

IB EXTENDED ESSAY

Vital Information

What is it?

- A **compulsory** research project for all students taking the Diploma Programme
- An in-depth, **independent** study of a focused topic chosen from Diploma Programme subjects available for the testing session
- A major piece of **original, formal writing** that is externally assessed and, in combination with the grade for Theory of Knowledge, contributes up to three points to the total score for the IB Diploma

Why is it important?

- It is a core **requirement** of the Diploma Programme
- Meant to promote academic research and writing skills for university and beyond
 - These **transferable skills** also include critical thinking and self-management
- Students learn to **communicate** ideas and findings in a reasoned, coherent manner
- Emphasis is placed on **engagement** and **reflection** on the **research process**.

What is required?

- A formal piece of sustained academic writing containing no more than **4,000 words** accompanied by a reflection form of no more than 500 words
- A student must achieve a **D grade or higher** to be awarded the Diploma
- Requires students to partner with a faculty supervisor and undertake three **reflection** sessions in addition to time dedicated to **advice and guidance**
- A student should expect to dedicate approximately **40 hours of work** across their junior and senior years to complete the process
- Adherence to **academic integrity** that is demonstrated by thorough and accurate citation of sources

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