COMPARABILITY OF INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE
WITH THE MATRICULATION CERTIFICATE AND SEC REQUIREMENTS

Effective from October 2011

1. The IB Diploma will be accepted as comparable to the general entry requirements if obtained with 28 points or higher overall, and with passes at SEC level at Grade 5 or better in Maltese, English Language and Mathematics;

2. the subjects chosen in the IB Diploma should have a mix comparable to that in the Matriculation Certificate;

3. the IB Diploma should include passes with 4 points or better in a language, a science subject and a humanistic subject;

4. for all undergraduate courses, except those having a numerus clausus: IB grades are considered as broadly comparable to those awarded in the Matriculation Certificate as follows:

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<th>Matriculation Certificate</th>
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<tr>
<td>Grade A</td>
<td>7 points</td>
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<td>Grade B</td>
<td>6 points</td>
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<td>Grade C</td>
<td>5 points</td>
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<td>Grades D/E</td>
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5. for undergraduate courses having a numerus clausus, Faculty Admissions Committees shall be guided as follows:

   - MATSEC Grade C is higher than IB 5 points
   - MATSEC Grade B is higher than IB 6 points
   - MATSEC Grade A is higher than IB 7 points

Grades/points would be considered, starting with the highest, in the following order of merit:

- AAA
- 777
- AAB
- 776
- ABB
- 766
- BBB
- 666
- BBC
- 665
- BCC
- 655
- CCC
- 555

6. It is to be noted that where course regulations or bye-laws specify English (or another language) as a special course requirement, such a pass must be obtained in Language A: Language and Literature at the specified level and grade.

7. Please click [here](#) for the comparability of some of the subjects offered within the IB to MATSEC qualifications.

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