

ALUMNI COMMENTS



IB was a **fantastic preparation** for university...The greatest benefit, though, was being prepared for the workload — so many first years get overwhelmed and don't know how to manage everything they need to do in shorter time periods, and really struggle (regardless of program).

In general, having done IB will probably help your first year GPA quite a bit. (Bonus — because of my **transfer credits**, it opened up **more options** for electives I can take, since I've already satisfied several humanities and writing requirements that non-IB students have not.)

— *Jasmyn C., KC IB Class of '12 (Diploma Graduate); Dalhousie University, Integrated Science Program*

I feel **very prepared**. In some ways I was kind of spoiled in the IB programme. Nowhere in university do you get the one-on-one attention that I got...**my essay writing, presentation, exam-preparation and time management skills** I attribute almost entirely to IB. I feel more prepared for university than most of my peers.

— *Grace M., KC IB Class of '12 (Certificate Graduate), Trent University, English and History Major*



My fondest Memories of the programme:

- Becoming such **close friends** with the other IB students
- Forming stronger relationships with **teachers**
- The **hilarity** that comes with late nights working with friends to finish projects
- The **pride** I felt after completing the programme

Advice: IB can be stressful, but it's worth it. You won't regret it!

— *Bret F., KC IB Class of '11 (Diploma Graduate), U.B.C., Major in Applied Animal Biology*

- I really appreciated the depth that IB went into for every subject, I find myself adequately prepared for university and already in the academic mindset that our professors are expecting from the students.
- I also liked the inquiry-like in-class discussions, in particular those we had in English, because they were focused and used class time effectively. I find they are an effective way to think critically and also diversify my critical thinking because I am exposed to others' rationale and ways of thinking.
- I would go as far as to say that IB could substitute for my current first year science courses because the level of depth and the amount of critical thinking that IB required is similar to the standards that my professors expect. I was quite comfortable in all my first year courses and I find that a majority of the material we are discussing has already been introduced to me or has been covered.

— *Muhammad S., KC IB Class of '12 (Diploma Graduate), McMaster University in Life Sciences I*

