

Quotes about the IB Programme from College Admissions Counselors

“Students seeking the finest [high school] preparation available for an American college should consider the International Baccalaureate. The IB offers an integrated curriculum that provides students with the skill needed to be world-class scholars and an educational philosophy that prepares them to be first-class citizens. I do not know of a more comprehensive and appropriate learning model.”

— Jim Crowder, Director of Admissions,
Macalester College

“IB is well known to us for excellent preparations. Success in an IB programme correlates well with success at Harvard. We are always pleased to see the credentials of the IB Diploma Programme on the transcript.”

— Marilyn McGrath Lewis, Director of Undergraduate Admission
Harvard University

“Send us prepared students a la IB...It is the “best” high school prep curriculum an American school can offer.”

— Marilee Jones, Former Director of Undergraduate Admission,
Massachusetts Institute of Technology

“One of the advantages of an IB curriculum is its structure and quality. It is a coordinated programme, well established, well known and well respected. We know the quality of IB courses, and we think the IB curriculum is terrific.”

— Christoph Guttentag, Director of Undergraduate Admission,
Duke University

“Connecticut College highly values the IB program as it prepares students for the liberal arts in ways that few secondary school curriculums can. The required senior project and the TOK class's interdisciplinary approach are prime examples of the kind of work students will be expected to do on most college campuses today. In addition, colleges and American universities highly value community service, another important component of the IB curriculum. Students who have graduated from schools with the IB curriculum are extremely well prepared when they arrive on our campus.”

— Martha Merrill, Dean of Admission and Financial Aid
Connecticut College

“In our minds, there is no more challenging curriculum than the IB curriculum. Not only does it prepare students for a demanding college program, but the IB curriculum also instills in students a love of learning and an understanding of the truly interdisciplinary nature of education. Instead of working on each subject in a vacuum, IB students are shown how each of their classes connects both with the other classes and with the world around them...”

— Thyra L. Briggs, Dean of Enrollment
Sarah Lawrence College

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Quotes from Students about the IB Programme

...I find that [IB's] greatest benefit was that it left me with a better understanding of myself: my capabilities, my strengths as well as my weakness. By pushing my boundaries, the program compelled me to strive for a higher degree of excellence and in doing so it fostered within me both academic and personal growth..."

- IB Diploma Graduate

"IB was a great experience. It allowed me to really grow and expand my horizons..."

- IB Diploma Graduate

"My success as an undergraduate, both in academic and extracurricular settings, was largely due to the time-management and analytical skills developed during my years in IB..."

-IB Diploma Program graduate

"I think that IB is a great opportunity, not just for me, but for everybody else. It doesn't just give you a challenge – it helps you grow, mature, and learn responsibility. It teaches you to become a better person."

-IB Diploma Program graduate

"I feel like the IB program gave me the confidence that I could handle large workloads and demanding academic material. It gave me the confidence to challenge myself in university and elsewhere..."

-IB Diploma Program graduate

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