

## **Brent International School Manila Diploma Programs**

Bishop Charles Henry Brent founded Brent School Baguio in 1909 with a vision of providing quality education to children of mobile families. His vision remains alive as Brent International School Manila continues to promote quality education for our international clientele. From the beginning Brent has issued a valid high school diploma that is recognized as meeting university requirements for US colleges and universities.

Every student who has successfully completed the graduation requirements of Brent International School Manila receives a Brent Diploma.

The Brent Diploma is recognized in the host country (including transcript of record and results of individual school's entrance examination) as well as in other countries like the United States (including SAT's, transcript of record, letters of recommendation, essays) and Canada (including transcript of record and student supplemental form).

**Minimum Graduation Requirements:** Courses to be taken over four years. One unit is equal to one year of successful study and completion of the course.

– English	4 units
– Modern Languages	3 units*
– Social Sciences	4 units
– Experimental Sciences	4 units
– Mathematics	4 units
– Electives	1 unit (2 semesters)*
– Music/Band/Choir/Strings/Art	1 unit (2 semesters)
– Computer Sciences	1 unit (2 semesters)
– Religious Studies	1 unit (2 semesters)
– Theory of Knowledge	1 unit (2 Semesters)
– Physical education	<u>2 units (4 semesters)</u>
Total	26 units

## **Brent Diploma and IB Diploma**

**Brent Diploma** - students in Grades 11 and 12 study and pass courses in:

English

Modern Language

Social Science

Experimental Science

Mathematics

Electives

Junior Seminar - Year 11

TOK

and they complete 120 hours CAS (Creativity, Action and Service)

## The IB Diploma Program

The IB diploma package must include the following:

- Group 1 - Language A1 (for native speakers and language of the school)
- Group 2 - Language A2 (for near native speakers), Language B (a foreign language), and Language Ab Initio (for beginners, 2 years), or another Language A1
- Group 3 - Individuals and Societies
- Group 4 - Experimental Sciences
- Group 5 - Mathematics (compulsory)  
Computer Science (Elective)
- Group 6 - Electives (another Group 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or the Arts – Music, Theatre Arts, Visual Arts)

Full IB Diploma students must also complete:

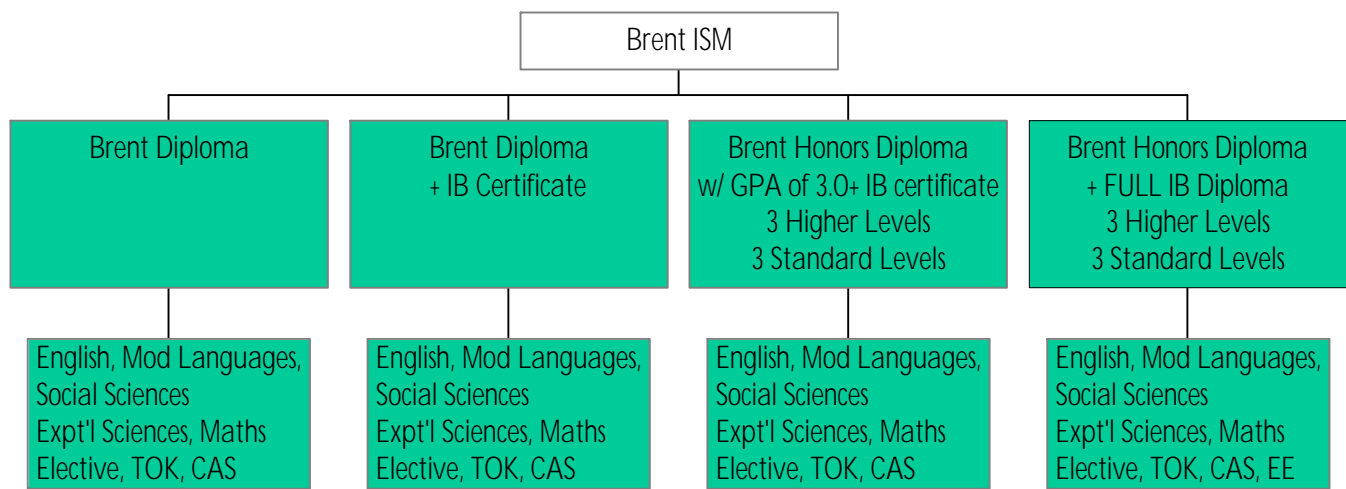
- a 4000 word independently researched Extended Essay,
- take 100 hours of the Theory of knowledge,
- complete 150 hours of CAS (Creativity, Action and Service)

And they must choose their subjects such that

- 3 courses are taken at the Higher Level (240 hours in two years), and
- 3 courses are taken at the Standard Level (150 hours in two years).

At Brent, students actually have four Diploma options. They may chose to work towards the Brent Diploma, the Brent Diploma with one or more IB certificates (an IB Certificate is awarded per subject for successful completion of any IB course), a Brent Honors Diploma (where the student takes three Higher Level and three Standard Level IB courses and maintains a GPA of 3.0 or better over the last two years of study), or a Brent Honors Diploma and an IB Diploma. The options are illustrated below:

### OPTIONS



The following are examples of programs within the four Brent Diploma options:

Brent Diploma	Brent Diploma + Certificates	Brent Honors Diploma (GPA 3.0)+ IB Certificates	Brent Honors Diploma (GPA 3.0)+ Full IB Diploma
English A2 SL	English A1 HL	English A1 HL	English A1 HL
Korean A1 HL	Spanish Ab Initio SL	Spanish B SL	French B SL
Geography SL	Psychology SL	Economics HL	History HL
Science and Tech.	Biology SL	Biology SL	Chemistry HL
Math Studies SL	Math Studies SL	Math SL	Math SL
Choir	Band	Visual Arts HL	Physics SL
Junior Seminar 11	Junior Seminar 11	Junior Seminar 11	Junior Seminar 11
TOK	TOK	TOK	TOK 11 and 12
120 Hours CAS	120 Hours CAS	120 Hours CAS	Extended Essay
			150 Hours CAS

## **What is the IB?**

### **The International Baccalaureate Diploma Program (IBDP):**

- was established in 1968. IBO authorized Brent ISM as an IB school in October of 1986;
- is a rigorous **pre-university (college-level courses)** program noted for its depth and international perspective;
- is a two-year program that provides a coherent and demanding experience across the full curriculum;
- assesses students in the diploma program in 6 subject areas (internally as well as externally), 3 of these subjects are taken at the Higher Level and 3 are taken at the Standard Level;
- engages students in activities that require creativity, action, and community service (CAS), in an inquiry into the nature of knowledge (TOK), and asks them to conduct an independent in-depth research to comply with the 4000-word requirement of the Extended Essay.

**How involved with the IB Program should you be?** – We recommend that Grade 10 students and parents look at three factors to help them determine to what extent the student should be involved with the IB program.

1. What is the student's academic performance to date (the GPA or Grade Point Average)? With a GPA of 3.5 and above, we believe the IB Diploma is the appropriate challenge. A GPA of 3.0 to 3.49, the Diploma is most definitely within reach. With a GPA of 2.7 to 2.99, the other two factors (country requirements and university course requirements or prerequisites) carry more weight.
2. Does the country where they feel they might be interested in attending college or university require an IB Diploma?
3. Does the university where the student hopes to study have specific IB course requirements or prerequisites?

**Courses in Grades 11 and 12** – All students will select one course from each of the following Groups of courses:

### **Group 1 - Languages A1**

The International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO) defines Language A1 as the mother tongue of the students or the language of the school. Since the medium of instruction at Brent is English, English is the Language A1 choice for most of our students. Language A1 courses are literature based. They cover different world literature titles studied in translation of the target language. Students are exposed to different genre, style, type of literary study, methodology, theme, period, and culture.

(IBO's Subject Grouping) Aside from English A1, we also offer Korean A1 and Filipino A1, as well as other Languages A1 where an external tutor is available.

Non-IB English – We also offer a traditional reading, writing, and speaking English class, designed around five thematic areas of inquiry, namely Man and Technology, The Clash of Cultures, A World Gone Wrong-Dystopian Literature, Authenticity, and Shakespeare.” This course is available beginning school year 2005-2006 and is not part of the IB program.

## **Group 2 - Languages A2, B, and Ab Initio**

Language A2 is a combination of Language and Literature designed for near native speakers of the target Language. We offer English A2 and Filipino A2.

Language B is an acquired language. Brent offers English B, French B, Mandarin B, and Spanish B.

Language Ab Initio is designed for beginners of the target language. We currently offer Spanish Ab Initio.

Students at Brent study English either as an A1, A2, or B. A student may have in their IB diploma package a combination of English A1 & Filipino A1, or Korean A1 & English A2, or Korean A1 & English B. Other possible combinations are English A1 & Spanish B, English A1 & Mandarin B, English A1 & French.

## **Group 3 - Individuals and Societies**

Business and Management

Economics

Geography

History

Information Technology in a Global Society (ITGS)

Psychology

## **Group 4 – Experimental Sciences**

Biology

Chemistry

Physics

Science and Technology (non-IB)

## **Group 5 - Mathematics**

Mathematics Higher Level

Mathematics Standard Level

Mathematical Studies Standard Level

Integrated Mathematics (non-IB)

\*Computer Science (Elective only and cannot replace Mathematics)

**Group 6 - The Arts and Electives** – Students may take one of out three arts classes, may choose a second course from one of the previous five groups, or may take one of the non-IB courses.

The Arts - Music, Theatre Arts, Visual Arts

Another Group 1

Another Group 2

Another Group 3

Another Group 4

Another Group 5

Non-IB Courses - Brent Music, Choir, Band, Strings

**Assessments** – For courses completed within the IB Program:

- Assessments are both internal and external.
- The internal assessment is based on materials done during the time of the course and is graded by teachers following the specific published criteria. Samples of student Internal Assessment (IA) materials are sent to external moderators. The IA marks make up about 20% to 50% of the students' grade.
- The external assessments cover the remaining 50% to 80% of the students' IB grade. An international board of chief examiners develops the written examination with input from IB teachers from around the world.
- All assessments are criterion-based.
- 157 different subjects were available for examination and assessment in 2001.
- IB scores range from 1 to 7, with 1 being very poor and 7 excellent.
- A maximum of three (3) points is awarded to students who receive an excellent score in TOK and their Extended Essay.
- The diploma is awarded to students who score a minimum of 24 points without any failing conditions. The maximum possible score that can be achieved is 45 points. Failing conditions include scoring less than 12 points on the three Higher Level examinations, less than 9 points on the three Standard Level examinations, or receiving Elementary rating on TOK and Extended Essay papers.
- The IB diploma serves as an admissions credential at universities in 102 countries.
- There are around 1000 colleges and universities in the USA that provide credit or placement to successful IB diploma candidates. A total of 150 post-secondary institutions grant a full year of credit to students.
- As of November 2004, 1,215 schools in 117 countries offered IB courses and examinations of which Brent International School Manila is one.