

Al Bateen's Senior School:

The International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IB DP) in Years 12 and 13

I/GCSEs in Years 10 and 11 provide excellent preparation for the final, pre-University qualification offered by Al Bateen Secondary School: The IB Diploma Programme. This is a prestigious and rigorous two-years programme recognised by all leading Universities worldwide. As stated by the International Baccalaureate Organisation (IBO), the IB DP:

Aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect.

The IB Diploma Programme is suited to conscientious, hardworking and motivated students who are not afraid of academic rigour and who embrace both cooperative and independent learning. Due to the range of subjects and the activities on offer, IB students will be given the chance to enhance their intellectual abilities across a full and enriched curriculum.

All IB DP students study **six subjects and three core components**. The six subjects are chosen according to each individual student's academic strengths and interests; three of them are studied at Higher Level (HL) and three at Standard Level (SL). These subject choices fall into six categories: Literature, Language, Social Sciences, Experimental Sciences, Mathematics, Arts or Electives. Students choose a subject from each of these groups (please see the table below), and can choose to replace Art / Music with a second experimental Science, a second Social Science or a third Language, depending on their interests, strengths and career aspirations.

Group	Subjects offered	Comments
1: First Language & Literature	English A Language & Literature, Arabic A Lang & Lit, Self-Taught Lang & Lit (at SL only)	<i>At least one subject must be chosen from this group</i>
2: Second Language	Arabic, French, Spanish, English B	<i>At least one subject must be chosen from this group</i>
3: Social Sciences	Geography, History, Business and Management, Philosophy	<i>At least one subject must be chosen from this group</i>
4: Experimental Sciences	Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Sports and Exercise Science	<i>At least one subject must be chosen from this group</i>
5: Mathematics	HL Mathematics, SL Mathematics, Mathematical Studies	<i>One subject must be chosen from this group</i>
6: Arts or Elective	Visual Art, Music	<i>Students can choose a subject from this group or another subject from group 1, 2, 3 or 4</i>

Students must also complete the course's core components: a **Theory of Knowledge** module, a 4,000 word **Extended Essay** and at least 150 hours of **CAS** over two years. CAS will allow our students to discover and develop new skills, including planning and leadership, as they will have play a leading role in the organization and running of CAS activities. Through the study of Theory of Knowledge, they will learn to question facts and

ideas, examining the very foundations of knowledge and becoming aware of themselves as knowers. Through the Extended Essay, they will develop as critical and creative thinkers who are suited to twenty-first century citizenship and leadership.

Admission to the Senior School is open to all ALDAR Academies students who have successfully completed Year 11 and students from other international schools in the UAE and overseas who meet the entry requirement. The entry requirements are:

- A proven track record of academic success, e.g. at least 5 (I)GCSEs at Grades A* - C, including English and Mathematics
- Minimum (I)GCSE Grade B or equivalent for all subjects to be studied at Higher Level (but please note that a Grade A is required for access to Higher Level Mathematics)
- Evidence of constructive participation in the wider life of the school

All students admitted into the Senior School should be able to access all areas of the curriculum through the medium of English. However, where a student has English as an Additional Language, a programme of support will be offered by specialist teachers. In addition, the school will offer the Self-Taught (SL) Language course in Group 1, which allows native speakers of a language other than Arabic or English to study it with the support of the school. No student who is academically able will be denied a place on the Diploma Programme because of their lack of English language skills.

The IB Diploma Programme at Al Bateen will foster intellect, creativity and analysis, as well as inter-cultural understanding, preparing students to be the leading global citizens of the future. Because of its prestige and academic strength, it will also maximize their chances to attend a leading University worldwide. We look forward to welcoming our students into the programme!

