

# AP/IB Options at ASP

# AP

- AP Exams are rigorous, multiple-component tests that are administered at high schools each May. High school students can earn college credit, placement, or both for qualifying AP Exam grades. Each AP Exam has a corresponding AP course and provides a standardized measure of what students have learned in the AP classroom. AP exams are increasingly recognized throughout the world.

# Grading

Each of the AP subjects is assessed on the scale of 1 to 5. The word descriptions for each of these grades are as follows:

AP Grade		School Grade
1	Poor	D
2	Mediocre	C range
3	Proficient to Good	B-/B
4	Very Good	B+/A-
5	Excellent	A/A+

## AP Courses at ASP:

**United States History\***

**Biology\***

**Economics: Micro and Macro\***

**Calculus AB\*: Calculus BC**

**French Language\***

**English Literature\***

**Comparative Government\***

**AP Statistics\***

**AP Environmental Science \*  
(2011-2012)**

**Hist 502 Junior/Senior**

**Bio 501 Senior**

**Econ 501 Senior**

**Math 502A Math 501 Senior**

**Fr 502A Junior/Senior**

**Eng 501A Senior**

**Gov 502 Junior/Senior**

**Math 502C Junior/Senior**

**AP Env. Sci.**

**\* AP Classes**

# THE AP INTERNATIONAL DIPLOMA: NEW TO ASP!

- The Advanced Placement International Diploma (APID) is a globally recognized certificate for students with an international outlook
- The APID is available to students attending secondary schools outside the United States, and provides additional certification of outstanding academic excellence.

# THE AP INTERNATIONAL DIPLOMA

- **Advanced Placement International Diploma Criteria**
- To earn an APID, students must earn grades of three or higher on at least **five** AP Exams in the following content areas:
  - **1. Two AP Exams from two different languages selected from English and/or world languages:**
    - English Literature and Composition
    - French Language
    - Spanish Language

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- 2. One AP Exam designated as offering a global perspective:
  - Government and Politics: Comparative
- 3. One exam from the sciences or mathematics content areas:
  - Mathematics
  - Calculus AB
  - Calculus BC
  - Statistics
  - Biology

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- 4. One (or two) additional exam(s) from among any content areas except English and world languages. These include the content areas already described as well as history and social sciences and arts:
  - History and Social Sciences
    - U.S. History
    - Microeconomics
    - Macroeconomics

- NB: Students who do not achieve a B- or above for the first three quarters in an AP class will not be entered as an official ASP candidate for the exam.

## ● THE IB: The IB Diploma

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

# Categories

- D - Diploma
- C - Certificate
- A - Anticipated

# Overview

- Diploma Program
- Non-Diploma Program

# Vocabulary

- IB – International Baccalaureate
- TOK – Theory of Knowledge
- CAS – Creativity, Action , Service
- HL – High Level
- SL – Standard Level
- EE – Extended Essay

**Language A1**  
**group 1:** English SL/HL

**Language A2, B, *ab initio***  
**group 2:** French, Spanish

**Extended  
Essay**

**Theory of  
Knowledge**

**Creativity  
Action  
Service**

**Individuals and  
Societies**  
**group 3:**  
History, SL/HL  
Economics, SL/HL  
Psychology SL/HL

**Experimental  
Sciences**  
**group 4:**  
Biology SL/HL  
Chemistry HL  
Physics HL

**Mathematics**  
**Group 5:**  
Mathematics HL  
Mathematical SL  
Mathematical Studies SL  
Computer Science SL

**Visual Arts**  
**group 6:**  
Visual Arts, Film Studies,  
Theater Arts  
or another subject from  
groups 2, 3 or 4

# Diploma

This consists of the following

- Six subjects taken over two years, 3 HL & 3 SL (Possible to have 4 HL & 2 SL)

The six subjects must contain

1. Language A1
2. Second Language (A-2 or B or Ab-initio)
3. Social Science
4. Science
5. Mathematics

The sixth subject can be from the Arts group 6 or another subject from categories 2 – 5

- CAS Ms. Karam ([skaram@asparis.fr](mailto:skaram@asparis.fr)) coordinates CAS at ASP
- TOK
- EE

# Group 1

## Language A - 1

- English HL (EN 501)
- English SL (EN 502B)

# Group 2

## Language A-2 and B

- French A-2 HL (Fr Bil. 4)
- French A-2 SL (Fr Bil. 3)
- French B HL (French 6)
- French B SL (French 5)
- French Ab initio (French 3)
- Spanish B HL (Spanish 5)
- Spanish B SL (Spanish 4)
- Spanish Ab initio (Spanish 2)

# Group 3

## Individuals and societies (Social Sciences)

- Economics HL (EC 501)
- Economics SL ( EC 401)
- History HL ( HI 501)
- History SL (HI 401)
- Psychology HL (PS 501)
- Psychology SL (PS 401)

# Group 4 Science

- Biology HL (BI 501)
- Biology SL (BI 502)
- Physics HL (PH 501)
- Chemistry HL (CH 501)

# Group 5

## Mathematics and Computer Science

- Mathematics HL (MA 501)
- Mathematics SL (MA 502B)
- Math. Studies SL (MA 402 C)
- Computer Science SL (Does not replace the IB Mathematics requirement)

# Group 6

## Arts

- Visual Arts HL (AR 501)
- Visual Arts SL (AR 502)
- Theatre Arts HL (TH 501)
- Theatre Arts SL (TH 502)
- Film Studies HL/SL

# Grading

Each of the six IB subjects which contribute toward the individual candidate's IB diploma is assessed on the scale of 1 to 7. The word descriptions for each of these grades are as follows:

IB Grade		School Grade
1	Very Poor	F
2	Poor	D
3	Mediocre	C-/C
4	Satisfactory	C+/B-
5	Good	B/B+
6	Very Good	B+/A-
7	Excellent	A/A+

## Award of Diploma

The IB diploma will be awarded to a candidate whose total score is between 24-27 points, provided certain requirements have been met, and for candidates whose total score is above 28 in certain other cases. We will discuss what these are individual meetings.

Special needs – Students with documented, special learning needs can benefit from individual arrangements. If you think your child might need this, you should contact Sonata Sardinha and myself as soon as possible. Arrangements include:

- Extra time
- Rest periods
- Information and communication technology
- Amanuenses ( or scribe)
- Reader

# Comparisons IB vs. AP

## IB Courses

- 20-30% based on Internal Assessment: Work assessed by teacher and Moderated externally
- Free response answers with partial credit
- College credit given for Diploma and HL certificates
- Diploma is University entrance qualification in Europe

## AP Courses

- No Internal Assessment
- 60-80% multiple choice questions
- All one year courses
- College credit given for grade 3 upward
- Recognised throughout the US and increasingly so in Europe
- No added extras

# COSTS (for 2009-2010)

## IB

- FULL DIPLOMA: 600 Euros
- CERTIFICATES:
- 1 exam 210 €
- 2 exams 285 €
- 3 exams 360 €
- 4 exams 435 €
- 5 exams 510 €
- 6 exams 585 €

## AP

- 1 exam 95€
- 2 exams 190€
- 3 exams 285€
- 4 exams 380€
- 5 exams 475€
- 6 exams 570€

# FOR ALL OF THESE OPTIONS WE NEED TO MEET:

## IB

- Discuss class choices
- Figure out sequence
- Sign IB contract and planner

## AP

- Discuss class choices and figure out sequence

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