

Admission policy IB Diploma programme (IBDP) at Mora gymnasium

The IBDP is an assessed programme for students who are between 16-19 (ibo.org). A youth who has completed the compulsory school or equivalent education may start upper secondary school, no later than the spring term of the year he or she turns 20 (Skolverket.se). Note that in cases when an applicant has turned 19 and wants to start the pre-IB, the IBDP coordinator will have to contact the IB to get their approval before being able to accept the applicant to the IBDP.

Pre-Diploma Year

The first year is referred to as the pre – IB, which is a preparatory year to the two-year Diploma programme as well as a necessity for a student to get eligibility to the Swedish higher education system after the IBDP (see Assessment policy). You apply to IBDP at Mora gymnasium the same way as you do when you apply to our national programmes. The requirements are the same as when you apply to any of the higher education preparatory programmes in Sweden. You must have graduated compulsory school and having passing grades in Swedish or Swedish as a second language, English, mathematics and at least nine other subjects from compulsory school, a total of twelve subjects (Gymnasium.se).

The level of English (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages CERF, B.1.1) expected of students entering the IBDP at Mora gymnasium is roughly equivalent to that of students leaving year 9 in Swedish compulsory school. (Nafs.gu.se). All candidates will take part in diagnoses to assess their prior knowledge as all other students do when entering Mora gymnasium. Diagnoses are submitted in mathematics, English and Swedish. If a candidate will encounter academic difficulty and the need for extra support and help arise, we will provide necessary help (see Mora gymnasium IBDP SEN-policy). This year of preparation aims to build a solid base such that continual studies will not be overwhelming. All set courses are essential and must be passed. Note that no DP subject or component will be worked with during this pre-IB year.

IB1

Before entering IB1, the results of each student from the pre-IB will be taken into consideration by the IB DPC, guidance counsellor and IBDP teachers when advising the students going into the IBDP. All IBDP staff will have a meeting in April during the pre-IB year in which the staff evaluate every individual student's possibilities and potential before entering the IBDP (see Mora gymnasium Assessment policy IBDP). Students will then meet

the guidance counsellor in May on the pre-IB year to discuss his/her choice of subjects on the IBDP also which level (HL or SL) the student should consider taking. In the end of IB1; there will be no grades; in its place, teachers present status reports based on internal assessment.

IB2

Before the final year, it is the IB DPC's decision to promote IB1 students to IB 2. The decision is based on teacher internal assessment (see Mora gymnasium Assessment policy IBDP). Before being registered for the final May examinations; the deadlines for Extended Essay (EE) and Theory of Knowledge (TOK) must have been met, as well as the CAS being performed satisfactorily and the projected grades points for passing the Diploma must meet the requirements (IB, 2016. Article 3.3).

Retakes

Candidates, whether studying for the IB Diploma or DP Course Results, must complete all requirements within the two-year period of the programme or within an extended period of study if a candidate retakes one or more subjects (IB, 2016. Article 3.2).

A candidate can be allowed to retake one year at the IBDP if space allows in the existing class (extended period) and is allowed a maximum of three retakes of IBDP exams by the IB (see Assessment policy).

IB Exchange Students

Exchange students transferring from another IBDP school will be admitted if space allows into the IBDP (IB1 or IB2) at Mora gymnasium. Note that for students transferring from another country outside the EU there might be a need to obtain a residence permit from the Swedish Migration Agency.

*Studying as an exchange pupil at an upper secondary school level. **If you are planning to study as an exchange pupil at an upper secondary school in Sweden for longer than three months, you require a residence permit. You cannot enter Sweden until the permit has been granted.** If you are to support yourself with your own funds, you must submit your application at the earliest three months before the date you are applying for a residence permit from. This is because you must be able to show that you can support yourself close to the beginning of the study time and your documents must not get too old. This does not apply if you will receive a scholarship to cover your means of support, if you study at upper secondary school or as an exchange pupil.*

For studies that are shorter than three months, citizens in certain countries must have an entry visa.

Special rules apply if you are an EU citizen or a long-term resident. (Migrationsverket.se)

If an exchange student has plans to continue his or her education in Sweden, he or she may have to read Swedish as a Language A or B. In this case the applicant needs to have an approved grade in Swedish or Swedish as a second language at compulsory level, if he or she has not studied Swedish abroad. There is an opportunity to participate in an introduction programme, for example language introduction (Skolverket.se).

Students changing between the Swedish national higher education preparatory programmes and the IBDP at Mora gymnasium.

The pre-IB year at Mora gymnasium is framed so that students wanting to change from the pre-IB into a higher education preparatory national programme during the pre-IB shall be able to do that. The same goes for the opposite, students attending a higher education preparatory national programme at Mora gymnasium will be able to be admitted to the IBDP if space allows. Students should contact the guidance counsellor and a waiting list will be used when necessary.

Applicants with foreign education

An applicant, residing in Sweden, who has foreign education corresponding to the compulsory school, may in certain circumstances be admitted to the upper secondary school. To be accepted, the applicant needs to meet the eligibility requirements for the education. There also needs to be places available on the IBDP.

An applicant with foreign education corresponding to the compulsory school must also be qualified for the upper secondary school. An applicant who has acquired equivalent knowledge of a subject in other ways than through compulsory school studies shall, when applying the eligibility rules, be deemed to have approved the grade in the subject. Furthermore, the approved grade in Swedish as a second language must be equated with an approved grade in Swedish for the application of the eligibility rules.

In some cases, an applicant with a foreign education, corresponding to the compulsory school, does not meet the eligibility requirements. The applicant may, for example, need to have an approved grade in Swedish or Swedish as a second language, if he or she has not studied Swedish abroad. Sometimes an applicant needs to supplement more subjects than that (Skolverket.se). Note that in some cases when an applicant is staying in Sweden for a specific period of time, as an example if the student's parents are working in Sweden for two years, then there can be an exception when it comes to the requirement in Swedish. Mora gymnasium will look at these applicants individually when making decisions in admitting the students to the IBDP at Mora gymnasium.

The Admission policy is to be updated yearly by the pedagogical leadership team, IBDP guidance counsellor, principal and the IBDP teachers.

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