



## IB Examination Results Report for Session May 2010

The International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme is a course of study which is taken by students in their final two years of high school. In 2009, 1,969 schools worldwide offered the IB Diploma Programme. It is an eclectic and in depth study experience. Students choose six subjects each taken from a specific subject area such as science, languages and humanities.

The International School of Brussels was among the first fifty schools in the world to offer the programme. The Diploma Programme has been an integral component of the life of ISB and shares much in common with the educational values of ISB's own diploma programme.

ISB has an open enrolment policy which produces a widely diverse student body. Unlike many other schools which are highly selective in who they admit to externally examined Diplomas, at ISB in order to apply to be full IB Diploma Candidate students must only satisfy the minimum requirement in mathematics and language and be able (on the recommendations of their teachers or through placement tests) to fulfill the six subject group requirement. One hundred and six students sat the IB examinations in May 2010. Of these, seventy-four were full diploma students. It is generally accepted that in order to be able to interpret result statistics one must look at trends that date back at least five years. In summary, ISB's five year statistics look like this:

ISB Five Year IB Statistics						
Year	Candidates	Full Diploma	Subject Entries	Percentage of Diploma Passes	Average Points Total	Average Subject Score
2006	110	76	714	98.7	34.0	5.4
2007	100	78	691	92.3	32.0	5.0
2008	113	81	742	98.8	33.4	5.3
2009	95	65	595	98.5	35.3	5.6
2010	106	74	678	93.2	33.0	5.2
<b>Average</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>74.8</b>	<b>684</b>	<b>96.0</b>	<b>33.5</b>	<b>5.3</b>

The IB Diploma is awarded on a scale of points. The minimum number of points obtained from six subjects and the three available bonus points is 24 and the maximum is 45 points. Below is the Diploma total points distribution for the May 2010 examination session:

Points Distribution		
No. Students	Diploma Points	Percentage
20	24-29	27.8
29	30-34	40.3
15	35-39	20.8
8	40-45	11.1

ISB compares favorably when one looks at some key figures for ISB May 2010 statistics and World percentages for May 2009:

ISB v World percentage comparisons		
	ISB	World
Average Points Total	33.00	29.51
Average Subject Score	5.24	4.66
% students awarded diploma	93.24	78.71

For each subject, the combination of written examination papers and internally assessed work results in an end score from 1 to 7 (1 being the lowest and 7 the highest). Below is given a mark distribution for each of the six subject groups this year. For a list of courses we offer in each subject group, please consult the on-line copy of the *High School Course Description Booklet* [http://www.isb.be/uploaded/download\\_centre/Learning/High\\_School/HS\\_Course\\_Description\\_web.pdf](http://www.isb.be/uploaded/download_centre/Learning/High_School/HS_Course_Description_web.pdf)

2010 Subject Group Examination Mark Distribution by Percentage								
Subject	No.Candidates	Grade						
		7	6	5	4	3	2	1
<b>Group 1</b>								
Language A1	91 candidates	13.2	29.7	33.0	24.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Group 2</b>								
Language A2/B	96 candidates	17.7	44.8	28.1	8.3	0.0	0.0	1.0
<b>Group 3</b>								
Humanities	124 candidates	12.9	17.7	32.3	27.4	8.9	0.8	0.0
<b>Group 4</b>								
Sciences	101 candidates	6.9	24.8	27.7	25.7	13.9	1.0	0.0
<b>Group 5</b>								
Maths	87 candidates	5.7	21.8	29.9	25.3	12.6	4.6	0.0
<b>Group 6</b>								
Arts	31 candidates	3.2	35.5	32.3	19.4	9.7	0.0	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>530</b>	<b>10.9</b>	<b>27.7</b>	<b>30.4</b>	<b>22.3</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>0.2</b>

From the table above we can see that students at ISB score consistently well in all subject groups, with Languages and Humanities showing particular high scores. This should not be taken as a permanent characteristic of the ISB IB subject groups' performances. In the 2009 subject scores, Languages, Mathematics and Sciences received a high percentage of IB sixes and sevens. Compared to the world averages, the majority of IB classes taught at ISB that were examined in May 2010 produced a higher average grade with Languages, History, Business, Physics, Music, Art, Biology and Chemistry scoring on average as much as 1.25 more per student.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions any of the above information.

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