

I took IB Biology and IB English. I decided to transfer them both to the University of Manitoba. Going into university, I had my writing requirement fulfilled and I was able to skip first year biology classes. This saved me so much time, money, and effort. I was able to either free up my first year schedule or to start taking second year courses. I loved IB at Kelvin. Mrs. Decelles is an amazing Coordinator, she shared volunteer opportunities with us and kept everyone on track of important IB dates and deadlines. Ms. Temesvari, the biology teacher, is also so great. She was always so approachable whether it was for biology or life advice. Her classes were enjoyable and she worked hard to make sure everyone was ready for the IB Biology exam. I am so glad I chose to take IB at Kelvin High School.

Anonymous

I am very glad I chose to do IB. The teachers are excellent, caring and are truly experts on what they are teaching. They have always believed in us, even when we were not able to do so. The content taught in IB can be challenging but it is manageable as teachers and classmates are always willing to help. IB has definitely prepared me for university as the workload has taught me time management and organization skills that I would not have learned otherwise. I am very grateful for the experience that IB has given me and the amazing people I have met through this program!!

Anonymous

To begin with, I would like to acknowledge the dedication and help of all the IB teachers at Kelvin. The Kelvin IB program would not have been such an extraordinary program without their outstanding capability and integrity.

To be honest, as an engineering student at McGill, taking the AP programme will benefit me more in terms of the number of credits transferred at McGill (specifically faculty of engineering). However, I NEVER for once regret taking the IB program. Yes, it was hard and brutal, but looking back at who I was and who I have become after 3 years of study, I appreciate every single moment of it. To use Dickens' words: It was the best of times, it was the worst of times.

I believe other people have talked a lot about how the IB programme will help with university study. I can assure you those are all true. But it's not just about the advanced knowledge and the intensity of the program that will help you to prepare for the university. Moreover, there are benefits that will endure for life. For example, I am studying to become a mining engineer. When planning a mining project, of course you will need to know **physics** of rock mechanics and also **the chemistry** of mineral concentration. **Mathematics** is the foundation to physics and chemistry. These subjects are the basics of an engineer, but more importantly, mining companies are there to make profits, and you will need to apply **economic** theory to monitor the market price and production costs. Learning the **history** allows you to think continuously from causes to consequences. All of these subjects are covered comprehensively in the IB program, these are the sparks of enlightenment that lead you to think logically and effectively. By planning out your own **IAs and EE**, you would learn how to allocate your time and resource for a well-conducted

project. I only gave the example of a career in mining industry, but it holds true in all other tasks you will encounter. The knowledge and skills are the foundation to any successful career.

The IB program also teaches you about solving problems and facing challenges. However, the hardship in IB **does not mean** you will have a softer time in the future. In fact, you will have more and more challenging tasks in the future because you have learned to challenge yourself and look beyond the surface. With these past experiences you will be able to face the challenges with confidence and strength. Right now, I am taking 17 credits of courses (the suggested is 15 credits) and live 45 minutes off-campus. But hey, I still have more sleep than I had in IB:)

One of the greatest things about IB program is also its community. Two of my roommates in Montreal, allowed me to mention their names, Kevin and Meron are both IB classmates of mine. By going through the hardship and sharing the bond in IB, we became close friends and rented an apartment in Montreal to continue our study. It offered us a sense of familiarity and warmth in a new city and a new environment. For those who remained in Manitoba, I miss them dearly. It not only about the community within Kelvin but also with other IB alumni. At McGill, I have met with many other people who have gone through the same vigorous study as I do. Talking with them about the mutual experience in TOK, EE, and IAs is great way to build your network.

PS: I should have included more details on how transfer credits work, but if you take IB you will have the ability to research and find answers yourself online.

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Hello, I'm currently attending McGill university in Science Faculty. I'll keep this short and sweet. IB prepared me for university through the sheer amount of rigour that you get used to once you start university. Thanks to IB, I was able to easily adjust to the level of workload of McGill and get those nice 28 credits. But, be advised that the number of credits you receive depends on the faculty you are accepted to. For example, the Engineering here may bestow upon you, the IB student, different number of credits. Also, the minimum requirement is a 5 on the IB results and your result will not be calculated into your GPA at all. That's all. My main point, you may ask? The rigour of IB.

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