

# What is the IB- Diploma Programme at Nesbru VGS?



## The IBDP:

The International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme is for high school students in the last two years of upper secondary education.

It is a good opportunity to foster critical thinking, personal development, and prepare for universities.



# Why choose IB at Nesbru?

- IB world school since 1993
- History of academic achievement in Norway and abroad
- Wide range of academic subjects
- Highly qualified teaching staff
- Easily accessible by public transport
- Diverse student body
- Community engagement through CAS
- Pre-IB Vg1 class available to prepare students for the Diploma Programme

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# The subjects offered at Nesbru:

All IB students **must** take

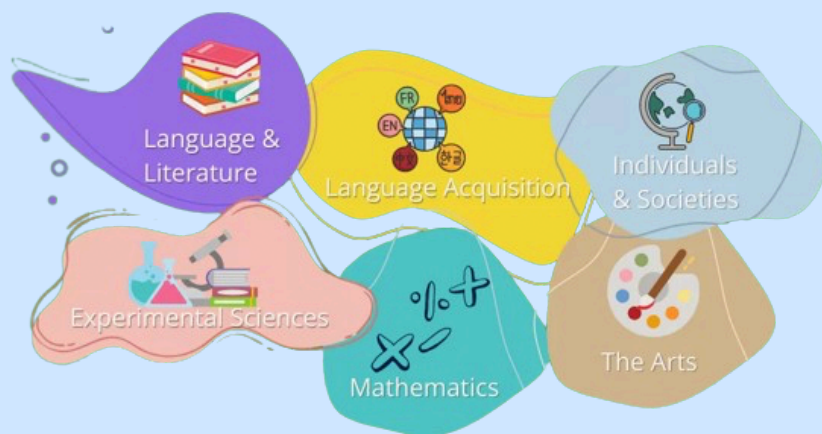
- one subjects from groups 1-5, **and**
- 1 elective subject: Visual Arts, or another subject from Groups 1 - 4

Students must take

- 3 subects and Higher Level, and 3 at Standard Level

Students mus complete the IB Core:

- Theory of Knowledge,
- Extended Essay
- CAS



**Nesbru videregående skole offers the following subjects:**

Group 1. **A-Language (first language):**

- Norwegian A Literature (HL/SL)
- English A Literature (HL/SL)
- Other A-Languages (SL): Self-taught, school supported

Group 2. **B-Language (second language):**

- Norwegian B (HL/SL)
- English B (HL)
- Spanish B/French B (online only; extra fees apply)
- Mandarin/French/Spanish ab initio (online only; extra fees apply)

Group 3. **Individuals and Societies:**

- History (HL/SL)
- Economics (HL/SL)
- Psychology (SL)

Group 4. **Experimental Sciences:**

- Physics (HL/SL)
- Biology (HL/SL),
- Chemistry (HL/SL)

Group 5. **Mathematics**

- Mathematical Analysis and Approaches (HL/SL)
- Mathematics Applications and Interpretation (SL)

Group 6. **The arts:**

- Visual Arts (HL/SL)

# The Core

In addition to the academic subjects, the IB Diploma programme also consists of 3 core elements:

## **Theory of Knowledge (TOK)**

The IBO states that TOK "...asks students to reflect on the nature of knowledge, and on how we know what we claim to know." Rather than an exam, TOK is assessed through an exhibition and an essay.

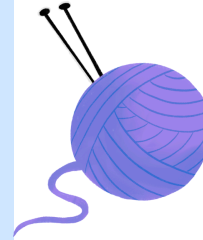
## **The Extended Essay (EE)**

The EE is "independent research, presented as a formal piece of academic writing." – IBO. Students choose the subject and topic of the EE, with help from a supervising teacher.

## **Creativity, Activity, Service**

CAS is a non-graded component that encourages students to grow beyond the classroom. Through experiences in creative endeavours, physical activity, and community service, students develop new skills, explore personal interests, and make a positive difference in the world around them.

# CAS opportunities at Nesbru



- Model United Nations (MUN)
- Nesbru Nursing Home project
- Project Less Alone
- Knitting Club
- Book Club
- Model European Parliament
- Environmental Club
- IB website student team
- And many, many more...





# What is the pre-IB?

The Pre-IB class, also known as the International VG1 class, offers the same subjects as year 11 in Norwegian schools, but most of these subjects are taught in English, along with an additional, non-graded subject called Meet the World. 10th graders can choose the class on Vigo when applying for videregående skole.



Nesbru has the pre-IB for a number of reasons, such as catering to those who prefer learning in English, providing insight into what being an IB student is, and promoting international mindedness.

It is recommended to do the Pre-IB before the IBDP. Students who choose the Pre-IB are well-prepared for the Diploma Programme as it boosts their knowledge within their future subjects, especially mathematics and science.

After students have finished the Pre-IB, they can either apply to the IBDP or they can choose to follow the Norwegian school system for Vg2/3.

# How to apply to the IB-Diploma programme at Nesbru:

## Requirements:

- Completed VG1, MYP5, or equivalent. (Math 1T recommended in VG1.)
- A minimum VG1 grade average of **4.5**, or equivalent in another system
- A registered address in Akershus County, Norway by June 1st of application year



## How to apply?

- **The IB Diploma Programme application form** can be found here:  
<https://www.ibnesbru.com/how-to-apply>  
**or** <https://afk.no/nesbru-vgs/utdanningstilbud/>
- Send completed application to IBDP Coordinator Elizabeth Laney-Mortensen at [helenl@afk.no](mailto:helenl@afk.no) or by post to Nesbru vgs.
- Select Nesbru IB for Vg2 on VIGO (for Afk residents. All other applicants send email to the Akershus admissions office: [inntake@afk.no](mailto:inntake@afk.no))
- Apply by **March 1st**

# Is the IB Diploma Programme right for you?

If you want to...

- Be challenged academically
- Develop your research and critical thinking skills
- Expand your global perspective
- Become a curious learner and a well-rounded individual
- Make new friends from many different backgrounds
- Contribute to your local community

Visit our websites at [ibnesbru.com](https://ibnesbru.com) or <https://afk.no/nesbru-vgs/> to learn more.



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