

I could not imagine a better, more empowering high school education and experience in Winnipeg, than the one I received in the IB Program at Kelvin High School. Not only did I receive a world class education in a small class setting, but I was also able to participate and demonstrate leadership in the diverse extracurricular opportunities that a big high school like Kelvin offers. All of the IB teachers at Kelvin are extremely passionate about their subject and education in general; they are always supportive and have your success in mind. Even after graduation, I keep in touch with many of my IB teachers and coordinator because they are such wonderful people! As I navigate my way through my first year of university, I am starting to appreciate more and more how my IB education has prepared me for my undergraduate courses. From writing major essays, analysing poetry, performing original scientific research, and managing time, my three years in IB has shaped me as a critical thinker and a student. As well, the transfer credits are absolutely invaluable: not only could it help you graduate at an earlier rate, but it also gives you the opportunity to try out different classes in first year that many students do not have the chance to do because they are trying to fulfill foundation prerequisite courses! Finally, it is hard to downplay the sense of community and kinship that is present in every IB year. The Shakespeare in the Snow trips in Grade 11 and Grade 12 form some of my favourite memories of high school, and I think they wholeheartedly represent what the IB experience at Kelvin High School offers: a dynamic, creative learning space surrounded by dynamic, creative people!

*Grace M.*

The IB program at Kelvin was a lot of work but it taught me lots about my strengths, weaknesses and overall work habits. Through the IB program, I learned valuable time management skills as well as how to work effectively under pressure. IB also taught me useful reading, writing and researching skills in various subjects. The IB staff at Kelvin are incredibly knowledgeable, dedicated and helpful and were a great support system throughout my three years in IB at Kelvin. My first semester of university has definitely been easier thanks to IB. I do not in any way regret doing the IB program, but switching to partial IB earlier than I did would have enhanced my overall experience in the program.

*Julia M.*

Taking part in the IB program at Kelvin was a great decision for me, and I would definitely recommend it to anyone else! I had nothing but wonderful teachers and classmates while in IB; it was truly a learning environment which allowed me to reach my full potential both academically and socially. I graduated from the IB program with a class of close friends who I still keep in regular contact with, and a strong educational background which has been very useful to me in university.

*Rachel B.-V.*

IB prepared me a lot for first year university because a lot of the material that was taught in grade 12 is what is currently being taught with a few new concepts here and there so it makes understanding the lessons much easier. I honestly found that first year university is a lot easier than high school than being in IB was. The teachers in high school were much easier to meet with for help in comparison to university professors. Personally, I hoped for more benefit from the credit transfers, but other than that I found everything quite satisfactory overall.

*Melissa C.*

The IB program at Kelvin High School provided me with a challenging and highly rewarding high school education from some of the best teachers in the building and with a tight knit group of high-achieving students who are now some of my closest friends. The program also opened up a lot of doors and opportunities in and out of the classroom which proved immensely useful and fruitful when it came time to apply for scholarships and university admissions. Now, the vast majority of the material in my first year engineering courses is review from my IB physics, chemistry, math and computer science courses. This has made the transition to university much smoother and I attribute a great deal of my success in these courses to my IB education at Kelvin!

*Elijah D.*