## Grade 11/12 <br> Options Information

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## ASA High School Diploma

Pathway 1
ASA High School Diploma with IB Certificates

Pathway 2


IB Diploma courses (up to six) + HS courses

Internally and externally assessed

US High School Diploma and IB Certificate courses recognised worldwide

IB Diploma course tasks and criteria cannot be modified.

ASA High School Diploma with IB Diploma

Pathway 3

Six IBDP courses (three SL and three HL)

Student also complete core requirements -
Extended Essay, CAS and Theory of Knowledge

Tasks and criteria cannot be modified

70\%+ Examination Assessment


ASA offers a traditional US High School Diploma and was first accredited to offer this in 2000 by the Middle States Association from the United States. All successful graduates from ASA have received this diploma.

This US High School Diploma is recognised globally by colleges and universities for entrance into courses.

The High School Diploma alone may limit students' to access the most competitive universities, especially in the UK and Europe and may require a student to complete a foundation year before embarking on their undergraduate courses.

## HS Diploma Graduation Requirements

| English | 4 |
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| Maths | 3 |
| Science | 3 |
| Social Studies | 3 |
| Foreign Language | 2 |
| Fine \& Performing Arts | 2 |
| P.E | 2 |
| Malagasy | .5 |
| Electives | 4.5 |

Attendance<br>Service Learning

Seven Subjects studied per semester (most courses last two semesters).



To achieve the IB Diploma, students must choose six DP courses to study (from different groups*), completing three at Higher Level and three at Standard level. Higher level courses are standard levels courses with additional content and/or complexity and are given extra teaching time.

The program has also has three core requirements that are included to broaden the educational experience and challenge students to apply their knowledge and understanding.
*Students are able to study two Science or Individuals and societies subjects in place of Art/Theatre. Biology AND Physics combination not offered.


## IB Diploma Subjects




Pathway 2 allows students to combine courses from the High School Diploma pathway and the IBDP pathway.

Subject to scheduling restrictions, students can choose to take some HS courses along with some IBDP courses. Students are then released from other IBDP requirements Extended Essay and ToK which allows them more flexibility to spend time developing their passions or skills.

Students then graduate with a US High School Diploma and IBDP certificates

Students can combine (subject to scheduling \& demand)


## Key points:

## University

 Considerations

- All pathways are College preparatory
- All pathways lead to US High School Diploma
- Allow students to balance rigor and success
- Meet the individual needs for students to pursue their own goals!


## Points essentiel:

- Chaque parcours est préparatoire à l'université
- Chaque parcours conduisent au diplôme d'études secondaires américain
- Permettent aux élèves de concilier rigueur et réussite
- Répondent aux besoins individuels des élèves pour poursuivre leurs propres objectifs !


## University

## UK

## Considerations

Many UK universities have rigid course entry requirements and require the full IB Diploma (Pathway 3). Sample requirements may look like:

- Medicine (Chemistry HL + 1 Science HL + Maths AA)
- Engineering (Physics HL + Maths AA)
- Physics (Physics HL + Maths AA)
o Art (Visual Art HL + strong portfolio)

Students on pathway 1 and 2 still have access to a wide range of respected UK universities, but not all.

Note: US HS Diploma is widely accepted in the UK, although a foundation year may required for some programs/schools.

## Highly competitive Schools:

## University

US, Europe, Canada

## Considerations

Much like the UK, many of the world's highly competitive universities will expect the full IB Diploma.
"Highly Competitive" schools are those that accept fewer than 25\% of applicants. There are quite a few that accept less than $10 \%$.

While not requiring the IB Diploma specifically, highly competitive schools require students to pursue the most challenging pathway available. At ASA this is the IB Diploma.

## University

## US, Canada, Europe

## Considerations



## U.S. and Canadian Universities:

- HS Diploma gains access to universities. The IB Diploma is not required.
o More flexible regarding course selection and entry requirements. They won't specify which courses you must take.
o Course selection should match desired program to be competitive.
- May award university credit for IB courses, but there is a score threshold and this does not apply to every course


## Europe:

More similar to the US than to the UK. Varied, so research! eg.) Netherlands: Research Universities require IB Diploma, Applied Science Universities require US Diploma. Both are 4 year programs at respected universities


- All students are required to study subjects from at least Seven Blocks
$\square$ One of those blocks will give students the opportunity to take part in a PHE programme, either as a full subject or combined with TOK.
$\square$ All students will participate in Service Learning.
$\square$ DP Students will also complete an Extended Essay in a subject of their choice and fulfil CAS commitments.


