

IBCP NEWSLETTER

*UWC Maastricht is a Candidate School for the Career-related Programme. We are pursuing authorization as an IB World School. IB World schools share a common philosophy—a commitment to high quality, challenging, international education that UWC Maastricht believes is important for students.**



INTRODUCING THE IBCP IN SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS

We are delighted to announce that UWC Maastricht will be adding an exciting new programme to its secondary school curriculum. Starting in September 2022, UWC Maastricht hopes to be authorized by the IB to offer the IB Career-related Programme (IBCP) alongside the already existing IB Diploma Programme (IBDP). This means the school will offer two different pathways towards secondary school graduation. In both cases, students will graduate with an IB pre-university degree. Introducing the IBCP is an exhilarating development for our school and for the UWC movement at large. This newsletter, the first of several this academic year, is meant to inform our students, parents and UWC national committee members about this process.

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*Only schools authorized by the IB Organization can offer any of its four academic programmes: the Primary Years Programme (PYP), the Middle Years Programme (MYP), the Diploma Programme, or the Career-related Programme (CP). Candidate status gives no guarantee that authorization will be granted. For further information about the IB and its programmes, visit www.ibo.org

In this first newsletter I will shortly write about some of the key questions around the IBCP. In following newsletters, more detailed information will be given around each of these topics. I will also introduce you to some members of our IBCP implementation team. Feel free to reach out to any of them with any questions or comments you may have.

IBCP IN A NUTSHELL

The International Baccalaureate Career-related Programme is just like the IB Diploma a pre-university course designed for students aged 16-19. Unlike the IB Diploma, it allows students to start choosing courses with a particular focus on their future career of choice. At UWC Maastricht, we are designing a very innovative pathway in Sustainable Business. Besides academic rigour comparable to the IB Diploma, the IBCP focuses on personal and professional skills development and relevant service and work-related experiences.



As the model illustrates, the IBCP combines two to four IB Diploma courses with a significant career-related study. This study is comparable to two Higher Level courses in the Diploma Programme. Like the Diploma Programme, the IBCP also features a core with requirements such as skills development, language learning, service learning and a major reflective project.

uwcmaastricht.nl/career-related-programme for ongoing updates about our IBCP in Sustainable Business!



SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT SCHOOL

We are developing a partnership with SUMAS, the Sustainable Management School in Switzerland, who offer IBCP schools a tailor-made career-related study in the area of sustainable business. This curriculum includes broad topics such as hospitality, the fashion industry and sustainable leadership. Much more information about this partnership will follow in an upcoming newsletter.



UNIVERSITY DESTINATIONS

Comparable to the IB Diploma, the IBCP is recognized by universities around the world as a rigorous pre-university programme that prepares students with the skills and knowledge to successfully continue their education at university level. Unlike the IB Diploma, the IBCP allows for much more individualized variation. Students can choose a relatively 'light' IBCP with, say, only two Standard Level courses. Alternatively, students can choose a very 'heavy' IBCP with, say, four Higher Level subjects and additional components in the career-related study.

Universities tend to consider a student's full portfolio and will decide accordingly. We will dedicate an entire newsletter to the university options soon.



IBCP AND THE UWC EXPERIENCE

Our pioneering group of IBCP students will be fully integrated with our IB Diploma students. We envisage a combination of NC-selected residential students and regionally based day students enrolling in this programme. IBCP students will join classes with DP students in their two to four DP subjects of choice, in tutor groups and in their activities and service commitments. The aim is to build a full curriculum for our IBCP students which maximizes their engagement with the UWC values and range of opportunities UWC Maastricht has on offer. Given the nature of their students, we also expect the IBCP students to become leaders in the UWC Maastricht community.

MEET THE TEAM



Adam, Esther, Nathan, Kate and Lodewijk

For ongoing updates visit uwcmaastricht.nl/career-related-programme

For all matters regarding admissions as a day or residential student, contact Esther Boere via admissions@uwcmaastricht.nl

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For question related to university choices and options for IBCP students, contact our university counsellor Adam Ortiz via a.ortiz@uwcmaastricht.nl

And, of course, always feel free to contact Lodewijk van Oord, Head of College via l.vanoord@uwcmaastricht.nl or Kate Doyle, Director of Secondary School, via k.doyle@uwcmaastricht.nl