

ADMISSION POLICY

1. ADMISSION TO THE PRE-DP YEAR

A) NATIONAL SECTION/STREAM

The application to the IB-section takes place through the Finnish joint application system. The application deadline is in March. The admission of new IB students is based on the basic education final report (50%) and the entrance exam (50%).

The theoretical subjects' weighed grade average, where the grades in math Finnish and English are weighed by two will be taken account in the final report.

The students that do not have the Finnish basic education final report should contact the principal Ms Katrina Vartiainen (katrina.vartiainen@utu.fi, tel +358 400-831009) before submitting the application in the Joint application system.

The entrance exam contains 3 parts, Finnish or Swedish (depending on the applicant's mother tongue), English and Math.

The upper secondary school presentation events are held every year in January. The time of these events can be found in Finnish joint application guide and on the school's website <https://sites.utu.fi/tnk/>.

It is also possible to visit our school, please contact guidance counsellor jukka.valtanen@utu.fi, tel. +358 50-5660932.

Admission results are published in the mid-June. The admission information is sent to the applicants personally.

B) INTERNATIONAL SECTION/STREAM

Applicants with an international status are advised to apply to the international section of Turun normaalikoulu (Turku International School). These students should fill in the Turku International School online application. Please contact the principal of the international section Ms. Mirjam Rasmus (mirjam.rasmus@utu.fi, tel +358 46-9224778) before applying.

The admission of new pre-DP students is based on the basic education final report (50%), if applicable, and the entrance exam (50%). The theoretical subjects' weighed grade average, where the grades in math and English are weighed by two, will be taken account in the final report.

If the candidate doesn't have basic education final report, the admission is based on entrance exam (50 %) and available school report card evidence. The admission is discretionary based on the judgment of the principal.

The entrance exam contains 3 parts, two parts of English and one part of Math.

The high school presentation events are held every year in January. The time of these events can be found in Finnish joint application guide and on the school's website.

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2. CONTINUING THE STUDIES IN THE DIPLOMA PROGRAMME

A) GUIDANCE FOR STUDENTS OF THEIR SUBJECT CHOICES IN THE DP

Pre-DP students make their subject choices in the April-May for their DP studies. The subject choices are made electronically on the digital platform Wilma. These subject choices are visible to the subject teachers, homeroom teacher, guidance counsellor, principals and DP coordinator.

In the guidance counselling lessons, the students are informed about their possibilities as well as the requirements for continuing their studies in the DP1. In addition, the subjects not taught during the pre-DP are introduced to the students, so that these students have the idea of the contents of these subjects. Students have always the possibility to book a personal time and discuss their choices with the guidance counsellor, e.g. if they want to know more about the University requirements.

After the students have done their choices, both homeroom teacher and the subject teachers check that students fulfil the criteria in each of their choices.

B) CONDITIONS MOVING FROM PRE-DP TO THE DP1

During the pre-DP year, the students complete 25-30 courses depending on their language choices. All mandatory courses are evaluated on a scale of 10 (excellent) to 4 (fail).

Students must fulfill the following criteria to be able to continue their studies in DP1:

- Students have to choose total of six subjects for the DP: 3 higher level (HL) subjects (max. 4) and 3 standard level (SL) subjects from DP subject groups 1 – 5. The sixth subject is chosen from groups 2 – 4.
- To choose a higher level (HL) subject the student has to have at least a minimum average grade of 7.0 in that subject, but we recommend that the student has achieved minimum average grade of 8.0.
- To choose a standard level (SL) subject, the student has to have at least a minimum average grade of 7.0 in that subject.
- Students must have completed all pre-DP year courses with a grade 6 or above by the end of the school year.

In addition, there are the following subject specific criteria for subjects not studied in the pre-DP and mathematics:

- To choose Business Management, students must have at least grade 7.0 in social studies course
- To choose Economics students must have at least grade 7.0 in social studies course, for Economics HL grade 8.0 is recommended.

- Two different mathematical subjects are offered in the DP: Mathematics, Applications and Interpretation (MAI) SL and Mathematics, Analysis and Approaches (MAA) SL and HL
- If the student chooses the short version of math (4 courses) in the pre-DP, they must take SL Mathematics Applications and Interpretation (MAI) course during the DP.
- If the student chooses the long version of math (5 courses) in the pre-DP, they can take either Mathematics, Applications and Interpretation (MAI) at SL or Mathematics, Analysis and Approaches (MAA) course at SL or HL in DP
- For MAA SL and HL an average grade of 7.0 or more is required but for MAA HL an average grade of 8.0 or more is recommended
- For MAI SL an average grade of 6.0 is required
- These criteria are also published on the school's webpage <https://sites.utu.fi/tnk/>.

C) ADMISSION DIRECTLY TO THE DP1

It is possible for a candidate to apply directly to the DP1, without preceding pre- DP year. In those cases, the students should contact the principal Ms Katrina Vartiainen (National stream) or Ms Mirjam Rasmus (International stream). Every application is considered individually. Students will be tested in all subjects that they will study in DP1, except if they are transferring from other DP school.

3. TRANSFER TO THE DP2 FROM OTHER DP SCHOOL

School accepts transfer candidates from other DP school for the year DP2 if the student's subject choices and prior studies (DP1) fit to the ones in Turun normaalikoulu.

4. COURSE CANDIDATES

Students of Turun normaalikoulu (other than DP students) can study DP subjects offered by the school if the subjects fit to their timetable. Student takes part to the

final exams in the end of the two-year studies and receives a certificate from the IBO after completion the courses and coursework and the final exams.

5. REVIEWING THIS POLICY

This policy is reviewed in the beginning of every school year in September. This document has been reviewed in August 2022.