

The OIB in Athens

What is the British OIB?

The British version of the OIB is an integrated Franco-British school-leaving certificate. It combines the breadth and rigour of the French Baccalaureate with extra subjects taught and examined in English, to A Level standard, in a single certificate. The University of Cambridge International Examinations and the French Ministry of Education jointly certify it.

In Athens, the OIB is offered in the French Section of the Lycee Franco Hellenique Eugene Delacroix, as an addition to the regular baccalaureate for deeply committed and high achieving students.

It provides students with a university entrance qualification valid in both France and Britain. It makes academic and linguistic demands to an equal level, in English and French.

A Levels	OIB
1620 guided learning hours for 4 A Levels & 5 AS levels	Between 2124 & 2394 guided learning hours, depending on stream chosen
6 'passing' grades A* - E	Overall aggregate 'pass' mark between 10/20 and 20/20; individual subjects assessed on a 0-20 point scale
Modular examinations, taken over the two-year period of study	Between one and four subjects taken at the end of the first year of study; most taken at the end of the second year
Key language: English Assessment through written exams and coursework	Key Language English and French. Assessment through written and oral exams, and coursework

In 1ere and Terminale

Two A levels

Two subjects, 1) English Language & Literature and 2) History–Geography, are added to the full syllabus of the traditional French Baccalaureate. These extra subjects are examined in English and certified by Cambridge as equivalent to A Level in standard.

Two years

The OIB Baccalaureate curriculum is studied over a period of two years combined, the two last years of 1e and Terminale, and candidates must follow both years to attend the exam. To see what the OIB curriculum is about you can check this website:

<https://oibathens.wordpress.com>

During these two years the students will have a syllabus for History and Geography, and another for Language and Literature. This exam follows a 5 years period of English first language classes in various subjects, on the SIB, Section Internationale Britannique route where students have already passed the DNBI in 3e and the IGCSE in 2nd.

You will find more details by visiting the OIB official website at:

<http://www.asiba.fr/>

Higher studies

Students who succeed in this dual curriculum develop a capacity for hard work, high achievement, and an intellectual and cultural flexibility, that give them the potential to become excellent undergraduates in Britain, France and elsewhere.

During the last 2 years of the OIB, the LFHED offers coaching and counseling, for students to apply to UCAS (to study in the UK) or Common application (to study in the USA and Canada).

This is a challenging route with extra hours of work but also a rewarding one as it prepares well for the 'prepas' to get in to the Grandes Ecoles and Sciences Po in France, and students are ready for the autonomous work at university level.