

BENEFITS OF INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE (IB) STUDENT FOLLOW-UP FROM ENROLMENT TO GRADUATION

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ABSTRACT

Okayama University was the first national university in Japan to accept International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma students, exempting them from any entrance exams. From April 2012 to April 2025, 168 IB students have enrolled across 10 faculties and one program. This follow-up overview summarizes a 13-year database that offers insights into changes aimed at attracting IB students, including appointing an IB student advisor, establishing an IB community, connecting IB seniors with juniors, tracking IB students from admission to graduation, and revising admission policies over time. These efforts have made Okayama University the most IB-friendly University in Japan and within the global IB community.

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