What Is IB?

The non-profit International Baccalaureate® (IB) educational foundation works with more than 4,000 schools in 141 countries. It offers four challenging programmes to help students ages 3 to 19 develop the intellectual, personal, emotional, and social skills to engage in our increasingly globalized world. IB educators guide young minds toward intercultural understanding, encouraging higher-order thinking skills and balanced perspectives.

Is IB Coursework at Butler for You?

Butler designed its IB Teaching and Learning Program for a variety of educators:

- IB World School teachers wanting to deepen their understanding of PYP or MYP practices and demonstrate IB-specific knowledge, skills, and dispositions
- Novice and experienced teachers wanting to position themselves to seek employment at an IB World School or an international school, or in an inquiry-based educational setting
- Teachers interested in a pluralistic society, global education, and international mindedness

Local International Baccalaureate® Partners

Butler’s International Baccalaureate Teaching and Learning Program grew out of the College of Education’s longtime partnerships with IB schools and educators in Central Indiana.

Our partners in the Indianapolis Public Schools, the International School of Indiana, and the Metropolitan School District of Washington Township encouraged us to seek IB recognition, and then worked with us to create a solid IB graduate curriculum.

“Having an in-state option for International Baccalaureate faculty professional development is a definite benefit. Butler’s reputation for teacher preparation and modeling the inquiry approach gives credence to what we’re doing locally in IB.”

–Chris Collier, Principal, IPS Center for Inquiry School 84

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Learn more about the International Baccalaureate Teaching and Learning Program at

www.butler.edu/ib-teaching.
Would you like to teach in an International Baccalaureate World School, or advance your IB professional credentials?

The International Baccalaureate Teaching and Learning Program at Butler University offers a close, convenient alternative to out-of-state teacher training for either the IB Primary Years Programme (PYP, teaching ages 3–12) or the IB Middle Years Programme (MYP, teaching ages 11–16).

Aimed at practicing educators, Butler’s sequence of four IB courses can be completed in one year. On-campus instruction takes place in concentrated weekend workshops, complemented by online learning.

Enroll as a non-degree seeking student, or apply credits toward a Master’s in Effective Teaching and Leadership. Upon completion, you can apply to the International Baccalaureate Organization for the IB Certificate in Teaching and Learning (PYP or MYP).

Butler’s IB Curriculum

Butler is the only university in Indiana offering IB-specific teacher preparation. Completion of IB coursework at Butler University is the equivalent of the International Baccalaureate Category 1 professional development.

Our four IB certificate courses consist of 12 credit hours of graduate-level workshops, covering:

- Curriculum processes and principles of IB programmes.
- Teaching and learning strategies, including selection and use of IB resources and design of inquiry-based learning activities.
- Assessment strategies and rubrics.
- Professional learning highlighted by field experiences in local IB classrooms.

Three of the four courses are hybrids, combining online content delivery and discussions with face-to-face, on-campus instruction presented over a single weekend. All courses can be completed in a one-year sequence, running May-April.

Distinctions of Butler IB Certificate Program

Online hybrid courses are designed to meet the scheduling needs of working teachers.

You’ll enroll as part of a consistent and supportive learning cohort.

All participants gain experiences in IB classrooms and through action research projects.

Local practitioners of International Baccalaureate education will co-teach program courses along with Butler faculty, and will participate in ongoing program assessment.

Course credits can be applied to the elective requirement of Butler’s Master’s in Effective Teaching and Leadership program. Current METL students can take IB certificate courses for elective credit.