

# The Impact of Taking IB Coursework on Your Cumulative GPA

## How taking AP or IB courses can impact your Cumulative GPA

Pick out which student "profile" most closely resembles you in your academic performance during grades 9 and 10 (so far). Both the "AP student" and the "IB student" take the same courses in Grades 9 & 10 and earn the same grades in those courses. The students diverge in Grades 11 & 12, when the "AP student" takes AP courses and the "IB student" takes IB courses.

### Profile #1: "The Straight 'A' Student"

#### This student takes **AP courses** in Grades 11 and 12

Grade 9 (both semesters)			Grade 10 (both semesters)			Grade 11 (both semesters)			Grade 12 (both semesters)		
Eng 1	A	4	Eng 2	A	4	AP Lang	A	5	AP Lit	A	5
Span 2	A	4	Span 3	A	4	Span 4	A	4	AP Physics	A	5
Global Hist	A	4	AP U. S. Hist	A	5	AP Govt	A	5	AP Euro Hist	A	5
PESS 9	A	4	BESS 10	A	4	Chemistry	A	4	AP Chem	A	5
Algebra 2	A	4	FST	A	4	PDM	A	4	AP Calc	A	5
Elective	A	4	Elective	A	4	Elective	A	4	Elective	A	4
Elective	A	4	Elective	A	4	Elective	A	4	Elective	A	4
Cumulative GPA	4		Cumulative GPA	4.07		Cumulative GPA	<b>4.14</b>		Cumulative GPA	<b>4.29</b>	

#### This student takes **IB courses** in Grades 11 and 12

Grade 9 (both semesters)			Grade 10 (both semesters)			Grade 11 (both semesters)			Grade 12 (both semesters)		
Eng 1	A	4	Eng 2	A	4	IB Eng Lit Y1	A	5	IB Eng Lit Y2	A	5
Span 2	A	4	Span 3	A	4	IB Span Y1	A	5	IB Span Y2	A	5
Global Hist	A	4	AP U. S. Hist	A	5	IB Econ Y1	A	5	IB Econ Y2	A	5
PESS 9	A	4	BESS 10	A	4	IB Chem Y1	A	5	IB Chem Y2	A	5
Algebra 2	A	4	FST	A	4	IB Math Y1	A	5	IB Math Y2	A	5
Elective	A	4	Elective	A	4	IB Film Y1	A	5	IB Film Y2	A	5
Elective	A	4	Elective	A	4	IB TOK Y1	A	5	IB TOK Y2	A	5
Cumulative GPA	4		Cumulative GPA	4.07		Cumulative GPA	<b>4.38</b>		Cumulative GPA	<b>4.54</b>	

# The Impact of Taking IB Coursework on Your Cumulative GPA

## Profile #2: "The 'A-B' Student"

### This student takes **AP courses** in Grades 11 and 12

Grade 9 (both semesters)			Grade 10 (both semesters)			Grade 11 (both semesters)			Grade 12 (both semesters)		
Eng 1	A	4	Eng 2	A	4	AP Lang	A	5	AP Lit	A	5
Span 2	B	3	Span 3	B	3	Span 4	B	3	AP Physics	B	3.75
Global Hist	A	4	AP U. S. Hist	A	5	AP Govt	A	5	AP Euro Hist	A	5
PESS 9	B	3	BESS 10	B	3	Chemistry	B	3	AP Chem	B	3.75
Algebra 2	A	4	FST	A	4	PDM	A	4	AP Calc	A	5
Elective	B	3	Elective	B	3	Elective	B	3	Elective	B	3
Elective	A	4	Elective	A	4	Elective	A	4	Elective	A	4
Cumulative GPA	3.57		Cumulative GPA	3.64		Cumulative GPA	<b>3.71</b>		Cumulative GPA	<b>3.84</b>	

### This student takes **IB courses** in Grades 11 and 12

Grade 9 (both semesters)			Grade 10 (both semesters)			Grade 11 (both semesters)			Grade 12 (both semesters)		
Eng 1	A	4	Eng 2	A	4	IB Eng Lit Y1	A	5	IB Eng Lit Y2	A	5
Span 2	B	3	Span 3	B	3	IB Span Y1	B	3.75	IB Span Y2	B	3.75
Global Hist	A	4	AP U. S. Hist	A	5	IB Econ Y1	A	5	IB Econ Y2	A	5
PESS 9	B	3	BESS 10	B	3	IB Chem Y1	B	3.75	IB Chem Y2	B	3.75
Algebra 2	A	4	FST	A	4	IB Math Y1	A	5	IB Math Y2	A	5
Elective	B	3	Elective	B	3	IB Film Y1	B	3.75	IB Film Y2	B	3.75
Elective	A	4	Elective	A	4	IB TOK Y1	A	5	IB TOK Y2	A	5
Cumulative GPA	3.57		Cumulative GPA	3.64		Cumulative GPA	<b>4.05</b>		Cumulative GPA	<b>4.05</b>	

# The Impact of Taking IB Coursework on Your Cumulative GPA

## Profile #3: "The 'A-B-C' Student"

### This student takes **AP courses** in Grades 11 and 12

Grade 9 (both semesters)			Grade 10 (both semesters)			Grade 11 (both semesters)			Grade 12 (both semesters)		
Eng 1	A	4	Eng 2	A	4	AP Lang	A	5	AP Lit	A	5
Span 2	B	3	Span 3	B	3	Span 4	B	3	AP Physics	B	3.75
Global Hist	C	2	AP U. S. Hist	C	2.5	AP Govt	C	2.5	AP Euro Hist	C	2.5
PESS 9	A	4	BESS 10	A	4	Chemistry	A	4	AP Chem	A	5
Algebra 2	B	3	FST	B	3	PDM	B	3	AP Calc	B	3.75
Elective	C	2	Elective	C	2	Elective	C	2	Elective	C	2
Elective	A	4	Elective	A	4	Elective	A	4	Elective	A	4
Cumulative GPA	3.14		Cumulative GPA	3.18		Cumulative GPA	<b>3.24</b>		Cumulative GPA	<b>3.36</b>	

### This student takes **IB courses** in Grades 11 and 12

Grade 9 (both semesters)			Grade 10 (both semesters)			Grade 11 (both semesters)			Grade 12 (both semesters)		
Eng 1	A	4	Eng 2	A	4	IB Eng Lit Y1	A	5	IB Eng Lit Y2	A	5
Span 2	B	3	Span 3	B	3	IB Span Y1	B	3.75	IB Span Y2	B	3.75
Global Hist	C	2	AP U. S. Hist	C	2.5	IB Econ Y1	C	2.5	IB Econ Y2	C	2.5
PESS 9	A	4	BESS 10	A	4	IB Chem Y1	A	5	IB Chem Y2	A	5
Algebra 2	B	3	FST	B	3	IB Math Y1	B	3.75	IB Math Y2	B	3.75
Elective	C	2	Elective	C	2	IB Film Y1	C	2.5	IB Film Y2	C	2.5
Elective	A	4	Elective	A	4	IB TOK Y1	A	5	IB TOK Y2	A	5
Cumulative GPA	3.14		Cumulative GPA	3.18		Cumulative GPA	<b>3.43</b>		Cumulative GPA	<b>3.55</b>	