

Comparison

IAL – SM – IB

	International A Levels (IAL)	Swiss Matriculation	International Baccalaureate (IB)
Particularities	First a general education, then strength-oriented and tailor-made.	Humanities and general education.	Holistic and general education.
Choice of subjects	Mostly a free choice of subjects.	Mostly compulsory choice of subjects.	Free choice of subjects according to specifications.
Subjects	A minimum of 6 subjects - 3 general subjects IGCSE - 3 matriculation-based A level	12 subjects + matriculation thesis	6 subjects - Extended Essay - Theory of Knowledge - 50 hours (creativity, activity, community service)
Curriculum	Transparent and highly standardized teaching plans and evaluation system.	More flexible curriculum and evaluation system.	Transparent and highly standardized teaching plans and evaluation system.
Preparation	Methodical preparation for university and the subject matter concurs with the first year of university.	Methodical preparation of subject matter for university, ensuring a combination of general aptitude and general education.	Methodical preparation for university and the subject matter concurs with the first year of university.
Acceptance	High national and international acceptance.	High national and partly international acceptance.	High national and international acceptance.
Exam requirements	Promotes excellence by means of a minimum grade in each subject.	Required minimum grade average of 4.0 with greater possibility for compensation.	Promotes excellence by means of a system of grade point average (GPA).
Repetition	Subjects and exams can be individually taken and can be repeated as often a required with no binding deadline.	Repetition only possible in total and at one time.	Subjects can be repeated a total of three times.
Interim qualification	Internationally valid, advanced interim diploma (IGCSE) in the event of dropping out or leaving.	No valid, advanced interim diploma in the event of dropping out or leaving.	No valid, advanced interim diploma in the event of dropping out or leaving.