

LCC



LOWER CANADA COLLEGE & THE INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE DIPLOMA PROGRAMME

The only English High School in Montreal offering the IB Diploma Programme: A two-year optional programme for students in Grade 11 and Pre-University year.





ABOUT THE IB DIPLOMA PROGRAMME

The International Baccalaureate currently works with approximately 5,000 schools in nearly 160 countries to develop and offer three challenging programmes—Primary Years Programme (PYP), Middle Years Programme (MYP), and the Diploma Programme—to over 1.1 million students aged 3 to 19 years.

The Diploma Programme is designed as an academically challenging and balanced programme of education with final examinations that prepare students, normally aged 16 to 19, for success at university and beyond. The programme is taught over two years and has gained recognition and respect from the world's leading universities.

In April 2013, LCC was recognized as an authorized International Baccalaureate (IB) World School, offering the Diploma Programme for students in grades 11 and 12. Although other schools in Montreal offer the IB Primary Years Programme (PYP) or the Middle Years Programme (MYP), **LCC is currently the only English high school in Montreal offering the Diploma Programme (DP).** LCC is also an MYP candidate school.

IB MISSION



"The International Baccalaureate aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect.

To this end the organization works with schools, governments and international organizations to develop challenging programmes of international education and rigorous assessment.

These programmes encourage students across the world to become active, compassionate and lifelong learners who understand that other people, with their differences, can also be right."

—International Baccalaureate

(for more information visit www.ibo.org)

"McGill has enthusiastically recruited IB students for over two decades. Even today, when reviewing an application from an IB Diploma candidate... our admissions officers can be assured of the candidate's strong and broadbased academic preparation... IB students embrace the rigorous academic challenges of university life and perform well in their McGill programs."

KIM BARTLETT

Director of Admissions
(Undergraduate and Graduate)
McGill University

"Reflecting upon my two-year experience in IB, I am amazed by my achievement and growth. The IB programme provides an excellent transition from high school to university. It prepared me for future challenges and encouraged me to learn, reflect and question."

SUNNY HUANG '17 (Pre-U '18)

WHY DOES LCC OFFER THE IB DIPLOMA PROGRAMME?

The IB mission and philosophy are entirely in line with LCC's mission of fully developing students in mind, body, and heart, and preparing them for success and leadership in a sustainable global society. In addition, the IB Diploma Programme further enhances our existing Pre-University: Grade 12 program and its reputation for outstanding university preparation.

Students who gain the requisite IB Diploma grades have direct access to universities worldwide, including Quebec, and may be eligible for advanced standing for some courses at the university level.

PREPARING FOR THE IB DIPLOMA PROGRAMME AT LCC

Given the demanding nature of the IB Diploma Programme, students need to develop their academic skills throughout high school to be best prepared for the challenge. At LCC, the Middle School focus on literacy and Approaches to Learning skills lays the foundation for academic success. Through grades 9 and 10, students are further exposed to critical thinking, information literacy and research skills. This focus on cross-curricular competencies—together with options in math, sciences, French, and the humanities means that LCC students are ready for the IB Diploma Programme.

ENROLMENT

Approximately 50% of students in grade 11 and 12 opt for the IBDP. In the Pre-University: Grade 12 program some students may choose to take a hybrid of grade 12 and IB courses without completing the full Diploma Programme. In some cases, this could result in advanced standing or university credit.



STUDENT PROFILE

Students entering the programme should have an average of at least 85%. Some HL courses (e.g., science and math) require a grade of at least 88%. Self-motivated, students demonstrate the ability to think critically and show evidence of good research skills and proactive commitment to community service, activity and creativity.

IB Diploma candidates should exemplify the elements of the IB Learner Profile. IB learners strive to be:



IBDP CURRICULUM

The IBDP curriculum comprises a ‘core’ and six subject groups. Students will select one course from each of the subject groups below. Three Higher Level (HL) and three Standard Level (SL) courses are required to obtain the full Diploma. Students may select an additional elective from groups 1-4 instead of an option in group 6. Unless otherwise indicated, the majority of IB Diploma courses run over a two-year period. The one-year IBDP courses are Standard Level (SL) only. Students can elect to take 1 one-year course in each of the two years of the Diploma. These one-year courses do count towards the full IB Diploma. Students pursuing the IBDP will also fulfill their high school leaving requirements for graduation from grade 11. Students who complete IBDP courses but not the full Diploma requirements can also earn IB Certificates.

SUBJECT GROUPS

GROUP 1

English A Literature SL & HL

GROUP 2

French B SL & HL

French Ab Initio SL

School-supported self-taught language (SSST) courses and online language courses may be available.*

GROUP 3

History SL (1-year option only)

Philosophy SL & HL

Economics SL & HL

Global Politics SL & HL (1-year SL option available)

Psychology (*online*) SL & HL

Business Management (*online*) SL & HL

Environmental Systems & Societies SL (1-year option only)

IT in a Global Society (*online*) SL & HL

GROUP 4

Chemistry SL & HL
(1-year SL option available)

Physics SL & HL

Biology SL & HL

Environmental Systems & Societies SL (1-year option only)

GROUP 5

Analysis and Approaches SL & HL
Applications and Interpretations SL & HL

GROUP 6

Visual Arts SL & HL

Film SL & HL

(Or an additional elective from one of the other subject groups 1 – 4 based on availability)

*Additional costs apply to online courses.

THE CORE

In addition to the six subjects, the IB Diploma involves completing three elements of the core:

1 Students follow a course in **Theory of Knowledge**, where they are encouraged to reflect on the nature of knowledge by critically examining different ways of knowing and different kinds of knowledge while drawing on their courses of study.

2 IB Diploma students must complete a 4,000-word **Extended Essay**, requiring independent research through an in-depth study of a question related to one of the subjects they are following.

3 **Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS)** requires that students actively learn from the experience of doing real tasks beyond the classroom. Students can combine all three components or do activities related to each one of them separately. The expectation is that students complete approximately three CAS hours per week.

UNIVERSITY ADMISSION

According to the International Baccalaureate Organization, the data show that universities regard IB Diploma students as being more prepared for university than their peers. Data also show that they do better in school and have a higher university acceptance rate than non-IB students.

EARNING THE IB DIPLOMA

To earn the diploma, students must follow a course of study in the six subject areas and the three elements of the core for two years. There are externally-set and assessed exams at the end of the two-year course in most subject areas. This external assessment determines the score students receive.

Students who are enrolled in the IB Diploma Programme but choose to leave after grade 11 will not earn an IB Diploma. However, all students will receive all credits



"The IB taught me to rely on myself and my own curiosity. It was not easy, but it was worth every minute."

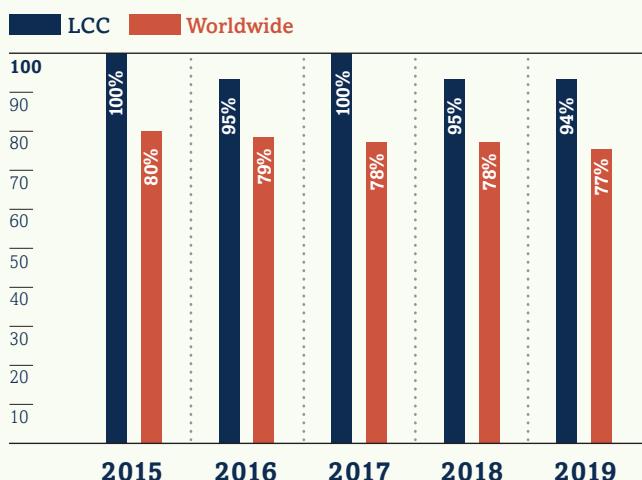
ALETHEA NG '17 (Pre-U '18)

that they require for high school graduation in Quebec and will be very well prepared for CEGEP studies if that is the path they choose. Students who enrol in a one-year Standard Level (SL) IB course will have the opportunity to earn an IB Certificate in that specific course. These courses are well regarded by universities.

RESULTS: IBDP

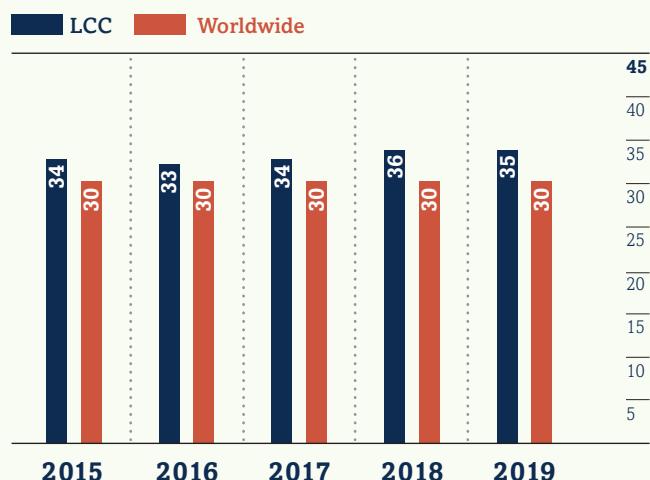
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IBDP PASS RATE



AVERAGE SCORE

(out of a possible score of 45)



BALANCE

IB is regarded as a rigorous academic programme that provides excellent preparation for university. As with all students at LCC, those who are following the IB Programme will be expected to keep up with their studies and complete all homework assignments and reading.

Students who are taking the IB Diploma will be encouraged to take part in the co-curricular life of the school. Fulfilling their CAS requirements will ensure that students are involved in and reflect on **Creative** and **Active** co-curriculars as well as **Service**.

FACULTY

All faculty teaching IB courses are required to take part in subject-specific training. In addition, they gain access to IB resources and a virtual community where they can share ideas and discuss pedagogy with colleagues from around the world.

“One of the advantages of an IB curriculum is its structure and quality. It is a coordinated programme, well established, well known and well respected. We know the quality of IB courses, and we think the IB curriculum is terrific.”

CHRISTOPH GUTTENTAG
Dean of Undergraduate Admission
Duke University

“IB is challenging—there's no denying that. However, the programme really pushes you to think critically about the world in which you live and to reflect on yourself and the impact of your actions. I believe that the IB was a differentiator in my university application process, and I feel extremely well prepared for the road ahead.”

ADAM VANDENBUSSCHE '17 (Pre-U '18)





"IB has taught me a lot about myself and how to manage time, stress, challenging and fast-paced classes and a personal life. While it's been difficult, I think I have been prepared well for my future."

COLE WALKER '17 (Pre-U '18)

UNIVERSITY DESTINATIONS SINCE 2015

The following is the list of colleges and universities that LCC IBDP graduates are currently attending. They have also been admitted to many other prestigious educational institutions, too numerous to include here.

CANADA

Bishop's University
McGill University
Queen's University
Ryerson University
St. Francis Xavier University
University of British Columbia
University of King's College
University of Toronto
University of Waterloo
Western University
Western University – Ivey AEO

USA

Boston College
Boston University
Carnegie Mellon University
Claremont McKenna College
Columbia University
Cornell University
Dartmouth College
Duke University
George Washington University
Indiana University
New York University
Northwestern University
Parsons School of Design
Pennsylvania State University

Purdue University

Savannah College of Art & Design
University of California – Los Angeles
University of Chicago
University of Hawaii – Manoa
University of Miami
University of Michigan
University of Pennsylvania
University of Southern California
University of Utah
Virginia Tech
Wellesley College
Yale University

AUSTRALIA

University of New South Wales Sydney

BELGIUM

KU Leuven

FRANCE

Sciences Po

UK

King's College London
University College London
University of Edinburgh
University of Exeter
University of St. Andrew's



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