



# Preparing for University

## FAQ University Counseling | Grade 9 & 10

Effective planning is the hallmark of selecting a suitable course of university studies after Grade 12. In preparation for the IBDP years and life after BMS, the university and career office has prepared the following checkpoint topics based on collected FAQs. These questions serve to ensure students seek out valuable advice from internal well as external sources:

**How can I help myself now for the academic challenges in the DP year and have time to apply for my uni studies?**

Develop an organization system to log your assignments, exams, social events, appointments, job interviews, etc. This will help you manage your time effectively and develop organizational skills.

**I am not sure how to select my university major; can you help?**

Be sure that the subject choices you sign up for prepare you for university. Select a curriculum that will challenge and interest you, and courses that meet university entrance requirements. Seek the advice of your parents and counsellor.

**Who could I talk to outside of BMS to prepare for university?**

Begin to explore careers you find interesting and universities that offer programs for those careers at fairs and conference. Talk to people in jobs that interest you. What education do those jobs require?

**Should I complete internships to help with university applications?**

Choose your internship experience to fit with your future career aspirations. Make sure that your university knows where you were and what you achieved. Try and ensure you can use an employee from the company/firm for a reference.

**What else can I do at school to help with my applications beyond academics?**

Get involved in school and community activities. Develop leadership skills – involvement may lead to scholarships and/or summer jobs.

**I would like to study abroad and what to plan now to understand tuition amounts; what can I do to prepare?**

Start discussing university costs with your parents. It is never too early to start creating a financial plan for your post high school education.

Begin to record your activities, awards, and accomplishments so when you are asked for this information on university applications in your senior year you will have it at your fingertips!

**When should I start planning for university studies with the university and career counselor's office?**

Request a meeting with the office to discuss when you complete the IBDP diploma program course choices and how they fit with your university interests and program of studies. Involve your parents at ever step!

**Can you recommend anything else for my preparation?**

Read! Read! Read! Remember, reading helps prepare students academically for university, while developing their interests, expanding their knowledge and improving their vocabulary and reading comprehension skills needed for university and for standardized tests such as the PSAT/NMSQT, SAT, SAT Subject Tests, ACT and TOEFL/IELTS.