

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 the IBDP at Mora gymnasium the same way as you do when you apply to our national programmes through Antagningen Falun. 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 have passing grades in English, mathematics and Swedish as well as at least nine other subjects from compulsory school, a total of twelve subjects (skolverket.se). However, **Mora gymnasium will look at every applicant separately** since exceptions may be granted for Swedish as well as nine subjects (Note that a passing grade in English as well as mathematics is a requirement which no exceptions will be granted).

The level of English (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages CERF, B.1.1) expected of students entering the pre-IB at Mora gymnasium is roughly equivalent to that of students leaving year 9 in Swedish compulsory school. For the IBDP (CERF B.1.2 is needed, English 5 in the Swedish national system) (<https://www.skolverket.se/getFile?file=9786>).

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 has need for extra support, Mora gymnasium will provide necessary help (see Mora gymnasium Inclusion policy IBDP). The year of preparation (pre-IB) 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.

If a student want sto reach all the requirements that are needed for the nature science programme (NA) in the Swedish system then the student needs to take Biology 1 and 2 during the pre-IB year. Students during the pre-IB can also choose to take an extra language

(German, Spanish or French). NOTE that: Biology and an extra language will be chosen during the first week in August.

IBDP1

Before entering IBDP1, the results of each student from the pre-IB will be taken into consideration by the IB-coordinator, guidance counsellor and IBDP teachers when advising the students going into the IBDP. During the first term of the pre-IB in November all students will have a parent-student meeting and the student is to turn in his/her choice of subject for the IBDP including which level SL or HL he/she wants to take the subject in. In some cases the subject may not be offered if the group size is too small and in these cases the student may have to change their options. Note that it is up to the student to take responsibility to make sure that the subjects they choose are sufficient for entry into the university of their choice (for the Swedish higher education system <https://www.antagning.se/sv/betyg-och-behorighet/international-baccalaureate/ib-examen-2021-och-framat/sarskild-behorighet/>). For general information about the IB and higher education see https://www.ibo.org/university-admission/support-students-transition-to-higher-education/faqs-for-counsellors-students-and-parents/#dp_briefs .

All IBDP staff will have a meeting in Mars 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). All students will be offered a parent-student meeting in which the student's progress in school will be discussed. In the end of IBDP1; there will be no grades; in its place, teachers present status reports based on internal assessment.

IBDP2

Before the final year, it is the IB coordinator's decision to promote IBDP1 students to IBDP2. 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, 2022. C1.1).

Retakes

If a candidate is not satisfied with the grade they have achieved in one or more subjects, or for TOK or the EE requirement, the candidate may take the subject(s) again. This can be in the examination session six months later or, in principle, after any period of time. However, when a subject is taken again, if significant new curriculum or assessment requirements have been introduced, the candidate must comply with those new requirements. Also, it is important to check whether the subject/level/response language is available in the targeted session.

A school is under no obligation to register a candidate who wishes to take one or more subjects again, regardless of whether the candidate was a diploma or course candidate, or did or did not previously attend the school. Registering a candidate to retake one or more subjects involves accepting all academic and

administrative responsibilities for that candidate, regardless of whether the candidate previously attended a different school.

If a diploma candidate retakes a subject at the same level and in the same response language, the highest grade will contribute to the diploma. Therefore, when registering a retake candidate, IBIS will not indicate that the subject and its grade from the previous session is not included.

If the grade is the same, it is the date of the first examination session that will appear on the results document. In the case of a course candidate taking the same subject/level again, another DP Course Results document will be issued, regardless of whether the grade has changed. (IB, 2022, C2.5).

A candidate can be allowed to retake one year at the IBDP if space allows in the existing class (extended period).

Application and Fees

Applicants will be accepted in the following order:

1. Swedish students with grades from Swedish compulsory school (see requirements). Pay no fee.
2. Swedish students with a passing compulsory school exam from another country (validated by Antagningen in Falun). Pay no fee.
3. Students from the Nordic countries with a passing compulsory school exam (validated by Antagningen in Falun). Pay no fee.
4. International students with a passing compulsory school exam (validated by Antagningen in Falun). Pay a fee that is to be revised yearly. The expenses for the examinations will also be charged on the last invoice.

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.

International students

International students will be admitted if space allows into the IBDP (IBDP1 or IBDP2, not the pre-IB) at Mora gymnasium, there will be a fee each term that is to be revised yearly (at the last term the examination costs will be added to the invoice as well). 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. Note that a student must take Swedish A (SL or HL) to be accepted into university, if a student has taken Swedish B (SL or HL) or Swedish ab initio he/she must take on TISUS test (Test in Swedish for University) to complement his/her qualification in Swedish. In some cases Mora gymnasium can organize so the student take Swedish as a second language 3 (SVA 3) during his/fer third year at Mora gymnasium. SVA3 is equivalent to Swedish A if the student also has passed Swedish B in the IBDP. Then the student will not have to take the TISUS test. (skolverket.se).

Applicants with foreign education residing in Sweden

An applicant, residing in Sweden, who has foreign education corresponding to the compulsory school, may 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 seats 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 school board.

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