



# HVITFELDTSKA GYMNASIET

*Grundat 1647*



## International Baccalaureate

Diploma Program

[www.hvitfeldtska.se](http://www.hvitfeldtska.se)

# Hvitfeldtska gymnasiet

– a modern school with traditions

The school dates back to 1647 when it was founded by Swedish Queen Christina. It was later named Hvitfeldtska in memory of Margareta Hvitfeldt, who in 1664 donated her entire fortune to make studies possible for boys without means.

Located in the very centre of Gothenburg, the historic school buildings are updated and outfitted with modern technology resources. The staff consists of highly qualified and experienced international and Swedish teachers.

The International Baccalaureate (IB) Programme started at Hvitfeldtska in 1989, and ever since our first examinations Hvitfeldtska has been one of the leading IB-schools in Sweden. Internationally well-renowned, the school fosters students who move on to top-ranking universities all over the world.

*“One of the advantages of an IB curriculum is its structure and quality. It’s 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 admissions, Duke University, USA [www.ibo.org](http://www.ibo.org)

## Our Mission Statement

Hvitfeldtska is a modern school steeped in tradition and our IB Diploma Program is an inclusive and caring international learning community. We find joy in the autonomous and collaborative lifelong learning journey and value open and respectful communication that promotes understanding of ourselves and the world. We have high expectations and set challenging goals for ourselves, so that we may ultimately create a positive change in our local and global environment.

Started in 1988, the IB Diploma Program is committed to offering a course selection with breadth and depth. Throughout our program, we collaborate with all stakeholders to ensure each student reaches their highest potential.

## Career possibilities

Not only is the IB Diploma well respected at universities in Sweden, but also a fantastic opportunity to get a worldwide recognised qualification and career. The IB Diploma opens many doors. Many of our graduates have been accepted into prestigious universities in Sweden such as Chalmers, Handelshögskolan, and Karolinska Institutet within a wide range of disciplines such as medicine, law, languages, political science, economics, and engineering.

Many others have chosen to study abroad in the UK, the USA, Canada, Australia, China, the Netherlands and other countries. Our programme and our staff enable students to excel. Every year several Hvitfeldtska graduates gain entry to top universities: MIT, Yale, Princeton, Oxford, Cambridge, LSE, Imperial College, and UCL to name a few.

*“IB students were more likely to: enroll in a top 20 HEI; receive honours degrees or awards, in most subject areas; continue on to further studies; and be employed in graduate level positions and higher paid occupations”*

(Higher Education Statistics Agency, UK, 2011)  
[www.ibo.org](http://www.ibo.org)

## The first year in IB

Students take the following courses and get national Swedish grades in year one (Pre Diploma/Grade 10).

See table. In addition, students are encouraged to study a third language. Guaranteed language options are: French 3, German 3 or Spanish 3.

Pre diploma course grade 10	
Subject	Points
English 5	100
General Science 1b	100
History 1b	100
Mathematics 1c and 2c	200
Physical Education	100
Social Science 1b	100
Swedish 1 or Swedish as second language	100

Total number of points in Pre DP is 900–1 000.

## The second and third year in IB

The curriculum is modelled by a circle with six academic areas surrounding the three core requirements.

Over the course of the two-year Programme, students

- » study six subjects chosen from the six subject groups
- » complete an extended essay
- » follow a theory of knowledge course (TOK)
- » participate in creativity, activity, service (CAS).

Three of the six subjects are studied at higher level (240 teaching hours) and the remaining three subjects are studied at standard level (150 teaching hours).



Programme model



## At Hvitfeldtska we offer the following subjects:

- » Group 1: A Language: English and Swedish.
- » Group 2: B Language: Swedish, French, German and Spanish.
- » Group 3: Social sciences: Economics, History and Psychology.
- » Group 4: Natural sciences: Biology, Chemistry, Design Technology and Physics.
- » Group 5: Mathematics: Math HL and Math SL.
- » Group 6: Visual Arts, or another subject from group 1–4.

Hvitfeldtska			World
Year	Highest	Average	Average
2023	43	32	30,24
2022	44	34	31,98
2021	45	34	33,00
2020	44	33	31,34
2019	43	32	29,63
2018	41	32	29,80
2017	43	33	29,95
2016	43	32	30,00
2015	43	34	29,88
2014	43	33	29,69
2013	43	33	29,46
2012	42	32	29,83
2011	45	32	29,50
2010	44	34	29,55
2009	44	33	29,53
2008	44	33	29,60
2007	42	34	31,77
2006	44	33	31,99
2005	43	33	32,13
2004	43	36	32,25
2003	43	33	32,17
2002	43	34	32,16
2001	45	34	32,25
2000	45	34	32,09

## Results at Hvitfeldtska gymnasiet

We are very proud of the results achieved by our students, with the help of their dedicated teachers. The table shows our results from examinations since 2000.

## Requirements for applicants to the IB Programme at Hvitfeldtska gymnasiet

- » Applicants to the preparatory year, grade 10:  
A complete grade 9 standing.
- » Applicants to the first Diploma year, grade 11:  
A complete grade 10 standing.
- » Passing test results in Mathematics and English, good written and spoken English.

Application forms and more information on the IB Programme can be found on our web site: [www.hvitfeldtska.se](http://www.hvitfeldtska.se) under the tab "IB-International Baccalaureate", then follow the link to our external site.

### Fast Facts

- » The IB works with more than 5,000 schools in more than 150 countries to offer the four IB Programmes to over one million students.
- » Because the IB Diploma Programme is externally assessed, it promotes a trusting and dynamic learning environment between students and teachers.
- » The IB Diploma Programme demands the best from both motivated students and highly qualified teachers.
- » English is the language of instruction in our program.
- » For students who plan to continue their studies in Sweden, the IB Diploma gives general eligibility to Swedish universities, just like national Swedish Programmes.

- » IB Diploma holders apply to universities in Sweden in quota group 1 and receive merit points according to the same criteria as applicants with Swedish qualifications. It is neither easier nor more difficult to get admitted to Swedish universities with an IB Diploma, yet once accepted, IB students are advantaged in that they have the knowledge, skills and attitude needed to succeed in higher education.
- » We have career counsellors (SYV) in school, who will help with guidance and advice about various university paths.
- » An IB Diploma will make you attractive in an increasingly global world where the demand for internationally competitive graduates is steadily rising.

### Useful links

Information about the International Baccalaureate Organisation:  
**[www.ibo.org](http://www.ibo.org)**

Information about the Diploma Programme:  
**<https://ibo.org/programmes/diploma-programme/>**

Information about requirements and applications to Swedish universities:  
**[www.antagning.se](http://www.antagning.se)**  
**[www.studera.nu](http://www.studera.nu)**

Information about requirements and applications to UK universities:  
**[www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com)**

All things IB Hvitfeldtska  
**<https://sites.google.com/educ.goteborg.se/ib-hvitfeldtska/home>**

“Diploma Programme students are well-rounded, multifaceted, multiskilled and have studied in depth. They have good time-management skills. They score higher than students in other national systems, and the IB score is worldwide the same measure.”

**Hrilina Lock**, undergraduate admissions manager,  
London School of Economics, UK  
[www.ibo.org](http://www.ibo.org)

## Why not try the IB for a day?

Just send an e-mail to [Hvit.IBambassadors@gmail.com](mailto:Hvit.IBambassadors@gmail.com)  
and you will get an answer with instructions on where to meet and when.

Welcome!

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