

AP / IB / Dual Credit Comparison Chart

		IB	AP	Dual Credit
	Rigorous, fast-paced class; good college prep.; helps admission to college; weighted GPA class	x	x	x
	Credit can be awarded by private & public colleges & universities all over the country	x	x	
	Diploma recognized internationally as well as nationally	x		
	Credit mainly geared to be transferrable to state universities or two-year colleges in Texas; although credit can be accepted elsewhere			x
	College credit is earned if class and final exams are passed each semester; all assessments internally graded (by DHS teacher)			x
	Students must apply to Texas Women's University to participate (complete application, TSI test, and have a 3.0 overall GPA)			x
	Course grade can be figured into freshman GPA in college as well as high school GPA			x
	College credit may be earned but is not usually awarded in the form of GPA points and so does not count toward freshman GPA in college	x	x	
	Students must pay fees for college hours or exam to attempt to earn the college credit		x	x
	One culminating three-hour exam dictates AP score that is used by colleges to award credit; AP exam is externally graded (not graded by DHS teacher)		x	
	Junior and Senior years are stand-alone classes for AP courses in English, 2nd languages, Biology, Environmental Science, Art & Social Studies		x	
	Dual Credit offered currently in English 3, English 4, Pre AP PreCalculus, Statistics			x
	One-year program for IB Math Studies, Biology, Film, Art, Dance, Music Environmental Systems (SL)	x		
	Two-year commitment for IB English, Biology, Math Standard, History of the Americas, Spanish, Computer Science, Art, Film, and Dance HL	x		
	Opportunities for individual research and service through Extended Essay(EE), Creativity, Activity & Service (CAS)	x		
	Two-year commitment for IB English, Biology, Math Standard, History of the Americas, Spanish, Computer Science, Art, Film, and Dance HL	x		
	Opportunities for individual research and service through Extended Essay(EE), Creativity, Activity & Service (CAS)	x		
	Theory of Knowledge	x		

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English	Five assessments over a two year period are used to determine IB score that is used by colleges to award credit; three out of five assessments are externally scored (not by DHS teacher)	x		
English	Intensive writing instruction, revision, and improvement	x	x	x
English	Summer assignment requirement	x	x	x
History	Complete survey course on the development of the United States.		x	
History	In depth study of three historical eras of the United States with offshoots to Canada and Latin America. Four shorter units to support background needed for year two and STAAR EOC	x		
History	Intensive historical writing instruction, revision, and improvement	x	x	x
History	Summer assignment requirement	x	x	
Science	Four assessments over a two-year period are used to determine IB score that is used by colleges to award credit; Three out of four assessments are externally scored (not by DHS teacher) (for IB Bio)	x		
Science	Three assessments over the year are used to determine IB score that is used by colleges to award credit; Two out of three assessments are externally scored (not by DHS teacher) (for IB Environmental Systems)	x		
Science	Intensive lab work with written lab reports required	x	x	
Math	Three assessments are used to determine IB score that is used by colleges to award credit; two out of the three assessments are externally scored (not by DHS teacher), the third is an exploration/project scored internally (IB Math Studies SL and Math SL)	x		
2nd Language	Five assessments over a one year period are used to determine IB score that is used by colleges to award credit; two out of five assessments are internally scored (by DHS teacher) Latin has three assessments, two of three are externally assessed.	x		
2nd Language	Broad array of international themes studied; papers and assessments over many international themes. Latin studies a list of prescribed authors in a set theme.	x	x	
2nd Language	Intensive writing instruction, revision, and improvement	x	x	
2nd Language	Summer assignment requirement	x	x	

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Art	Four assessments over a two year period are used to determine IB score. Body of assessed work has no restrictions and may include any medium or media. Internal and external scoring.	x		
Art	One culminating body of work (approx. 24). Body of assessed work must not exceed 48 x 36 inches and limited to chosen preferred media (drawing, design, or 3D). Scored externally.		x	
Art	Course is dedicated to the process of art making, art criticism, aesthetics and global understanding of art.	x		
Art	Course is dedicated to cultivating student's voice and technique by focusing on multiple student creations.		x	
Art	College credit may be earned but is not usually awarded in the form of GPA points and so does not count toward freshman GPA in college.	x	x	
Music	Focuses on analyzing and writing about music while developing aural perception and understanding of music by learning about musical elements, including form and structure, notations, musical terminology and context. Three assessments determine IB Score two written assessments and one solo or group performing assessment.	x		
Music	Course is to develop the ability to recognize and describe the basic materials and processes that are heard or seen in music.		x	
Theory of Knowledge (ToK)	Theory of Knowledge (TOK) is an interdisciplinary course in which students explore the nature of knowledge. TOK is a required course for the IB Diploma and has two major assessments: (1) an oral presentation (internally scored by the TOK teacher), and (2) an essay (externally scored).	x		