



Katedralskolan  
Skara

"Känslan när vi var klara med våra examina var fantastisk. Vi klarade det och vi gjorde det tillsammans. Lärarna har engagerat sig oerhört i utbildningen! Det har varit en fantastisk klass!" (Anna, som fick maximala 45 poäng)

"The teachers have really worked 110 % to do their best. Katedralskolan is a very good place to study the IB!" (Gustav)

"För den som har gått IB finns alla möjligheter. De största fördelarna är att undervisningen är på engelska och att utbildningen är koncentrerad till sex ämnen." (Emma)

"Studying the IB has been a challenge, a good experience. I really like the program!" (Ida)

"The aim of the IB programme is to develop internationally minded people who, recognizing their common humanity and shared guardianship of the planet, help to create a better and more peaceful world."



# International Baccalaureate

Join the IB - Join the world!

SKARA



Can you rise to the challenge of developing yourself personally as well as academically? Do you want to create your own programme from a varied selection of quality assured, internationally recognized subjects? Would you like to be fully supported by IB-certified teachers in dedicated student groups? Do you want an exam which gives you access to good universities in Sweden, Europe and worldwide?

# THE PROGRAMME

## Merits Beyond Normal

The IB is a theoretical upper secondary school program which gives you a prestigious exam. You can find the IB in more than 5000 schools in more than 157 countries all over the world. With an IB Diploma you will be an attractive prospect in a globalized society where the demand for internationally educated young people is increasing all the time. In Sweden it is a three-year program, starting out with a preparatory year. The courses are taught in English with the exception of languages. At Katedralskolan in Skara we offer a broad program with many possibilities. Included in the first year are merit courses for languages which can be of great importance when applying for Swedish universities

## To be an IB Student

Our experience is that our IB students really want to study hard, help each other and contribute to an inclusive atmosphere where everybody feels at home. Study groups are set up by the students to support and reinforce their learning; our students also organise many full class social activities.

All students at our school get their own laptop which facilitates communication and invites imaginative and spectacular presentations in all of their subjects. We, the staff, who work at the really take an effort to create a good atmosphere. Within CAS and the IB Students' Council many good ideas are born. Our IB students bring lots of positive energy to the school community by taking part in student councils, choirs and other school communities and organizations.

## The Structure of the Program

The first year is based upon the Swedish national Curriculum, but in English.

We have taken the best parts out of the Social Science and the Natural Science programs to prepare you in the best way possible for your IB studies.

During the remaining two years of the IB Diploma Program, six different subjects will be studied, one from each of

the six subject groups (see below) and three compulsory core courses. This provides great flexibility in creating a study plan. In May of the third year, there will be exams in all the subjects studied.

## Subjects at our DP (year 2 and 3)

**Group 1:** A Literature Courses: Swedish, English or self taught course in another mother tongue (on application).

**Group 2:** Language acquisition: English, German, French, Spanish, Swedish

**Group 3:** Individuals and Society: Business and Management, History, Psychology

**Group 4:** Experimental sciences: Biology, Chemistry, Physics

**Group 5:** Mathematics: two routes.

**Group 6:** An additional subject taken from group 1, 2, 3 or 4.

The core of the IB program consists of three parts: Theory of Knowledge, CAS (Creativity, Activity, Service) and the Extended Essay. Theory of Knowledge (TOK) helps promote among many things, the ability to reflect and the development of critical thinking skills. CAS encourages social engagement, creativity and physical activities. A research essay (The Extended Essay, EE) will be written, on a topic chosen by the student, in a subject area of their choice.

The IB Diploma opens door to the world. It gives great possibilities to access qualified and prestigious Universi-

ties and Institutes of Higher Education not just in Sweden but the whole world.

## Exams and Diploma

Everyone who studies at the IB Diploma program goes through standardized exam procedures which makes the achievement comparable no matter where in the world the studies have been done.

The exams take place in May, towards the end of the two DP years. Then, all IB students in the whole world write their exams in their six different subjects at exactly the same time. Before the exams lots of internal and external assessment tasks such as language orals, scientific investigations and written assignments have already been done and they are also assessed externally at this time.

The grading scale is 1-7 for the six major subjects. For application to Swedish Universities there is a conversion scale; IB points will be converted into Swedish points and thus an IB student will end up in the same quota group as the students with national Swedish grades. Diplomas are awarded at a grand "Diploma Ceremony" in Skara's historic Cathedral. Many of our students have appreciated this formal presentation more than the actual graduation ceremony in June.

You are very welcome to contact us and come to visit us and spend a day at our program!

More information can be found at [www.ibo.org](http://www.ibo.org).



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