

# Applying with an International Baccalaureate from 2014 or later

## General entry requirements

The International Baccalaureate diploma provides basic eligibility for higher education in Sweden, provided that you fulfil the entry requirements in English and Mathematics. If you want to study in Swedish, you also need to fulfil the Swedish language requirements.

The general entry requirements for English and Mathematics are:

- English B, SL or English 6
- Mathematics A/1a, b or c with at least grade E or the equivalent knowledge.

To fulfil the general entry requirements for studying in Swedish, you must have one of the following courses:

- Language and Literature A, HL/SL or Literature A, HL/SL, in Swedish, Danish or Norwegian
- Swedish 3 or Swedish as a second language 3 with at least grade E; alternatively, that you've passed Tisus (Test in Swedish for higher education).

You must submit the above documentation to demonstrate you have the requisite knowledge of Swedish, even if Swedish is your mother tongue. Grades in individual subjects (certificates) do **not** fulfil the general entry requirements, but may fulfil specific entry requirements.

## Specific entry requirements

In addition to general entry requirements, some courses and programmes may have specific entry requirements. The specific entry requirements for courses and programmes are stated in the course description on the respective university's website, as well as Universityadmissions.se, where you submit your application.

Please see the table below for the Swedish school system's equivalents to IB courses. You must have achieved at least a grade 4 to fulfil the specific entry requirement, with the exception of Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry and Biology at Higher Level, where a grade of 3 suffices. A requirement of 3 also applies to Mathematics SL.

Course	IB equivalent
Svenska 3	Language and Literature A, HL/SL or Literature A, HL/SL
Engelska 6	English B, SL with language of instruction other than English
Engelska 7	English A1, A2 HL and SL; English B, HL; or English B, SL with English as the language of instruction
Matematik 3b	Mathematical Studies
Matematik 5	Mathematics SL, Mathematics, HL
Fysik 2	Physics HL/SL
Kemi 2	Chemistry HL/SL

Course	IB equivalent
Biologi 2	Biology HL/SL
Naturkunskap 2	Environmental Systems, SL or two of the subjects Chemistry, Physics and Biology, SL
Historia 2	History, SL
Samhällskunskap 1	IB Diploma
Samhällskunskap 2	IB Diploma fulfils specific entry requirement in Social Studies regardless of which group 3-subject was studied
Moderna språk 2*	Pre-IB (separate document)
Moderna språk 3*	Ab initio (beginner's) language, e.g. German, French
Moderna språk 4*	language, SL
Moderna språk 5*	language, HL

\* Does not apply to Swedish and English.

On applying to the Bachelor's program in Business and Economics at the Stockholm School of Economics, the courses Economics or European Studies (SL or HL) give the student an exemption from the History requirement.

## Weighted courses provide credit increments

Regardless of the programme you are applying to, you can receive credit increments for some courses in Modern Languages, English and Mathematics. Your course grade must be at least Pass in order to receive a credit increment. Higher grades do not count as more increments.

You can accumulate a maximum of 2.5 credit increments by receiving at least a Pass grade for different course combinations. Please note that courses that are necessary as part of the entry requirements are not eligible for credit increments.

### Credit increments for Modern Languages – max 1.5 credits

#### Language 1

- Language B, HL or Language B, SL (not Swedish or English) count as 1.5 credit increments
- Language ab initio or a Modern Language during the preparation year ("pre-IB"), Language 3, counts as 0.5 credits if Language 3 is not a specific entry requirement and you are unable to collect credit increments according to the above.

### Credit increments for English – max 1.0 credit

- English A, HL/SL or English B, HL/SL, if language of instruction is English, counts as 1.0 credit increment.



**Credit increments for Mathematics – max 1.5 credits**

Specific entry requirement \ IB level	Mate-matik 1	Mate-matik 2	Mate-matik 3	Mate-matik 4
Math Studies	1,0	0,5		
Mathematics, SL	1,5	1,5	1,5	1,0
Mathematics, HL	1,5	1,5	1,5	1,0
Further Mathematics, HL	1,5	1,5	1,5	1,5

**Tariff calculation**

1. Total points are converted to the 10-20 scale according to the table below.
2. Grades in any top-up qualifications are added.
3. Any credit increments are added (max 2.5).

You can raise your total points by sitting retakes. Courses from Pre-IB and upper-secondary school or adult education at upper-secondary level in Sweden may only be credited if they are necessary for eligibility or provide credit increments.

**Grade table: IB grades converted to 10–20 scale**

IB	10.00–20.00	IB	10.00–20.00
24	13.50	33	17.50
25	13.95	34	18.11
26	14.50	35	18.49
27	15.03	36	18.95
28	15.31	37	19.31
29	15.70	38	19.55
30	16.04	39	19.83
31	16.60	40–45	20.00
32	17.18		

**Selection**

If there are more applicants than available places for a course or programme, a selection is made from the eligible applicants.

There is a **grade-based selection** and a **test-based selection**.

The selection group based on grades is comprised of two groups: the grades selection group, which is divided into BI and BII; and the folk high school group (BF). A subgroup has been added to the BI group, Blex, which is for applicants with a Swedish upper secondary qualification. This new subgroup Blex is not applicable for students with an IB diploma.

**Selection group**

**BI** For those who are eligible with only an IB Diploma and those who have studied courses in parallel with the IB Diploma. Course(s) that were taken in parallel must be completed before 19 June in the same year that you receive your IB Diploma.

- BII** For those with an IB Diploma and grades from either upper-secondary education, adult education at upper-secondary level, or another course that fulfils the entry requirements and which was completed after the IB Diploma. This also applies to those who sat retakes after finishing the Certificate or IB Diploma. People who have added top-up qualifications through retakes are assessed in both BI and BII (in BI with the original tariff and in BII with the new tariff). Qualifications provided in order to fulfil entry requirements can only be credited in BII.
- BF** For those with student assessments from folk high schools.

**Documentation**

**IB Diploma in 2014**

- In order for your IB results to be available to University Admissions for the first selection in July, you must request an early result from the IB coordinator at your school before 17 April. When submitting results together with your coordinator via IB's Results service, please use recipient code 000711, "UHR". The results are to be made available to Antagningsservice/University Admissions by 5 July 2014.
- Send any other grades you need to fulfil the entry requirements, e.g. Pre-IB grades, when you apply or by the last day to complete applications noted on Universityadmissions.se.

**IB Diploma awarded 2013 or earlier**

- The IB Diploma must be documented with the original diploma/certificate and any diploma with retakes. This allows you to compete in the correct selection groups.
- If you are doing retakes in the spring of 2014, you should also send in previous diplomas/certificates when you apply.
- If you are doing retakes, ask the IB coordinator at your school to make your results available to University Admissions before 17 April, see above.

**Högskoleprovet – a second chance**

In order to improve your chances to be offered a place, you can take the Högskoleprovet, the Swedish Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT). Applicants with a valid test result are able to compete in both the test selection group and the grades selection group, provided they are eligible for the courses and programmes they have applied to. A minimum of one-third (1/3) of the places in each course or programme are allocated to applicants with a Swedish SAT. More information can be found at studera.nu (information in Swedish).

**Applications**

Applications to courses and programmes at Swedish universities and university colleges are submitted online. International applicants may use **Universityadmissions.se**, and Swedish applicants may use **Antagning.se**. These websites also offer more information about admission rules and the admission process.

For further questions, please contact a Swedish university's study adviser, or University Admissions at +46 (0)771-550 720.

Grades and other certificates should be sent to University Admissions in Sweden, FE 1, SE-838 73 Frösön, Sweden.

