

University Kick Off



Today we will discuss

- Predicted Scores and Transcripts
- Standardized tests
- Admissions by region
- Pros and Cons of each region
- How to search for a college
- College visits
- Preparing for junior year

Predicted IB Score Explained:

- There are 6 core classes in the diploma program
- The maximum score for each class is 7
- 42 is the total maximum for IB courses
- Earn a maximum of 3 additional points by:
 - Earning a passing TOK grade
 - Having your Extended Essay up to standard
 - If one area is deficient, you receive no extra points
- 45 maximum total points
- Some unis will only accept IB points out of 42
- If required, you will receive your predicted IB score quarter 1 of your senior year

Transcripts

- An official transcript from all high schools attended will be sent to the universities on your behalf.
- Grades earned in core classes between 9th-11th will *primarily* be assessed for the admission decision.
- Strength of overall curriculum, grades earned in academic courses, academic GPA are collectively important.

Domestic or International Applicant?

- Domestic:
 - You were born in and are a passport holder of the region
 - You have legal, permanent residence in the region
- International:
 - You have no official ties to the region and would need a visa to study there

If you're classified as an International student in a region you have ties to, it is for processing purposes only. It has no bearing on your ability to access financial aid.

Standardized Tests

- Test scores come secondary to your grades
 - Good test scores alone will not get you admitted
- **SAT and ACT:** attempt both; retake the one you felt most confident about/scored best on
 - In many regions, these scores are not required
 - Double check the international student SAT/ACT requirements for each university in the USA
- TOEFL, IELTS, TOEIK, etc: required for some international students
 - Some universities offer an exemption, either based on the school(s) you've attended, your English Lang & Lit grade at the time of application, or your SAT/ACT Reading score

USA Admissions

- Strength of overall curriculum, grades earned in academic courses, academic GPA are all very important.
- Standardized test scores, if required, are important
 - Test Optional Schools: IB predicted scores and/or supplemental essays
- Personal Essay is very important
- Interests and Activities are important

Sample USA freshman profile

University of Michigan

2016 Entering Class Test Scores

Average GPA: 3.87

ACT 30-34
mid 50th % range

- English: 31-35
- Math: 28-34
- Science: 28-34
- Eng/Writing: 24-29
- Reading: 30-34

SAT (old scale) 2050-2330
mid 50th % range

- Writing/Critical Reading: 1350-1530
- Math: 700-800

SAT (new scale) 1440-1570
mid 50th % range

- Writing/Evidence-Based Reading: 710-780
- Math: 730-800

USA, continued

- Admissions is subjective- applications go to a reader or a committee for the decision
- Holistic review
- Admit, Defer or Deny
 - Waitlist for students who are academically strong but possibly lacking in other areas

USA, continued

- Pros:
 - Many schools use The Common App or have another centralized application system [UCs]
 - You can change majors and transfer institutions
 - Prestigious Institutions
- Cons:
 - Very High Cost of Attendance
 - Distance from Korea
 - Subjective admissions process

Canadian Admissions

- Predicted IB scores are very important
- You must meet the minimum required IB score for your intended major
- You must meet the specific course requirements for your intended major
- Demonstrate English Proficiency via IELTS, TOEFL or an exemption
- Conditional Acceptance, pending IB exam outcome; Deny

Sample IB Entry Requirement McGill University*

Architecture , School of (B.Sc. Arch.)	37 subject points overall; 6 in each math & science. <i>NOTE: The decision to admit also takes into account the portfolio ranking.</i>	Mathematics, Chemistry and Physics at Higher or Standard Level; at least one at HL
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Admission to McGill is competitive and subject to availability of space. As such, minimum grades may fluctuate up or down in any given year.

Consult [Admission Requirements and Deadlines](#) and select your educational background for complete information on the admission review process and application deadlines.

Note: Math Studies is not acceptable for programs where math is a prerequisite. ←

*-McGill does not consider additional points

Canada, continued


- Pros:
 - Straight-forward admissions process
 - Affordable tuition and housing
 - Co-op
 - Excellent visa stipulations for international students
 - Ability to become certified in your area, if applicable
- Cons:
 - Firm admissions solely dependent on IB exam outcome
 - Strict course requirements for STEM majors, to include Business
 - Selective universities will not consider extra points
 - Distance from Korea

United Kingdom

- Predicted IB scores are most important
- You must meet the minimum required IB score for your intended major
- You must meet the specific course requirements for your intended major
- Demonstrate English Proficiency via IELTS
 - [IELTS](#) is required for the student visa

SAMPLE IB ENTRY REQUIREMENT

Imperial College of London

Worldwide		International Baccalaureate	Overall scores of 38-42, with scores of 6-7 in relevant subjects. Please note Mathematical Studies cannot take the place of Mathematics, where Mathematics is specified as a required subject.
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United Kingdom, continued

- UCAS
 - Choose a maximum 5 universities and/or Courses
 - Offers are usually *Conditional*
 - Must meet conditional offers by earning the predicted score on the IB exam in senior year

United Kingdom, continued

- Pros:
 - Straight-forward admissions process
 - Prestigious institutions
 - 3 years of study instead of 4
 - The Clearing
- Cons:
 - High Cost of Attendance and Cost of Living
 - Firm admissions solely dependent on IB exam outcome
 - Ability to change majors or transfer is very difficult
 - Tough visa stipulations for international students
 - Distance from Korea

Hong Kong

- Predicted IB scores are very important
- Personal Statement is very important
- Interview for certain majors
- You must meet the minimum required IB score for your intended major
- You must meet the specific course requirements for your intended major
- Demonstrate English Proficiency via IELTS, TOEFL or an exemption for English language programs
- Conditional Acceptance, pending IB exam outcome; Deny

Sample IB entry requirements

University of Hong Kong* Engineering

Qualification	General Academic Requirements
International Baccalaureate Diploma	An International Baccalaureate Diploma with 30 points out of 45

International Baccalaureate Diploma	<p><i>(Same as University Entrance Requirements)</i></p> <p>Preference will be given to candidates who have achieved/are predicted to achieve a score of 6 in Mathematics (HL) and Physics (HL).</p>
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*Average GSIS admit to UHK is 41

Hong Kong, continued

- Pros:
 - Straight-forward admissions process
 - Prestigious institutions
 - Affordable cost of attendance and cost of living
 - Generous scholarship opportunities for international students
 - Distance from Korea
- Cons:
 - Firm admissions solely dependent on IB exam outcome
 - Strict course entry requirements

Korean Universities

- Strength of overall curriculum and academic GPA are very important.
- English Proficiency exam scores are very important
- Standardized test scores, strongly recommended
- Personal Essay is very important
- Interview is important
- Counselor appraisal and teacher recommendations required
- Resume listing Interests and Involvement are important
- Domestic applicants- Korean SAT [*Suneung*] exam score is important
- International applicants-TOPIK score is important

Korean universities

- Pros:
 - Close to home
 - Very affordable Cost of Attendance and cost of living
 - Networking for local employment opportunities
- Cons:
 - Extremely competitive admission, particularly for the SKY institutions
 - Tedious application process
 - Short turn-around time for application submission

College Visits

A great way to learn about a university is to hear from their representatives.

- Sign up via Naviance only
- Must register in advance
- Must get your teacher's permission for the block of the visit
- Limited to the first 25 students that register
- If the college is on your list in Naviance, you will receive an automated email to sign up first

What Your Student Should be Doing NOW

- Earn the best grades
- Prioritize activities
 - Try for leadership positions, if interested
 - Don't drop your activities to prepare for college.
- Research best fit regions and institutions
- Be aware of minimum university entry requirements and plan to exceed them
- Make time for FUN
- Have a productive summer doing what you enjoy

QUESTIONS?

THANK YOU!