

Bergen Katedraleskole Admission policy

Bergen Katedralskole has the following general admission policy for the IB Diploma:

Applicants for the IB Diploma Programme should have previous knowledge that corresponds to the first year of the Norwegian Upper Secondary General Studies programme (Vg1 Studieforberevende utdanningsprogram). The applicants must meet the following minimum requirements:

- Mathematics at Vg1 or equivalent: Grade 4 or better (According to the Norwegian grading scale a 4 is described as "high degree of competence in the subject").
- English at Vg1 or equivalent: Grade 5 or better (According to the Norwegian grading scale a 5 is described as "very high degree of competence in the subject").
- Applicants need a grade average of 4,5 from Norwegian vg1, 5 from IB-MYP or equivalent.
- Applicants might be asked to attend an interview to assess their competency in English (possibly online, e.g. Skype).

Subject specific requirements:

- Mandarin ab initio: No prior experience of the Mandarin, or very limited previous exposure.
- Mathematics HL: Grade 5 from 1T or 7 from MYP. Applicants from other school systems must meet specific requirements based on an admission test.

The students and their parent(s)/legal guardian(s) must provide certified documentation in English showing that the applicant's previous courses fulfill the requirements equivalent to Norwegian Vg1. Please consult the curriculum guide at [UDIR](#) for these courses.

The IB Diploma Programme is a two-year-course and is offered in the last two years of the Norwegian Upper Secondary programme (Vg2 and Vg3). Students who have not completed the Vg1 or equivalent (for instance MYP5) can apply for the IB preparatory Vg1 General Studies (Pre-IB) at Bergen Katedralskole. Preferably students should also follow the same age cohort as Vg2 and Vg3 students in Norwegian public schools. Students at Upper Secondary courses typically begin at Vg2 in their 17th year.

Students who have completed their entire compulsory schooling outside of Norway, may be allowed to enter directly into Pre-IB from grade 9, but they need to send an application to the head of the county council.

We do not offer places based on age, although we are often asked by International families about the ages of students in VG1, 2 and 3. If students in tenth grade (year 10) are very young for their year, or relatively immature we would recommend that they consider pre-IB or another VG1 course before applying to the IB. This is so that socially and academically they can reach their full potential.

Certificate of residence

Applicants must have a registered address in Bergen or one of the other municipalities in Hordaland by the application deadline on 1 March. Applicants who are in the process of moving to Hordaland county together with their parent(s) or legal guardian(s), are eligible to apply for a place. They will, however, not secure a place until they provide documentation proving that they have moved to a Hordaland county address together with their parent(s) or legal guardian(s). Bergen Katedralskole usually will not accept applications from students whose parent(s) or legal guardians(s) will not be residing in Hordaland county during their period of study. However if there are places available, then applicants who will not be residing with a parent or legal guardian may be considered.

Fees

Bergen Katedralskole is a Norwegian public school and therefore has no tuition fees. There is, however, an administrative IB-cost of NOK 10.000,- per student per school year (paid in two parts).

Offers of places

Offers of places will normally be sent to external applicants in the middle of June by the IBDP Coordinator. Applicants using VIGO will be given an offer of a place in July. All offers of places must be confirmed electronically.

Entry into the final year of the Programme

Students wishing to transfer from an other IBDP school in order to complete their diploma at BKS may be offered a place as long as there is space available and their subject choices match with those offered at BKS. Transfer students are responsible for ensuring that all assessment tasks and requirements are sent from their previous school.

More information

For more information you are welcome to contact our IBDP-Coordinator Gillian Boniface – gillian.boniface@hfk.no