The International Baccalaureate in Grades 11 and 12 at GWA

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International Baccalaureate Terminology

- IB
- DP
- CP
- CAS
- EE
- TOK
- IA
- HL
- SL
- Core

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The Three Routes

- The International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (DP)
  - Full Diploma
  - Diploma Courses
  - HS Diploma

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Rigour in the Diploma Programme

- *"The Diploma Programme is academically demanding and it may not be the best educational choice for all students in a school. However, success is possible for a much wider range of students than is often perceived"* ("The Diploma Programme: From Principles into Practice", p. 20).
- The DP is a university preparatory programme designed for highly motivated students looking for a ***rigourous*** educational experience

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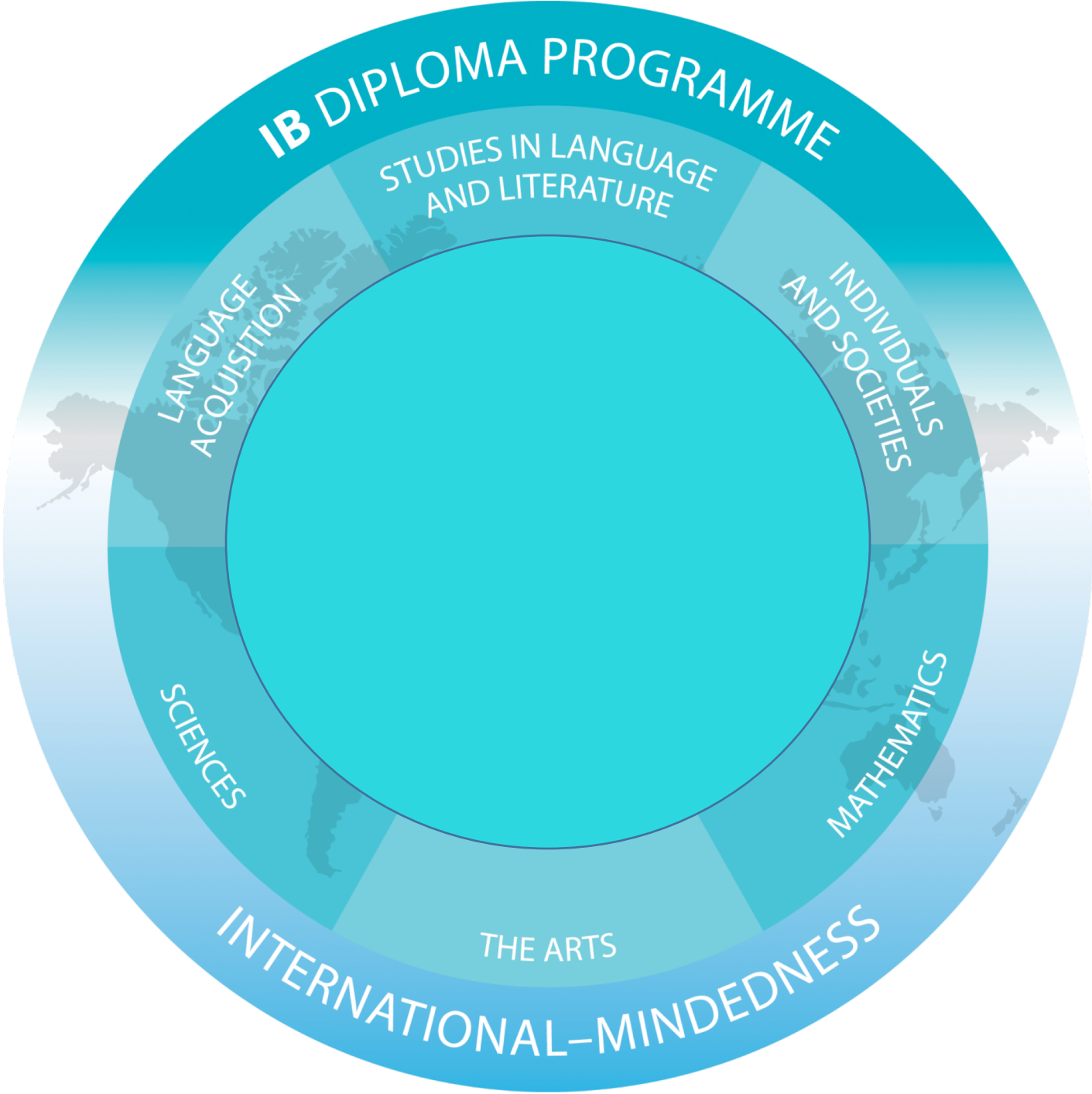
Full Diploma Programme

- 3 Higher Level classes
  - Higher Level classes should have a minimum of 240 hours. Marking schemes are more rigorous in some courses and there is more course content.
- 3 Standard Level classes
  - Standard Level classes should have a minimum of 150 hours, more if possible, as these courses are often not a student's area of strength.



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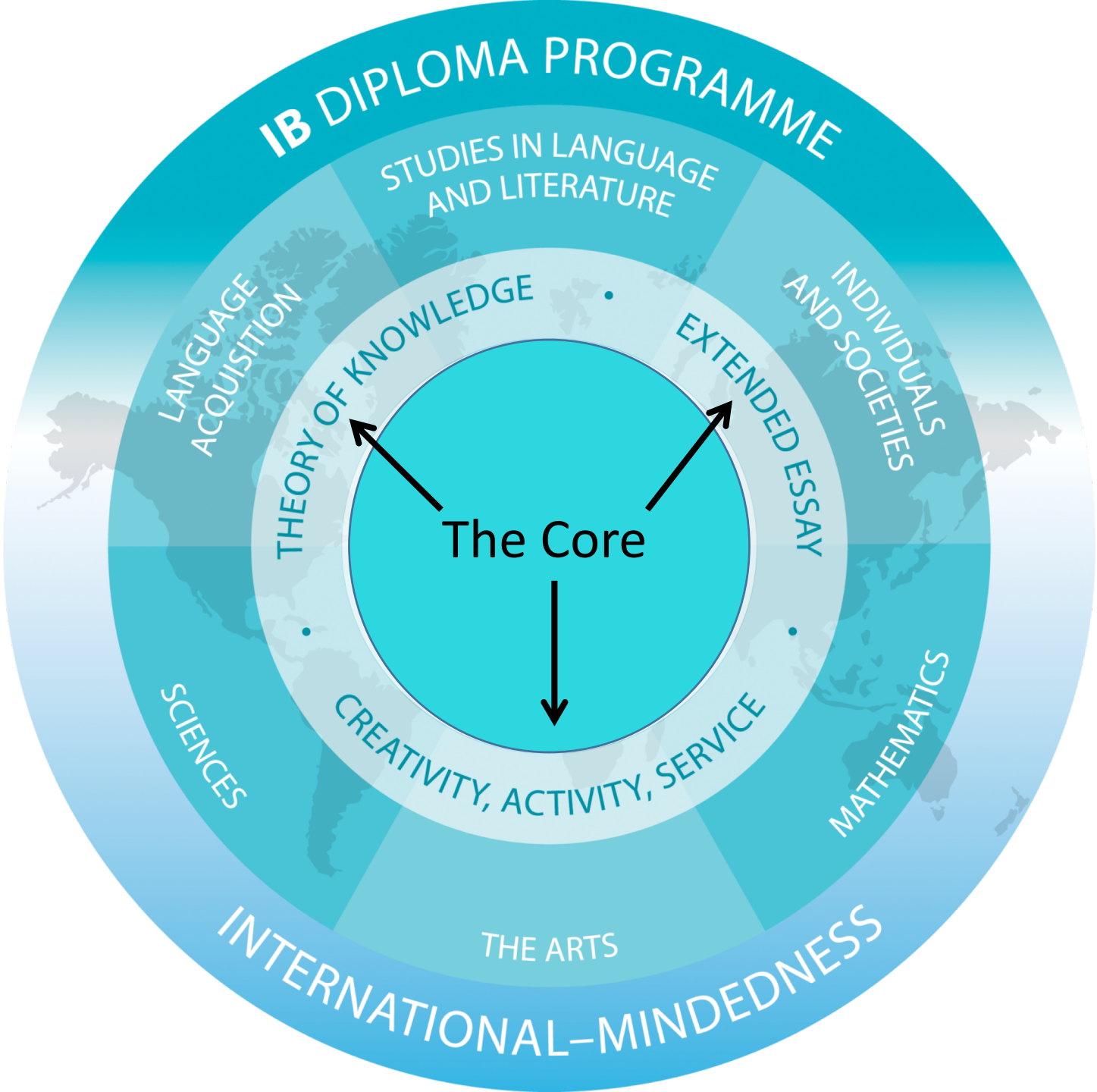

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“Core” Requirements for Full DP

- Creativity, Activity and Service (CAS) programme
  - A balance of C, A and S
  - Address seven learning outcomes several times
  - Students will write reflections and provide evidence to demonstrate involvement in their activities.
  - Complete a CAS project
- Extended Essay
  - Preferably focused on a topic connected to one of a student’s HL classes
  - Maximum 4000 words
  - Completed by May of the Grade 11 year.
- Theory of Knowledge class
  - An examination of what we know and how we know it.
  - Students produce a presentation and essay that make up their grades

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Personal Project and SA

- Overlap between CAS and SA
  - Service learning and reflection
  - MB process
- Overlap between PP and EE
  - Research components
  - Reflection
  - Writing

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World Exams and Results

- Each course maximum score: 7
- TOK and EE combine for 3 points and are graded on an A-E scale (The matrix is on the next slide)
- E in TOK or EE means no Diploma
- Minimum score: 24 (must have 12 in HLs and 9 in SLs among other requirements – see programme of studies and general regulations)
- Maximum total score: 45
- Results come out in July (details on results are provided in the DP handbook and at a parent meeting in March of Year 2)

University Counseling and Advising

- Conduct informative university course selection assemblies for students/parents
- Hold a senior panel during advisory
- Offer opportunities for students to visit university presentations and speak to representatives
- Always be available to help with questions. Feel free to drop by the counseling office during breaks

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