

5 IB/ COLLEGE MYTHS

-An OSU Perspective-

1. IB will impact my GPA, hurting my chances of a scholarship.

Colleges and universities weight your IB grades, which actually could benefit it you in the scholarship process.

2. IB will impact my GPA, hurting my chances of being admitted to a good school.

Colleges and universities give more weight to your IB courses than they do to any other factor. At OSU, your course work is twice as important than your GPA, test scores, or experience.

3. I want an easy senior year to relax before I enter college. Besides, my senior year really doesn't matter to colleges and universities.

Every college freshman will take a placement exam in English and Math once they arrive on campus. Students who do not engage themselves as high school seniors typically do very poorly on these exams, resulting in placement in remedial college course not cover by scholarship or financial aid. In addition, remedial course do not fulfill requirements for bachelor degrees.

4. IB tests cost too much, and colleges really don't give that much credit for them anyway.

While each college and university has its own policy, IB courses fulfill General Ed requirements at OSU for bachelor degrees, allowing you to spend your money on courses that really interest you. While a single IB test cost \$185, the 3 hours of college credit that a SL test will earn you are worth over \$1300. Finally, if you qualify for free/reduced lunch, your fees are picked up by the state.

5. IB is hard.

This is a fact; IB is difficult. It will force you to develop good study skills and time management. You will also have to learn to manage your stress. These skills, however, are essential to college success. That is why OSU and others value IB students so much. They know that in the end 99% of IB diploma students will earn a college diploma!

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