okanagan Campus)** The new Interdisciplinary Performance program offers students a unique opportunity to combine training in performance creation with training in visual arts and creative writing. [www.ubc.ca/okanagan/creative/options/theatre.html](http://www.ubc.ca/okanagan/creative/options/theatre.html)

- **Science One (Vancouver Campus)** This team-taught program blends biology, chemistry, mathematics and physics into a format that challenges students to hone their critical thinking, analytical skills and independent thought through lectures, tutorials, laboratories and field trips. [www.scienceone.ubc.ca](http://www.scienceone.ubc.ca)
- **Coordinated Science Program (Vancouver Campus)** This popular program allows students to explore the connections between all scientific disciplines in an intimate learning environment. [www.science.ubc.ca/~csp](http://www.science.ubc.ca/~csp)
- **Engineering One (Okanagan Campus)** This program uses team-based project learning to integrate engineering subjects and concepts. [www.ubc.ca/okanagan/engineering/Undergraduate\\_Program.html](http://www.ubc.ca/okanagan/engineering/Undergraduate_Program.html)

### SCHOLARSHIPS

*UBC has a broad range of financial resources to recognize excellence in the IB program and to meet the financial need of IB students. For further information, visit [you.ubc.ca](http://you.ubc.ca) and click Tuition, Scholarships and Support*



## PROFILE: ANEIL JASWAL

**Faculty of Land and Food Systems (Vancouver Campus), 3rd year**

When I left British Columbia to complete the IB Diploma at the United World College of South East Asia, I was excited for all that IB had to offer. Two years later, I returned to British Columbia with an incredible educational experience under my belt.

I entered the Faculty of Sciences at UBC and joined the first year Coordinated Sciences Program, a cohort program connecting learning across the natural sciences. Having been introduced to epistemology through TOK, I was familiar with the nature of scientific learning and was able to fully appreciate the critical thinking so important in university level sciences.

After my first year, however, I realized I needed a more holistic and social approach to science. UBC has many integrated degrees. I chose to enter the award winning Global Resource Systems program, focusing on Global Health – a degree drawing heavily on disciplines in both the arts and sciences.

Beyond academics, I have been able to become a part of the UBC community. With a bounty of student clubs, it took me some time to narrow down my interests, but I now participate in several extracurricular activities and have met many engaging students. My CAS experience helped show me how much was possible, and gave me the bearing to take advantage of the endless opportunities offered at UBC.

# DEGREE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION

IB Diploma students must successfully complete the IB Diploma, and meet specific course requirements as listed below. The Admissions Scores present the approximate range of IB scores required to meet the competitive admission standards of a given program. Some of our programs use broad-based admission, in which supplementary information about activities and achievements outside of the classroom is used in addition to academics to select qualified applicants. For details, please visit [you.ubc.ca/bba](http://you.ubc.ca/bba)

## UBC VANCOUVER

Program	Requirements (Standard or Higher Level)	Admission Score
Applied Biology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IB Mathematics*</li> <li>One of IB Biology, IB Chemistry, or IB Physics</li> <li>Two of Biology, Chemistry, or Physics at the grade 11 level</li> </ul>	27 - 29
Arts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No specific course requirements</li> </ul>	27 - 28
Commerce (Sauder School of Business)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IB Mathematics*</li> <li>Supplemental Application</li> </ul>	27 - 28
Dental Hygiene	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IB Biology and IB Chemistry</li> <li>Supplemental Application</li> </ul>	Minimum 24
Engineering	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IB Mathematics*, IB Chemistry and IB Physics</li> <li>Chemistry and Physics at the grade 11 level</li> </ul>	27 - 29 <sup>1</sup>
Food, Nutrition, and Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IB Mathematics*</li> <li>One of IB Biology, IB Chemistry, or IB Physics</li> <li>Two of Biology, Chemistry, or Physics at the grade 11 level</li> </ul>	27 - 29
Forest Operations (BSF), Forest Resource Management (BSF), or Forest Sciences (BSFS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IB Mathematics*</li> <li>One of IB Biology, IB Chemistry, or IB Physics</li> <li>One of Chemistry or Physics at the grade 11 level</li> <li>Biology at the grade 11 level (BSFS only)</li> </ul>	25 - 26
Human Kinetics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One of IB Mathematics*, IB Biology, IB Chemistry, or IB Physics</li> </ul>	31 - 33 <sup>1</sup>
Midwifery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IB Biology</li> <li>Chemistry at the grade 11 level</li> <li>Supplemental Application</li> </ul>	Minimum 24 pts
Music	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No specific course requirements</li> <li>Audition</li> </ul>	Minimum 24 pts
Natural Resources Conservation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IB Mathematics* and IB Chemistry</li> <li>Chemistry at the grade 11 level</li> </ul>	25 - 26
Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IB Mathematics* (minimum grade of 3)</li> <li>One of IB Biology, IB Chemistry, or IB Physics</li> <li>Chemistry and Physics<sup>3</sup> at the grade 11 level</li> </ul>	31 - 33 <sup>1</sup>
Wood Products Processing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IB Mathematics*</li> <li>One of IB Biology, IB Chemistry, or IB Physics</li> <li>Chemistry and Physics at the grade 11 level</li> </ul>	25 - 26

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Program	Requirements (Standard or Higher Level)	Admission Score <sup>2</sup>
Arts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No specific course requirements</li> </ul>	24
Engineering	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IB Mathematics*, IB Chemistry and IB Physics</li> </ul>	25 - 26
Human Kinetics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IB Mathematics*</li> <li>One of IB Biology, IB Chemistry, IB Physics or IB Geography</li> </ul>	25 - 27
Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IB Mathematics*</li> </ul>	25 - 26
Nursing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One of IB Biology, IB Chemistry, IB Geography, or IB Physics</li> <li>Biology, Chemistry, and Mathematics at the grade 11 level</li> </ul>	27 - 29
Pre-Pharmacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IB Mathematics* (minimum grade of 3)</li> <li>One of IB Biology, IB Chemistry, or IB Physics</li> <li>Chemistry and Physics at the grade 11 level</li> </ul>	24
Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IB Mathematics* (minimum grade of 3)</li> <li>One of IB Biology, IB Chemistry, IB Geography, or IB Physics</li> <li>Chemistry at the grade 11 level (Physics also recommended)</li> </ul>	24
Fine Arts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No specific course requirements</li> <li>Portfolio and letter of intent (Visual Arts)</li> <li>Letter of Intent (Interdisciplinary Performance)</li> </ul>	Minimum 24 pts

<sup>1</sup>IB Math Studies is not accepted for programs requiring IB Mathematics. 1. Students at the low end of this range may be invited to submit supplemental information.

2. UBC Okanagan offers an admission guarantee to Arts, Pre-Pharmacy and Science students who present 24 IB points.

3. Applicants to Science at UBC Vancouver without grade 11 physics may still be considered for admission based on strong performance in IB Chemistry and Mathematics.