

Some aspects of the IB programme that are often overlooked are the advantages that come with transferring credits to university. By taking IB courses in high school, not only are you able to transfer credits for your university degree, but you also:

- receive IB scholarship funds (up to \$250 per class depending on your final grades)
- save money that would have been spent towards university courses (course fees, lab fees, books, etc.)
- save time (University lectures are 3 hours per week and courses with labs can take an extra 3 hours per week. This does not include studying on your own or cramming for exams.)

By getting the IB diploma, I was able to have my first year in university almost entirely paid for, have cheaper tuition in the following years, and have more free time towards volunteering, working, studying and relaxing throughout my time in university.

Brian E.

I thoroughly enjoyed being in the IB program at Kelvin High School. I truly believe that it was the right program for me as it presented me with a challenge; something that was reasonably new to me at the time. Additionally, I was given the opportunity to be taught by some of the best teachers Winnipeg has to offer!

IB taught me how to deal with stressful situations, how to properly manage my time and how to take good notes. All of these skills helped me both in University and in my career as a Research Scientist. If it wasn't for IB I may not have found my passion so early on and I might not have found my dream job!

Michelle M.

The IB program was a great springboard for me as it allowed me to go to school in Toronto at the University of Toronto. I wouldn't be where I am today if it weren't for the IB program. Having had the opportunity to study at a top university in the country has been a true blessing for me. Learning all that I've learned in this alpha global city, this metropolitan/cosmopolitan is awesome for me. To be in the tech world, having traveled the world, and worked/met entrepreneurs, inventors, innovators, disruptors, movers, and shakers in Silicon Valley and abroad... none of this would've happened if I didn't do IB in the hamlet of Winnipeg.

Tian Z.

As an IB student, I remember fondly Shakespeare in the Snow, labs in physics and chemistry, and M&Ms for catching teachers' mistakes. I enjoyed the constant challenge. Although at times difficult, the workload ensured that I would always have something to do. The friendships I made in IB were very important then. They made the experience worthwhile and provided relief, while also making sure that I was on task. Getting to work with people who had similar interests and were going through the same thing I was, was fantastic because I would never have trouble

asking for help knowing that they also have to do the work that I'm doing. I still keep in touch with some of my friends and see them from time to time. Keeping balance in my life between academics, social needs, volunteer work, etc. was tougher than if I had gone through a standard high school program, but it was manageable. It certainly prepared me for university. I found that I had a lot of support in the IB programme. From my parents who encouraged me and supported me every step of the way; the teachers who were accommodating and understood when sometimes things aren't finished on time; and classmates who were willing to help out when I needed it. IB was definitely worthwhile and prepared me for university. I found that it was a lot tougher than some of the courses I've taken in my first year! I was able to transfer all the classes I took in IB. Economics, Math, English were pre-requisites for my program and I didn't have to take them in my first year. I would recommend the IB programme to students who are considering it. It's a very good programme designed for students who will be taking postsecondary studies.

Edward E.