The IB diploma graduate destinations survey 2011

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Objective and methodology

**Objective**

Improve the recognition of the IB Diploma Programme (DP) worldwide by presenting the profile, performance and destinations of IB diploma and certificate students in the United States of America. The global report will cover Canada, Mexico, India, the UK, Spain, Australia as well as the US.

**Methodology**

**Stage 1 – Questionnaire design**

In cooperation with the IB, a survey instrument was developed to survey US IB graduates. The US questionnaire contained six sections plus one follow-up question. The survey obtained confirmation, from students graduating in 2011, of their intended destinations upon completion of their IB Diploma Programme and collected information on whether students were intending to go onto further education or other destinations, SAT scores, colleges/universities applied to, offers received, scholarship offers, final choice of destination as well as intended major. The questionnaire also covered student mobility, their decision-making process and interests as well as their IB learning experiences.

**Stage 2 – Online survey**

There are a total of 744 IB World Schools in the US offering the Diploma Programme, of which 319 (43%) registered for the “IB diploma graduate destinations survey 2011 – USA”. Of these 319 schools, 191 (60%) launched the survey either directly to their students or providing email addresses of their graduates prior to the fieldwork period. 4,171 graduating high school seniors (1,451 male, 2,534 female, 186 not stated their gender) from 191 schools in 34 states submitted their responses. Both full IB diploma and certificate candidates participated in the survey, although the share of IB diploma candidates was considerably higher (3,601 diploma candidates versus 570 certificate candidates).

An IB coordinator/teacher/principal either administered the survey to students in class or provided i-graduate with email addresses of their students, so the survey was launched directly to students by i-graduate. Participating institutions were provided with a suggested email invitation text to be sent to their high school seniors. The email invitation text explained the purpose of the study and detailed how the data would be used, in addition to providing the institution with a specific hyperlink that directed email recipients to the online IB diploma graduate destinations questionnaire hosted using i-graduate’s survey software capability.
Section 1

Demographics

Profile of respondents and schools
Section 1 - Demographics

Profile of respondents and schools

Are you in the final year of your:

- 14% International Baccalaureate Diploma
- 86% International Baccalaureate Certificate

Please tell us, are you:

- 64% Male
- 36% Female

- More than ¾ of the respondents are IB diploma candidates.
- The ratio of male to female respondents is about one to two respectively.
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Profile of respondents and schools

Nationality (Passport)

- 91% of all respondents are US citizens.
- About 92% of all respondents are citizens of North America (USA, Canada).
- About 93% of all respondents are citizens of native English speaking countries (USA, Canada, UK).

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*Please see Appendix A for full list of second languages

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Profile of respondents and schools

Ethnicity

- More than half of the respondents are White (non-Hispanic), followed by 15% of Asian students (including the Indian subcontinent and Philippines).
- The share of Hispanic and Black students is under 10% each, while graduates of Middle Eastern origin represent only 2% of the total survey population.

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Section 1 - Demographics
Profile of respondents and schools

Type of schools

- 191 US schools launched the survey (20 private schools and 171 public schools).
- The share of respondents in public high schools (95%) is considerably higher than the share of respondents in private secondary education (5%).

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Profile of respondents and schools

Distribution of IB scores among diploma candidate respondents*

Frequencies

*Including students who did not obtain the IB diploma

Mean IB score: 29
Median IB score: 29

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Profile of respondents and schools

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Profile of respondents and schools

Profile summary

• Most responses were received from high school students in Florida, followed by New York and California, then Texas and Maryland.

• 64% of the IB graduates participating in the US survey were female.

• 86% of all IB graduates participating in the US survey were IB diploma candidates.

• 91% of all IB graduates participating in the US survey were American citizens.

• The majority of all IB graduates participating in the US survey were White (56%), Asian (15%) or Hispanic (9%).

• 95% of all IB graduates participating in the US survey were from state schools.

• The average IB score among the survey participants is 29; the median score is 29.
Section 2

Destination of IB graduates
Have you decided to undertake further study at a university/college upon completion of your IB diploma/certificate?

The majority of the survey respondents have decided to undertake further education:

- **99% of all respondents** are planning to undertake further study at a university/college upon earning their IB diploma/certificate.

- **Only 1%** of all respondents have other plans following their IB diploma/certificate.

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Destination of IB graduates

Have you decided to undertake further study at a university/college upon completion of your IB diploma/certificate? – IB certificate (inner circle, 546) versus IB diploma (outer circle, 3461)

If you do not wish to study at a university/college, what do you plan to do following your IB diploma/certificate?

- The most **popular alternative** to higher education among IB diploma candidates was **deferring university/college** (taking a gap-year), whereas IB certificate candidates tended to go into **military service** (44%).
- Note: low base numbers
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Top 10 universities survey respondents will be attending:

- University of Florida: 158
- Florida State University: 64
- University of Texas - Austin: 59
- University of Washington: 54
- University of Maryland–College Park: 53
- University of Colorado - Boulder: 47
- University of Michigan - Ann Arbor (main campus): 46
- Cornell University: 42
- University of California - Berkeley: 39
- UNC Chapel Hill: 39

A total of 158 graduates among those who participated in the survey will be attending the University of Florida and 64 IB graduates will enroll in Florida State University. 59 graduates will be studying at the University of Texas – Austin.

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University/college attending by survey respondents (by state) TOP 10:

- FL 12%
- NY 10%
- MA 5%
- VA 5%
- MD 4%
- CO 4%
- PA 4%
- MI 4%
- CA 9%
- TX 6%
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**Entry requirements and application process**

Acceptance rates for the 20 most popular institutions among survey respondents

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Which type of degree are you planning to undertake?

- Bachelor degree program: 70%
- Dual Bachelor degree program: 9%
- Joint Bachelor and Master Program: 8%
- Associate degree: 1%
- Other: 2%
- Undecided: 10%

Base number: 3738

More than 90% of the respondents are undertaking at least one Bachelor’s degree.
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Intended Major for university/college attending

Top 10 majors and other

- Biological and Biomedical Sciences: 17%
- Engineering: 31%
- Business: 13%
- Health Professions and Related Clinical Sciences: 3%
- Arts, Visual and Performing: 3%
- Psychology: 4%
- Liberal Arts and Sciences, General Studies, and Humanities: 5%
- Education: 5%
- Communication and Journalism: 7%
- Social Sciences: 5%

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- The **average acceptance rate of IB students** into university/college is **22 percentage points higher** than the average acceptance rate of the total population.

- The acceptance rate of IB students into **Ivy League** institutions (Princeton, Yale, Brown, Harvard, Columbia, Cornell, Dartmouth, University of Pennsylvania) is **between 3 and 13 percentage points higher** compared to the total population acceptance rate.

- **Biological and biomedical sciences** is the most likely intended major chosen by IB graduates followed by **engineering** and **business studies** – while in the top 10 of most popular college majors business studies is number one, followed by psychology and nursing. Biological and biomedical sciences is number four and engineering is not in the top 10 list ([http://www.collegecrunch.org/best-of/top-10-most-popular-college-majors/](http://www.collegecrunch.org/best-of/top-10-most-popular-college-majors/)).

- See Appendix B for the full list of universities where IB Diploma Programme survey respondents applied to.
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Is the university/college you will be attending your top choice? – IB certificate (inner circle, N=494) versus IB diploma (outer circle, N=3252)

- 16% Yes, 17% No
- 83% Yes, 84% No

Is the program/course that you will be undertaking at this university/college your first choice? – IB certificate (inner circle, N=494) versus IB diploma (outer circle, N=3237)

- 8% Yes, 10% No
- 90% Yes, 92% No

- 84% of IB diploma candidate respondents (83% of IB certificate candidate respondents) will be attending a higher education institution of their top choice.
- 92% of IB diploma candidate respondents (90% of IB certificate candidate respondents) will undertake their first choice program/course at university/college.
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Is the university/college you will be attending in the same state as your school?

- 82% of the respondents who are attending public universities will stay in the state they went to high school.
- 70% of the respondents who are attending private universities will be leaving their state.
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Did you include your participation in the IB Diploma Programme as a part of your application to university/college (3757)?

- Yes
- No

93%
7%

Did you include your participation in the IB Diploma Programme as a part of your application to university/college? – IB certificate (inner circle, 496) versus IB diploma (outer circle, 3261)

- Yes
- No

97%
28%
3%

The vast majority of all students, who participated in the survey, included their participation in the IB Diploma Programme as a part of their application to university/college.
How did you use your participation in the IB Diploma programme as part of your application?

- For admission to universities:
  - International Baccalaureate Diploma (2948): 94%
  - International Baccalaureate Certificate (333): 84%

- For credit, advanced placement in course, advanced standing:
  - International Baccalaureate Diploma (2948): 69%
  - International Baccalaureate Certificate (333): 57%

- For scholarship:
  - International Baccalaureate Diploma (2948): 45%
  - International Baccalaureate Certificate (333): 31%

- For admission to honors or other special program within university:
  - International Baccalaureate Diploma (2948): 33%
  - International Baccalaureate Certificate (333): 18%

- For universities to recruit you:
  - International Baccalaureate Diploma (2948): 13%
  - International Baccalaureate Certificate (333): 8%

- Other:
  - International Baccalaureate Diploma (2948): 1%
  - International Baccalaureate Certificate (333): 0%

2948 IB diploma candidate respondents and 333 IB certificate candidate respondents included their IB DP participation as part of their application to university/college – mostly for admission to universities and for credit, advanced placement in course or advanced standing.
• More than 50% of IB diploma candidate respondents consider themselves to be among the top 10% in their graduating class.
• Almost all IB diploma (99%) and certificate candidate respondents (97%) are among the top 50% of their graduating classes (including both IB and non-IB candidates).
### List of AP exams taken by respondents and median scores

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*Minimum base number 130

### List of SAT subject exams and median scores

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*Number of students who gave usable scores
Prior to this year, did you take any AP exams?

- Yes: 41%
- No: 59%

Will you be taking any AP exams this year?

- Yes: 38%
- No: 62%

More than half of the survey population took AP exams prior to their final year – compared to 38% who will be taking AP exams in their final year.
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SAT and ACT results broken down for IB diploma and certificate candidate respondents

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- The average score (rounded) for both the SATs and the ACTs is highest among IB diploma candidate respondents in every subject.
- The average SAT score is 453 points above the national average for IB diploma candidate respondents and 294 points above the national averages for IB certificate candidate respondents.
- The average ACT score of IB diploma candidate and IB certificate candidate respondents is higher in all four subjects of the ACTs compared to the national average.

*http://testprep.about.com/od/sat/f/SATFAQ_GoodSAT.htm
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• **93% of all respondents included their participation in the IB Diploma Programme as part of their application.**

• **32% of all respondents** (34% of IB diploma candidates and 22% of IB certificate candidates) **have received a special award** or other distinctions.

• **61% of all respondents** (62% of IB diploma candidates and 56% of IB certificate candidates) **have received a scholarship.**

• For a full list of awards, distinctions and scholarships received by IB Diploma Programme survey respondents, please see Appendix C.
Section 4

Decision making and interests
The vast majority of respondents state that the **programs available** (87%) and the **reputation** of the higher education Institution (81%) are the main reasons for their application.
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Decision making and interests

Which of the following helped your FINAL DECISION to ATTEND an institution? [multi choice]

- The programs available/the curriculum of the university/college: 74%
- The reputation of the university/college: 62%
- The costs of the university/college: 57%
- The advice from family and friends: 51%
- I was awarded a scholarship/bursary offered by the...: 42%
- The IB recognition policy at the university/college: 25%
- The international focus of the university/college: 22%
- The advice given by the IB coordinator/teachers/counsellor: 13%
- Other: 9%
- I did not choose the university/college, it was chosen for me: 2%

In order to make a final decision, students consider the **programs available** (74%) and the **reputation** of the university (62%) to be the most important factors.

Base number: 3311
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Decision making and interests

In which extra-curricular activities did you take part at your school beyond your IB Diploma Programme and in which activities do you plan to participate during your studies?

- **Community Volunteer Services**: 75% of all respondents were involved in community volunteer service during high school years (3215) and 66% are planning to stay involved during university/college (2917).
- **Music (Vocal Music/Band/Orchestra)**: 38% participated during high school years and 30% plan to participate during university/college.
- **Outdoor Activities**: 44% participated during high school years and 37% plan to participate during university/college.
- **Arts, Visual Arts**: 30% participated during high school years and 25% plan to participate during university/college.
- **Political Groups/Student Government**: 24% participated during high school years and 21% plan to participate during university/college.
- **Ethnic Groups/Religious Groups**: 22% participated during high school years and 21% plan to participate during university/college.
- **Writing/Literary Magazine/Journalism**: 22% participated during high school years and 20% plan to participate during university/college.
- **Dramatics/Theatre**: 16% participated during high school years and 19% plan to participate during university/college.
- **Social Service**: 18% participated during high school years and 16% plan to participate during university/college.
- **Dance**: 16% participated during high school years and 13% plan to participate during university/college.

75% of all respondents were involved in community volunteer service during high school years and 66% are planning to stay involved during university/college.
Section 4
Decision making and interests

In which extra-curricular sports did you take part at your school beyond your IB Diploma Programme and in which sports do you plan to participate during your studies?

![Bar chart showing participation in various sports.]

- Sport Total: 49% actively participated during High School, 62% plan to participate in university/college.
- Track, Cross-Country: 8% active, 17% planned.
- Football (Soccer): 8% active, 14% planned.
- Tennis: 9% active, 11% planned.
- Swimming/Diving: 7% active, 10% planned.
- Basketball: 6% active, 7% planned.
- Volleyball: 6% active, 7% planned.
- Ski/Snowboarding: 6% active, 6% planned.
- Lacrosse: 5% active, 5% planned.
- American Football: 3% active, 5% planned.
- Softball: 3% active, 4% planned.
- Other: 16% active, 19% planned.

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Section 4
Decision making and interests

Community service and other volunteer service

Do you intend to be involved and stay active in community service or perform volunteer service during your studies at university/college?
IB certificate (inner circle, N=410) versus IB diploma (outer circle, N=2890)

82% of IB diploma candidate respondents and 78% of IB certificate candidate respondents were intending to be involved in community service or volunteer work while at university/college.

Only 2% and 5% respectively do not plan on being involved in either community service or other volunteer work.
Section 4
Decision making and interests

Do you intend to pursue education beyond undergraduate degree (e.g. Masters degree, Doctorate degree, etc)?
IB certificate (inner circle, N=411) versus IB diploma (outer circle, N=2895)

79% of IB diploma candidate respondents and 65% of IB certificate candidate respondents are planning to pursue education beyond their undergraduate degree.

Only 2% (diploma candidate respondents) and 7% (certificate candidate respondents), respectively, are not intending to undertake further studies after their first degree.
Section 5

Mobility
Do you intend to study abroad?

- Yes, for one/two semesters: 59%
- Yes, for my undergraduate degree: 4%
- Yes, for my postgraduate degree: 2%
- No: 9%
- I don’t know: 26%

65% of all respondents are considering study abroad. The vast majority of these are planning to spend one or two semesters abroad.

Base number: 3326
If you intend to study abroad, where will you most probably study?

For US respondents, the preferred destination for studying abroad is Europe.

Base number: 2880
Do you intend to pursue a career in another country after you complete all your studies?

Even though 65% of all respondents intend to study abroad, only 15% want to pursue a career in another country. 51% answer the question as “undecided” whereas 35% are not interested in a career outside the US at this stage of their lives.
Section 6
Learning experience and recommendation
97% of all students that took part in the survey feel either very well or well prepared for their future studies (98% of IB diploma candidates and 92% of IB certificate candidates).
Section 6
Learning experience

Do you think the IB Diploma Programme has prepared you well for your studies?

### More than 35 (262)
- 57% I feel very well prepared
- 42% I feel well prepared
- 1% I do not feel prepared
- 1% I do not feel prepared at all

### 24 - 35 (1850)
- 57% I feel very well prepared
- 41% I feel well prepared
- 1% I do not feel prepared
- 1% I do not feel prepared at all

### Less than 24 (336)
- 43% I feel very well prepared
- 55% I feel well prepared
- 2% I do not feel prepared
- 2% I do not feel prepared at all

99% of IB diploma candidate respondents with an IB score higher than 35 feel either very well or well prepared for their future studies. 98% of IB diploma candidate respondents with an IB score less than 24.
Section 6
Learning experience

Preparation

Average level of preparation versus diploma score
(1 = not at all prepared, 2 = not prepared, 3 = well prepared, 4 = very well prepared)

Minimum base is 30

There is a slight positive correlation between the perceived level of preparation and the achieved IB score.
Section 6
Learning experience
Section 6
Learning experience
Summary

• 97% of all students that took part in the survey feel either very well prepared or well prepared for their future studies (98% of IB diploma candidates and 92% of IB certificate candidates).

• 99% of all diploma candidate respondents with an IB score higher than 24 feel either very well prepared or well prepared for their future studies.

• 98% of all survey respondents with an IB score lower than 24 feel either very well prepared or well prepared for their future studies.

• There is a slight positive correlation between the perceived level of preparation and the achieved IB scores. Respondents with a lower IB score feel as well prepared for their future studies as respondents with a higher IB score.
Based on your experiences, would you recommend undertaking the IB Diploma Programme to other students?

- If asked, 68% of all respondents would either actively encourage or encourage others to undertake the IB Diploma Programme.
- Less than 1% of all IB diploma candidate respondents would actively discourage others to undertake the IB Diploma Programme.
Based on your experiences, would you recommend undertaking the IB Diploma Programme to other students?

80% of IB diploma candidate respondents with an IB score of higher than 35 would actively encourage others to undertake the IB Diploma Programme.
Section 6
Recommendation

Average level of recommendation versus IB score
(1 = actively discourage, 2 = discourage, 3 = neither encourage nor discourage, 4 = encourage, 5 = actively encourage)

Minimum base is 30

There is a slight positive correlation between the IB score and the likelihood to recommend the IB Diploma Programme to others.
Section 6
Recommendation
Open comments

“It is a great preparatory program, and the level of education and rigor offered by the program far surpasses that of standard high school classes.”

“The assignments required help for future experience.”

“I believe it makes an individual a student who is globally aware as well as just educated.”

“It prepares you very well for college and it gives a person a sense of responsibility, and growth. The knowledge gained from being in the IB program has increased dramatically.”

“It provides a challenge to prepare you for college.”

“I think that it’s important to take the most difficult curriculum possible. Colleges really look at that. Central’s IB program definitely offers a challenge, but it’s definitely manageable. If you don’t already have time management skills, you will develop them in this program or you will not succeed. I love the environment that this program has to offer. It really motivates you to strive for your best.”

“The methodology of learning the IB inspires will be with me forever.”

The main tenor of the open comments: challenging, preparing, inspiring, motivating
Section 6
Recommendation
Open comments

“Makes you work hard”

“This is hard but actually pretty fun. Mutual classes made small social networks. Challenging classes.”

“Although the IB program is a tough and rigorous program, I would definitely recommend it to others because of the strong work ethic that it teaches one as well as the desire and love for learning that it creates within each of the students. It is challenging, but that is what makes it so great!”

“Great way to develop skills for analyzing stories and information - Intriguing selection of books to read”

“[..]it challenges people and it allows them to unlock their true potential.”

“It helps increase one’s capacity for retention of learned knowledge. It builds practical and logical thinking skills. It offers a global focus, allowing one to learn different perspectives.”

“It gives you the opportunity to understand subjects on an international level which is vital in the current world.”

“It improves writing skills, emphasis on critical thinking and not fact memorization”

The main tenor of the open comments: broad, rigorous, logical, critical
Section 6
Recommendation

Summary

• If asked, 68% of all respondents would either “actively encourage” or “encourage if asked” others to undertake the IB Diploma Programme.

• Less than 1% of all IB diploma candidate respondents would actively discourage others to undertake the IB Diploma Programme.

• Only 4% of all IB certificate candidate respondents in the survey would actively discourage others to undertake the IB Diploma Programme.

• 80% of diploma candidate respondents with an IB score higher than 35 would either “actively encourage” or “encourage if asked” others to undertake the IB Diploma Programme.

• 61% of diploma candidate respondents with an IB score under 24 would either “actively encourage” or “encourage if asked” others to undertake the IB Diploma Programme.

• There is a slight positive correlation between the IB score and the likelihood of students to recommend the IB Diploma Programme to others. Respondents with a lower IB score are as likely to recommend the IB Diploma Programme to others as respondents with a higher IB score.
THANK YOU!

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