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# International Baccalaureate

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The University of Rochester believes students who pursue the International Baccalaureate diploma are an ideal fit for the style of education we provide.

IB facilitates a broad and deep curricular exploration of the intersections between disciplines and gives students opportunities to demonstrate intrinsically motivated, self-directed learning through research. This culminates in a holistic achievement bigger than any test can measure.

# The Rochester Curriculum and IB

We know how deeply you explore each subject area in IB, and that your teachers encourage you to examine how those subjects come together. Similarly, students at Rochester are encouraged to study the intersections between subjects through our unique curricular structure.

Consider the student who was moved to action by the aftermath of the Haitian earthquake and now wants to join Doctors Without Borders in an effort to provide better medical care there. She'll need to understand French and medicine, and gain a sensitivity for a culture very different from her own.

At Rochester, this student could major in biology and pursue a pre-med track, while clustering, minoring, or even majoring in French and medical anthropology. Interdisciplinary study within each of the natural sciences, the social sciences, and the humanities will prepare this student to meet the challenges she hopes to affect head-on. As an IB student, you understand that better than most.



## Course Credit

Students who have completed one or more higher level International Baccalaureate courses in disciplines offered at the University of Rochester may be eligible for transfer credit or advanced placement. This will put you on the right track for success, and leave even more room in your college curriculum to study your favorite disciplines.

## Test-Flexible Admissions Policy

The University of Rochester will accept your predicted higher level exam scores in lieu of SAT or ACT scores, if you feel that IB scores better reflect your academic abilities. We have a strong faith both in the correlation between predicted scores and actual scores, as well as in the overall degree of college preparedness provided to you by IB. The SAT and ACT are not required for us to discern your preparedness for college.



Preparing for college in IB came naturally, and now in college, rather than being stressed and consumed by writing and studying and other homework, I take it as it comes. It's not nearly as scary as I thought it would be; it's very manageable. My fellow students and I motivate each other to do our work, and if someone has a problem, there's bound to be one of us who can help. The same process works for me here, where we "join forces" and hash things out, whether that's a difficult writer's block or a concept on a psychology exam.



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Researching and writing my extended essay (“To what extent do Milgram’s ‘obedience to authority’ experiments explain the German resistance to the Nazi regime?”) confirmed the passion I had to study psychology, which is now my major. In comparison to this lengthy process, the papers I’m writing now seem like a breeze and are so easy to get through, and I’ll be more prepared to write the papers I know I’ll have to write for my major later on in my academic career.”

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Choosing to be in the IB program was a no-brainer. When I applied to IB, I knew I needed the extra intellectual stimulus in my high school career. I chose to attend the University of Rochester for a very similar reason: I wanted the intellectual stimulus, not just in classes, but also with the student body.”

**Caitlyn Borden,**  
*Class of 2017*





# Research at Rochester and Your Extended Essay

77% of our undergraduate students will engage in research before they graduate. IB students who have done the extended essay understand what we're talking about when we say "research." We find this experience so valuable and interesting that we've amended our Common Application supplement to ask you to tell us the title of your extended essay.

## The Rochester IB Scholarship

We like to invest in our students, and help them all afford the cost of attendance. The University of Rochester is the only university in the Northeast to offer a scholarship to students pursuing the IB diploma. Do well in the IB program, follow all of the steps to apply to Rochester, conduct an interview with us, and you could receive between \$7,000 and \$20,000 in merit scholarship awards at Rochester. That's how big a deal we think you are.

See [enrollment.rochester.edu/ib](https://enrollment.rochester.edu/ib) for more details.



“ In addition to preparing me for college, the IB program allowed me to explore many different ideas and cultures through the various books read in IB HL English as well as through the various student-led discussions in Theory of Knowledge. These classes allowed me to view a topic through many different perspectives, not as just an American, but as a citizen of the world. Like the IB program, Rochester brings together students from all over the nation and the globe where they learn together in classes. This enables students to interact and gain the perspective of someone from another part of the world. ”

“ Rochester did provide me with an IB scholarship, which definitely sweetened the deal, because I was getting a scholarship in addition to participating in cutting edge research and gaining a great education that I was able to design myself. ”

**Parth Trivedi,**  
*Class of 2016*





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