

Joining the partial IB Program was one of the best choices I made in high school. It prepared me well for university and I was pleased that I could transfer over some of my IB courses to university credits.

For me, the biggest benefit was the sense of community that I felt with my classmates. The IB program at Kelvin gave me all of the benefits of a small school with all of the benefits of a big school as well.

I would definitely recommend IB to anyone who's up for the challenge!

*Anonymous*

IB was a great way to get ahead in my studies and save some money in the long run. Being in IB helped me learn to manage my time and to form good study habits before attending university, so I never felt too much of a shock while transitioning from high school to university. The staff and teachers who teach IB classes all contributed to my amazing high school experience. They all care deeply for their students and take the time to get to know us individually. If I ever had any questions or concerns I never felt as though I had no one to turn to.

I transferred 3 of the 7 IB grades I got into university credit, and ended up needing all of the ones I transferred to apply to my undergrad program. Not only did I save money, but also a lot of time.

If I had to do IB all over again, I would start seriously considering what I wanted to take in university earlier on in my high school years so that I could narrow the scope of my IB studies rather than taking such a broad course load, but I am grateful I got to keep many doors open and learn a little bit of everything, despite not transferring it into my undergrad.

I am in my third year of university and I still feel as though my time management skills and study habits I learned in IB are helping me in ways that other students didn't get a chance to have.

*Anonymous*

Before I entered the International Baccalaureate programme, I was told stories of how intense the workload was, and how my social life would be ruined if I joined the program. As someone who likes to continuously challenge themselves, and who values education, I still decided to go through and apply to the program despite the warnings from my friends and past IB students. In my opinion, this was the best decision I could have made. Although I probably would have received better marks, and would have had more time to hang out with friends if I was in the regular program, I still stand by my decision to go into IB for many reasons. For one, every IB teacher made sure they put in as much effort as they needed to in order to prepare me and my IB peers for the our exams, our tests and most importantly our future in academia. The material we were being taught was difficult, and plentiful, but it was important. I still use the knowledge and

skills I learned from IB in not only my University courses, but in my life as well. In addition, some of the credits you complete in IB can actually be transferred to University, thus helping you save money and finish your university degree faster. Thus, if you are looking for a more rewarding and challenging education experience I truly recommend IB to you. Moreover, it is also important when trying to succeed to surround yourself with like-minded peers who also value education as much as you do. This was another important aspect of IB; it surrounds you with students who are as academically inclined as you are, thus forcing you to continuously challenge yourself and grow. Some of these peers will even become your life-long friends. Lastly, there is a great saying that goes, "If you are the smartest person in the room, you are in the wrong room". With IB you will not be the smartest person in the room, and that is exactly why you should join!

*Suzan P.*

The IB program at Kelvin was a great experience for me! It is definitely a heavier workload than regular program, but if you manage your time effectively you can certainly balance school work, extra-curricular and a social life. It is also home to some of the most compassionate and intelligent teachers that Kelvin has to offer. As a student of the IB program, I learned important writing, time management and study skills that I could carry on to my university career. Also, IB curriculum offers more in depth examination of world history, math, literature and sciences that motivated me to learn more.

I was also able to earn transfer credits upon entering university. At my particular school (I am currently getting a BSc. in Pharmacology from McGill University), you needed a final IB score of 6 or higher in order to get credit but at many Canadian schools you are able to receive transfer credits with a score of 5 or higher. Even if this is not attainable for all your classes, I found it really helpful to have some extra wiggle room in my university schedule. This allowed me to concentrate on my more difficult classes and also gave me chance to take some really interesting electives.

All in all, the IB program at Kelvin was a great experience and I would recommend both the full and partial streams to prospective students.

*Avery W.*

Prior to high school, I was bored in class and did not have the courage to voice an identity. The IB programme at KHS empowered me with the hope, confidence, and skills to pursue my potential. My teachers who were lifelong inquirers inspired me to value a diverse and insightful education. Through this guidance, I roved from loathing French class to achieving near fluency within a few years, from rarely reading thoughtfully to engaging with foreign cultural beliefs in university literature and history courses, from solely focusing on my own troubles to listening to and supporting other marginalized voices in my community, from having little faith in my academic prowess to ranking competitively in one of our nation's most vigorous life science

programs. I have no idea where my road leads, but I will always be grateful for these past moments.

*Lunan Z.*