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THE INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE

WELCOME

AARHUS GYMNASIUM, Tilst (AGT) is the premier international high school in the Aarhus area. We offer the world-renowned International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme tuition free to all students who meet our admission criteria. We also offer a Pre-IB year, which is equivalent to 1.g in STX. The vast majority of our Pre-IB students continue into the IB Programme.

Our student body is extremely diverse—we have Danes who come directly from Folkeskole or Efterskole, those with both a Danish and foreign parent who may have spent time abroad, and students who have just arrived Denmark for the first time from other international school systems. It is a dynamic and exciting mix.

Student life in the IB Programme at AGT is never dull. In addition to many school functions, cafes and festivals, there are a variety of student-run clubs, ranging from soccer and basketball, to chess and baking. There is also a study trip to Prague in the IB2 year. Students partake in active, creative and service-oriented projects as part of their diploma requirements. The school has excellent facilities including a large gym hall, auditorium with theatre lighting, and access to sports fields and green space.

The IB is a rigorous standardized curriculum, taught in English, which culminates in externally assessed examinations. The IB diploma is accepted at virtually every university in the world, and IB students are viewed favorably in the admissions process. The schoolwork is academically challenging, but our teachers have years of IB experience, and the school has

always exceeded the global average for the IB exam scores. Our graduates have attended top universities both in Denmark and around the world. We have a supportive and caring environment, fostered by a network of classmates, teachers, administrators, and alumni who return to share their experiences. There are counselors and tutors to support students with personal, academic and university related issues.

If you are ready to take on a new challenge in a welcoming international environment, we encourage you to apply.

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AARHUS GYMNASIUM'S PRE-IB PROGRAMME IS A ONE-YEAR COURSE THAT PREPARES STUDENTS ACADEMICALLY FOR THE IB DIPLOMA PROGRAMME

THE PRE-IB PROGRAMME

The Pre-IB year consists of a broad range of subjects, all taught with an international perspective.

This is combined with a Research and Study Skills programme and Pre-CAS, which allow the students to fine tune their ability to work independently and academically, cement their approach to academic honesty, and encourage them to think and develop beyond the confines of the classroom. Together, this enables our Pre-IB students to gain fundamental subject knowledge and make informed choices about their subject choices for the Diploma Programme.

Pre-IB is the same as the first year of the three-year Danish national upper secondary school qualifications (STX), while also preparing students for the Diploma Programme, Aarhus Gymnasium's Pre-IB programme is planned in line with Danish regulations and thus also includes important evaluations in General Science, General Linguistics, the History Research Project as well as end-of-year tests. This makes it a challenging, developmental and formative programme in its own right. Passing the Pre-IB gives students 'c-level' qualifications in a number of subjects, which can be important later, for example when applying for university or in the event that a student wishes to switch to a different educational programme, such as the STX.

Many of our former Pre-IB students have attained excellent grades upon completion of the Diploma Programme and reflect back upon the Pre-IB as a period of substantial personal and academic growth. This makes us especially proud of the unique contribution the Pre-IB has made to a significant number of our students.



THE INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE DIPLOMA PROGRAMME

The International Baccalaureate (IB) is a two-year program, which culminates in externally assessed exams. Those exams typically equate to 50% of the final mark for the course, the other half coming from official assessments completed during the school year.

Students select a total six courses for their curriculum, including three at Higher Level (HL) and three at Standard Level (SL). A HL class corresponds to an 'A-niveau' subject in the Danish system and a SL class to a 'B-niveau' subject.

At AGT, we give our students a lot of freedom to choose the classes which suit their needs and aptitudes best. You can see which subjects are available in each of the 6 subject groups on the following page. In brief, all students must take at least two languages, including their best language at A level, and another either also at A level, B level or ab initio (as a total beginner). Students must also choose at least one course in the natural and social sciences groups as well as maths. The sixth course can be in the Arts or another subject from group 1 to 4. It is important to choose the right subjects, and this can be a daunting choice to make before you start at the school, or even arrive in Denmark!

We spend a significant amount of time counselling our pre-IB students about their IB subject choices and encourage IB applicants to get in touch as we will happily walk you through the process of tailoring a course load that's right for you!

See Groups 1-6 



SUBJECT GROUPS

STUDIES IN LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

Danish Literature
English Language and Literature
English Literature
School-Supported Self-Taught Literature

1

EXPERIMENTAL SCIENCES

Biology
Chemistry
Environmental Systems and Societies (ESS)
Physics

4

LANGUAGE ACQUISITION

Danish B
English B
Danish ab initio
French ab initio
Spanish ab initio

2

MATHEMATICS

Analysis and Approaches
Applications and Interpretation

5

INDIVIDUALS AND SOCIETIES

Economics
Global Politics
History
Psychology

3

THE ARTS

Music
Visual Arts

6

Aarhus Gymnasium's students really make a difference to the world around them!

TOK

Theory of Knowledge (TOK) is a part of the IB Core, along with CAS and the Extended Essay.

It is a special course which gives students a space to examine the way in which knowledge is created, transmitted and verified in many different areas, including technology, art, science, history and math. It provides the students space for critical thinking and encourages them to see themselves as a part of various knowledge communities. In TOK, students engage with both old philosophical problems and contemporary ethical issues. It is a course taught in the spirit of collaboration and curiosity, and is integral to IB's mission to foster global citizenship in its students.

CAS

With its holistic approach, CAS is designed to strengthen and extend the students' personal and interpersonal development outside a classroom setting.

CAS is organized around the three strands of Creativity, Activity and Service. Our location enables us to interact with the city of Aarhus and our IB students have contributed to many charitable, cultural and sporting events in Aarhus.

Here are just a few of the CAS activities undertaken by students at Aarhus Gymnasium: Helping at the Kilimanjaro Orphanage Centre, Book club, Self Defence classes, Volunteer at 'Fristedet', Volunteer work in Romanian orphanages, Arabic class, collecting for Red cross, Japanese club, 'life Story' project at a local nursing home, Refugee mentor, Colour Run, Knitting club, Rowing competition, Homework Help...





“The student council feels like the meeting point of the student’s decision-making power in the school. It is a lot of fun being a part of it. Especially when you get to know new engaged people from other educations. Or the feeling of the amazing energy when a community fights together for a common goal.”

Nikolas, IB2 student



WHY CHOOSE THE PRE-IB AND IB AT AARHUS GYMNASIUM?



WHY IB?

UNIQUE SUBJECT CHOICES

We offer a wide range of IB subjects including subject combinations that are unique among IB schools in Denmark, and we prioritize the students' freedom to choose their IB subjects with minimum bindings.

A CHALLENGING BUT REWARDING PROGRAMME

We work hard to ensure our students are ready to meet the academic challenges that await them, and have continually exceeded the global average for IB exam scores. The IB requires dedication and perseverance just like many other youth educations, but also includes elements that ensure the students' personal development.

INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENT AND INTERNATIONAL STAFF

Our students come from a wide range of different countries, and each and every one of them contribute to the multicultural atmosphere at the school. The teaching staff also represent different nationalities, and many have extensive IB experience.

INCLUSIVE AND FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE

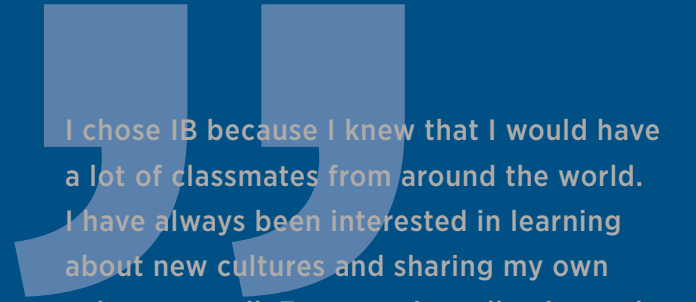
In the IB Programme, we embrace diversity in all its forms, and there is room to be who you are. There is an open and friendly atmosphere among the students and the staff, and with many support systems in place both academically and personally. We have a strong Student Council which actively works to maintain an open-minded, international and sustainable school.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

There are many extra-curricular activities to choose between, from baking to volleyball to chess and fitness. We also actively participate in several Model United Nations (MUN), so there is always something interesting going on! Our facilities are excellent and allow for a multitude of activities.

A STRONG IB COMMUNITY

We have a strong sense of community among our IB students and teachers, but our students also become part of a larger IB community from around the world. They will experience this through projects such as MUN but also as they meet IB alumni at university, at work and during their travels.



I chose IB because I knew that I would have a lot of classmates from around the world. I have always been interested in learning about new cultures and sharing my own culture as well. Everyone is really nice and understanding; we truly have a friendly atmosphere around school. At first I was afraid of all the assignments and school work that IB requires but turns out it was all worth it. Since I started IB I have had nothing but the most genuine friendships of my life, IB truly has been the best decision of my life.

Aleyna, IB1 student



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INTERESTED?

If you would like to find out more about the IB at AARHUS GYMNASIUM then please come and meet us at our annual Open Evening in January (please see our website for further information).

Alternatively, feel free to contact us by telephone or e-mail and we will try to answer any questions that you may have.

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All applicants must apply via the online platform Open Apply. Pre-IB applicants must also submit an application on the Danish platform Optagelse.dk. Both websites can be accessed through our website.

Only school papers and documents that are uploaded in relation to an application on Open Apply will be processed.

For more information on the pre-IB or IB Diploma Programme or how to apply, please visit aarhusgym.dk/ib

