



# Katedralskolan

## International Baccalaureate

– education for the whole world

Katedralskolan in Linköping is one of Sweden's oldest upper secondary schools. The school was founded 1627, and today it brings together tradition and development. It has offered education with an international profile for a long time through continuous student exchanges with many European countries. The IB programme strengthens the school's international focus borders.



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The International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme is an internationally recognised and highly regarded, two-year upper secondary education programme. It provides excellent preparation for university studies in Sweden and abroad, making you attractive on the job market at a time when the demand for international competence is growing.

We belong to an international community that requires a good command of English and where we take part in international comparisons. The International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme is the world's only internationally recognised upper secondary education. It is taught in approx. 3 500 schools in over 150 countries all over the world. The language of instruction is English. All students are examined through a standardised system that makes their performances comparable in whatever country they attend school. An IB Diploma offers many choices, and you can choose to study in Sweden or abroad.



## ToK, CAS and the Extended Essay

As part of the IB, you will also take an interdisciplinary course in Theory of Knowledge (ToK), which will develop your critical thinking skills and show how subjects relate to each other.

Creativity, Activity and Service (CAS) stimulates social involvement, creativity and physical activity. Here, you will have the opportunity to develop your social competence. You will also carry out a research assignment and present it in the form of the Extended Essay.

## Examination and diploma

After the two IB years, the exams take place over three weeks in May. You will then sit exams in your six subjects. These exams are the same in all IB schools in the world.

The six examined subjects are marked on a scale from 1 to 7 points. Up to a maximum of three extra bonus points can be awarded for the completion of ToK and the Extended Essay. The maximum number of points is therefore  $6 \times 7 + 3 = 45$ . To pass and be awarded your IB Diploma, you must gain a minimum of 24 points and have completed your CAS.

Applications to universities in Sweden are processed in the same group as those of applicants from the national upper secondary school programmes. At foreign universities, the IB Diploma is often seen as being of special merit.





# Programme structure

## Year 1 – One preparatory year

At Katedralskolan, just like at many other schools in Sweden, the programme is preceded by a preparatory year. In the first year, you will take courses to prepare you for the Diploma Programme. Some of the courses follow the normal Swedish upper secondary school syllabus. The teaching materials and instruction in English will prepare you for the two IB years that follow.

## Year 2-3 – Diploma Programme

You will study and be examined in six subjects, one from each of the subject groups below. At Katedralskolan, we currently offer the following subjects:

- Group 1:** Language A Literature, Swedish, English, Native language (self-taught)
- Group 2:** Language B: English, French, German, Spanish, Swedish, Swedish Ab Initio
- Group 3:** Individuals and Societies: Environmental systems and societies, History, Economics, Psychology
- Group 4:** Experimental Sciences: Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Environmental systems and societies
- Group 5:** Mathematics: Courses at three different levels
- Group 6:** Electives: Another subject from group 3-4, a third language or Film

The IB programme can be tailored to your requirements so you can specialise in the natural, social or linguistic sciences.

## Who can apply to the IB and how?

All students who have finished year 9 or equivalent with good knowledge of English and mathematics are welcome to apply to the IB. It is important that you want to commit wholeheartedly to the studies and your personal development. Your grades from year 9 and an entrance test in English and mathematics form the basis of acceptance. If you are a student from Östergötland, you should apply on the web. Other students should apply on the paper application or the web. For more information, ask the education officer at your school.







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