



The Pre-IB Programme (Grade 10)

In our Pre-IB Programme, year 10 students are prepared for entry into the Diploma Programme. They acquire the skills necessary to be effective, inquiring students with critical thinking skills and good study habits. Pre-IB students take the 12 subjects required in grade 10 of the German Gymnasium and have the option of pursuing either the Abitur or the IB Diploma from grade 11 onward. To develop their academic language skills, all subjects are taught in English (with the exception of German and a further foreign language). The Pre-IB Programme in Louisenlund is an optimal preparatory year for students interested in pursuing the IB Diploma, wishing to improve their English, and seeking to broaden their perspective.

Ten reasons to do the IB

1. It increases academic opportunity at top institutions of higher education.
2. With its extra-curricular programme, it develops well-rounded students.
3. IB students become confident and independent learners.
4. An international qualification, the IB Diploma is recognized by universities worldwide.
5. It encourages critical thinking.
6. Graduates are globally minded.
7. DP students have proven time management skills.
8. It assesses more than examination techniques. IB students learn to understand, not just memorize, course content.
9. Subjects are not taught in isolation. TOK forms the link between them.
10. Through the six subjects, it encourages breadth and depth of learning.

The IB in Louisenlund

- Personal academic mentoring
- Small class size (average of 9 students per course)
- Highly qualified and dedicated teaching staff; ongoing, continuing education for teachers
- Fixed study times & academic support systems
- College and career counseling on an individual basis
- Optimal CAS (extra-curricular) programme on campus
- An extensive network of alumni in a variety of fields
- Living, learning, and achieving in Germany, Europe's foremost economic state and a global leader in science, technology, and democratic ideals

For further information regarding the International Baccalaureate in Louisenlund and admission requirements, please contact our DP Coordinator, Damien Vassallo, at damien.vassallo@louisenlund.de / +49 4354 999-499 or visit our website.

Student quotes

"The IB in Louisenlund optimally prepared me for the challenges of my medical studies. Through the rigorous curriculum and the high level of independence in organizing your own studies, the programme helps you to become more responsible and organized, which are important skills for university and life."

Annie Li, IB Diploma Class of 2015 in Louisenlund; medical student, University of Heidelberg

"Even though it was a lot of work, the IB gave us something that we wouldn't have experienced in the Abitur: self-confidence and the courage to test and reach beyond our own limits."

Leonie Sakuth, IB Diploma Class of 2011 in Louisenlund; graduate of Hamburg Media School

"The IB prepared me, in a goal-oriented manner, for my studies abroad."

Miriam Tuercke, IB Diploma Class of 2011 in Louisenlund, student at Colby College, USA



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Stiftung Louisenlund is proud to be an International Baccalaureate World School, offering both the IB Diploma Programme and our own Pre-IB Programme, in addition to the German Abitur. In the years since its founding in 1968, the IB Diploma Programme has become a leading, internationally recognized pre-university qualification and a symbol of academic excellence worldwide. One of the only boarding schools in Germany accredited as an IB World School, Louisenlund is committed to its students' academic success and character formation. At Louisenlund, we strive to produce inquiring, lifelong learners, prepared to tackle academic and professional challenges in local and global contexts.

Our Campus & Boarding School Community

Our idyllic campus, located in northern Germany on the banks of the Schlei, provides an ideal environment for students to live, learn, and achieve together. Both boarding and day students (approximately 390 in total) take an active part in campus life and identify strongly with their school community and its rich tradition. Louisenlund offers a wide range of extra-curricular experiences (Creativity, Activity, Service), over 60 in total, which are a core part of our students' education (see Extracurricular Experiences Handbook or our homepage). Examples include sailing, drama, Model United Nations, and our student-run corporation, the LundAG. Boarding students are supervised by dedicated houseparents, who offer regular personal and academic support.



Academics

Louisenlund, one of Germany's most prestigious boarding schools, is committed to upholding the high academic standards of the IB Diploma Programme. With our small classes and individualized mentoring and support systems, students have optimal conditions for unlocking their potential and maximizing their academic achievement. Each student is assigned an academic mentor, who carefully monitors his or her scholastic progress and supports the student in developing strategies for success.

The Diploma Programme (Grades 11 & 12)

The IB Diploma Programme (DP) is academically rigorous and personally enriching. DP students take six main subjects in at least five subject areas. Additionally, students are required to complete the DP "core": Creativity, Activity, Service (extra-curricular programme); the Extended Essay in a research field of their choice; and Theory of Knowledge (TOK), an interdisciplinary course in areas of knowledge and ways of knowing. It is expected that Diploma Programme candidates demonstrate a high competency in spoken and written English.



DP Courses offered

In Louisenlund we are pleased to offer a wide variety of subjects in the Diploma Programme's six subject groups:



Group 1 <i>Studies in Language & Literature</i>	English A: Language & Literature (HL/SL); German A: Language & Literature (HL/SL); German A: Literature (HL/SL); Chinese A: Literature (SL); Spanish A: Literature (self-taught SL)
Group 2 <i>Language Acquisition</i>	English B (HL); German B (HL/SL)
Group 3 <i>Individuals & Societies</i>	Economics; Global Politics; History; Business Management (all HL/SL)
Group 4 <i>Sciences</i>	Biology; Chemistry; Physics (all HL/SL)
Group 5 <i>Mathematics</i>	Mathematics (HL); Mathematics (SL); Mathematical Studies (SL)
Group 6 <i>Arts</i>	Visual Arts (HL/SL)

Students may opt out of Visual Arts and select a sixth subject from one of the other five subject groups. For more information on assessment and passing requirements, please refer to our IB Handbook.