The Diploma Programme of the International Baccalaureate at AIS-R

Prerequisites to Enter:

AIS-R believes that all students should have the opportunity to attempt the Diploma Programme. With this being said, all prerequisites for the DP courses offered at AIS-R must be met in order for students to enter. Please refer to our Course Selection Handbook to determine the prerequisites for all of our IB courses.

These courses are two years in length. Students who choose to study any DP course at AIS-R are required to take the final DP exams in May of their senior year. These exams are externally assessed by the IB, and there is an additional fee associated with each exam.

Conditions to Remain in the Diploma Programme:

The Diploma Programme is an intensive two year programme. Entering the second semester of the Diploma Programme in grade 11 requires students to:

1. Maintain a minimum Grade Point Average of 2.3, with no failing grades in any class.
2. Meet the Extended Essay deadlines throughout the course of their junior and senior year.
3. Complete all the stages of the Extended Essay required in grade 11 in the EE Study Hall as outlined on ManageBac and in the AIS-R EE Handbook.
4. Use ManageBac to manage and complete all CAS and EE requirements in grade 11 and grade 12.
5. Meet AIS-R’s deadlines for all IB assignments.
6. Meet the minimum attendance requirement as outlined in the Student-Parent Handbook.
7. Abide by AIS-R’s Academic Honesty policy as outlined in the Student-Parent Handbook.

The Diploma Programme will require your child’s commitment and dedication over their junior and senior years. Only students who meet these criteria can proceed to the second semester or remain in the Diploma Programme.

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www.aisr.org

and locate the high school section for information relating to the DP at AIS-R
What is the Diploma Programme of the International Baccalaureate?

The Diploma Programme is a rigorous two year programme that begins in a student's junior year and finishes at the end of their senior year. Students will study six courses concurrently over this time, as well as complete an independent research project known as the Extended Essay, 150 hours of CAS, and a course known as Theory of Knowledge.

How do students choose their courses?

In order to receive the diploma, students must choose one course from each of the six groups that are listed in the IB Hexagon; or one course from Groups 1 – 5 plus another course from Groups 2 - 4. These decisions will not be made until their second semester of their sophomore year.

Our Counseling Center will help all of our students through the course selection process in their sophomore year so that the students may open as many doors as possible for their post-secondary school goals.

What DP courses does AIS-R offer?

AIS-R offers a wide variety of courses that are sure to meet the needs of all of our students. The courses offered from each group of the IB Hexagon are listed below:

- **Group 1** – English A Literature
- **Group 2** – Arabic B, French B, Spanish B
- **Group 3** – Business & Management, Economics, History
- **Group 4** – Biology, Chemistry, Physics
- **Group 5** – Mathematics
- **Group 6** – Music, Theatre, Visual Art

We are also considering offering an inter-disciplinary subject – Environmental Systems and Societies SL that can be taken as Group 3, Group 4, or both.

How are the courses graded?

Over the course of the two years, DP course also meets the requirements for the AIS-R diploma, so students will receive grades that will be recorded on their AIS-R transcript as they study these courses.

At the end of the two years, students will participate in DP exams that will see them finish their IB journey. The DP will then award grades based on their own grading system on all the work the students have completed over the two years.

Does AIS-R offer non-DP classes?

If a student is not enrolled in the DP diploma programme, then they may choose to study non-DP elective courses.

All students will study DP courses in English, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies in their junior and senior years.

**The IB Hexagon**

Please feel free to contact me at any time and I will be happy to help!

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