

IB Hvitfeldtska: APPLYING FOR UNIVERSITIES ABROAD – calendar overview

pre-IB (pre-DP, grade 10)
Fall semester: Focus hard on academic work to develop knowledge and skills. Get engaged in extra-curricular activities to develop a wider range of skills. To apply to the US in the future, start the entrance test practice (SAT or ACT). This is done individually. Order practice material and look into test dates. Hvitfeldtska works with a test coordinator in order to offer some tests on the school premises, see hvitfeldtska.se
Spring semester: Attend the school information meeting in January (and previously in the fall) on how to choose subjects with international university studies in mind. Continue US entrance test practice, if applicable.
IBDP1 (grade 11)
Fall semester: Develop as a student with the challenging IB Diploma program. Work on extracurricular activities, as guided by the school's CAS coordinator. Continue preparing for US university entrance tests if applicable (see grade 10, above). Register for a spring test date. Attend any meeting giving an insight into the application process. Check the online "Career Counselor Classroom" for information and news. Start researching different universities and programs of interest. Visit university fairs.
Spring semester: Continue as above but now add: Begin test preparation for other tests than the US entrance tests. Sit the SAT/ACT at least once. To apply to highly selective universities, start researching summer programs and other courses or work experiences to boost qualifications. Research and register for open days (online or physical) at potential universities. Retrieve old transcripts: year 9 and 10 grades generally needed for applications abroad. During the summer, narrow down university choices in relation to the June report card grades.
IBDP2 (grade 12)
Fall semester: If applying to the US, contact the DPC to complete a US pre-application form. Write a personal statement/college essay for different universities and countries. Seek out online advice (at ucas.com, collegeboard.com, etc.) and dedicate plenty of time to drafting and revising. Arrange for a teacher reference or recommendation letter. Register for and sit any entrance test needed. For the US, sit the second or third SAT test (including the SAT subject tests if needed). Finalize online applications well ahead of deadlines, with some being as early as October 15 and most by the end of the fall semester.
Spring semester: Attend info meeting. Offers by universities will start trickling in, depending on country. Fill out the B2 form - as instructed by the IB coordinator - in order for the final IB Diploma score to be issued directly to the universities.