

Course Registration Information

This information is to help you understand some of the terms and key information you need to know for the four years of high school. More information can be found in the High School Program of Studies: [Program of Studies](#)

- **Courses:** For the next four years of your academic career you are going to be taking classes, some required and some electives – meaning you get to choose to take them. You are working towards 2 goals: 1) Graduating from DAA. 2) Meeting the entry requirements for university.
- **Credits:** The academic year is divided into two semesters. Some courses are full year courses and some are only for a semester. Each semester you take a course you will earn 0.5 credits. **One full year of a course = 1 credit.**

REQUIRED SUBJECTS	CREDITS NEEDED TO GRADUATE	Credits/Course load recommended by colleges
English	4	4
Math	3	4
Science	3	3-4
Social Studies	2	3-4
Foreign Language	2	3-4
Fine Art	0.5	1
PE/Health	2	2
Electives	2.5	4.5
TOTAL	22 Credits	25-30+ Credits

- **Grade Point Average:** A grade point average (GPA) is the total number of grade points received divided by the total number of credits taken. In high school your GPA is cumulative. That means it is averaged over all four years. Colleges and universities consider your GPA as an overall snapshot of how you have done. If you have attended other schools, these transcripts will also be sent to colleges.
- **IB Program:** The IB Diploma is offered at DAA for motivate students. It is a 2 year program that starts in Grade 11 and is completed at the end of Grade 12. The IB requires that students take courses in six different subject areas, take a course called Theory of Knowledge, complete 150 CAS hours and write a 4,000 word extended essay. It is also possible for students to take individual courses for two years (junior and senior) and receive an IB Certificate for that course.