

IBCP NEWSLETTER

UWC Maastricht's Newsletter on the International Baccalaureate Career-Related Programme

*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.**



APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN!

We are pleased to see that there is wide support for our decision to seek IB authorization to offer an IBCP in Sustainable Business this September. We have received the first applications from a number of UWC national committees and will be reviewing these shortly. Likewise, a number of our current MYP5 students and their parents have shown their interest in the programme. We are confident we will be able to bring together a diverse and committed group of students to pioneer with us in September.

As promised, in this newsletter more information regarding university options for IBCP students. You will hear from our university counsellor Adam Ortiz, who has investigated a range of possibilities.

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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

UNIVERSITY OPTIONS

Students considering to choose the IBCP have a broad variety of university options ahead of them. Similar to IBDP students, they are advised to consider their future educational plans well ahead of the start of the two-year IB programme. The UWC Maastricht university office is excited to be part of this process.



Adam Ortiz, University Counsellor

It is great that students will have another curricular option at UWC Maastricht and we look forward to guiding our first group of IBCP pioneers. While we are available for individual consultations prior to making both the decision to follow the IBCP and making subject choices within the programme, we recognize that there are general considerations that apply to all. We hope that this information will help better inform you on whether the CP is an appropriate choice for you.

The IBCP is a great programme for those who are interested in a more practical hands-on curriculum and the chance to customize your education through both subject choices and engaging personal projects. Our IBCP in Sustainable Business is aimed for students who are looking to pursue a career in that field, can also be a fit for students who are looking to focus their academic pursuits in a specific area that might not match up to the more rigid requirements of the IB Diploma.

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



We ask all students considering applying for the CP to start to identify their educational possible options they intend to continue with after graduation from UWC Maastricht. Despite being the fastest growing of the IB programmes offered in schools in over twenty countries, the CP is not yet as widely recognized as the DP and thus university study options are more restricted. Yet a growing range of options are available, in Europe, North America and the rest of the world.



UNITED STATES

As UWC graduates, all CP students are eligible to receive Davis Scholarship at one of the Davis UWC partner institutions. Partner schools such as the [University of Oklahoma](#), [Earlham College](#), and [Concordia College](#) have all expressed interest in receiving CP applicants from UWC Maastricht. While there will be great options with the potential for scholarship from schools on the Davis list available for our CP students, CP graduates will not be competitive applicants for all of these universities. It is therefore important for a CP student to work with the university counsellor to determine which schools will be a match.

THE NETHERLANDS

Over the last couple of years, universities in the Netherlands have also become a popular destination for UWC alumni. There are a number of great Universities of Applied Sciences that complement the education received in the CP. For instance, for students who are interested in the Sustainable Tourism focused CP and are looking for a career in the hospitality sector the [Hotelschool The Hague](#) and [Hotel Management School Maastricht](#) offer a number of interesting programmes and practical experiences that will be accessible to our CP students. For those looking to study international business you could, for instance, look at the four-year programme at [Amsterdam University of Applied Sciences](#). Closer to Maastricht, CP students have access to courses such as European Studies and International Business at the [Zuyd University of Applied Sciences](#).

While CP graduates are able to access these programmes, it is important to research them in order to see if there is a preference for DP specific coursework (perhaps Math, Economics, etc.) to inform the choices you make in both the subjects and levels you follow within the CP curriculum. Again, our university team can support you in this research.

UK AND REST OF THE WORLD

Universities in the UK that use tariff points for instance often welcome CP students and many Foundation Year programmes in various countries would also consider applicants with a CP credential. The Sustainable Management School in Switzerland, our CP partner, [also maintains a list of universities](#) where CP students have successfully been accepted.



The UWC Maastricht university office is your partner in helping you make your curricular choices, so please remember to start early and ask us any questions you have prior to making your decision as we are here to help! – Adam Ortiz

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