

Theory of Knowledge I (ToK) - Juniors

Open To:	Prerequisites:	External Assessment(s):	Graduation Requirements:
IB Diploma Program Juniors	Must be part of the IB DP	Internal Assessment - May Extended Essay	1st year of the 2 year IB DP requirement

Course Description:

Theory of knowledge is a course that integrates a student's academic experience within the IB diploma program. In taking this course students will gain an appreciation for knowledge in its various forms. The goal of the course is for students to become explicitly aware of strengths and limitations of different ways of knowing and areas of knowledge. Moreover, they will reflect on the creative potential and ethical implications of acquiring, using, and inventing knowledge. This will be accomplished through readings, discussions, and writings.

Units:

PSAT/SAT Skills Review
Knowledge and the Knower
Knowledge and Politics

Mathematical Knowledge
Knowledge and Language

Additional Information:

Summer Assignment:

None

Homework:

Students should expect to complete one written assignment (either in class or outside of class) each week. Students should expect to spend approximately 1-2 hours of time outside of class each week reading articles for class and/or writing in response to class prompts.

Projects:

Internal Assessment Exhibition - connecting physical objects to ToK concepts and knowledge questions

Extended Essay - Juniors start Extended Essay in Winter of their Junior year and finish in winter their senior year.

This is a 4000 word analytic essay. Students choose their subjects and topics to conduct independent research. Each student is paired with a teacher supervisor who helps guide them through the process.

Materials:

Various articles on knowledge, politics and language (provided by school)

Various articles on mathematical knowledge (provided by school)

PSAT review packets (provided by school)