



12th Grade IB Theory of Knowledge



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I. Course Summary

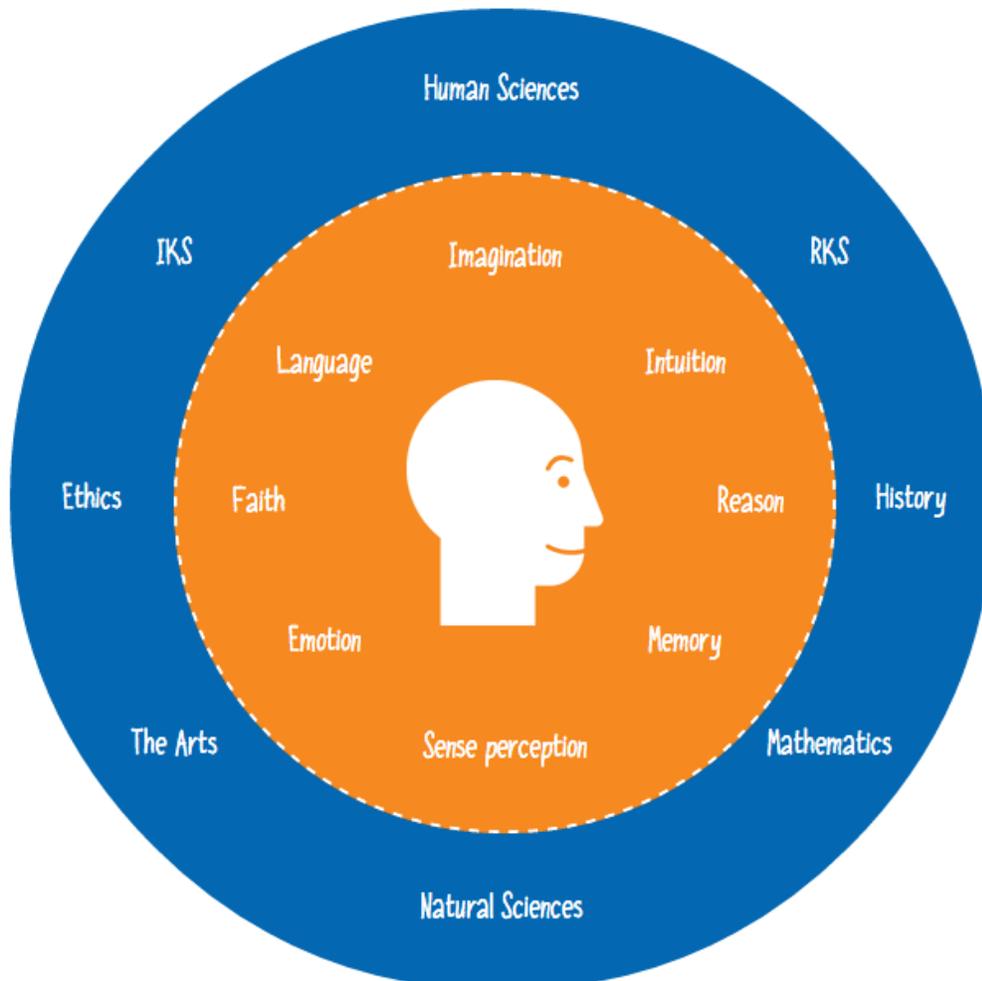
Theory of Knowledge is central to the philosophy of the International Baccalaureate program. Placed at the center of the curriculum, with the Extended Essay and CAS, it is a requirement for completing the IB Diploma and Honors quests. The course is meant to be an inquiry into different ways of knowing and into different kinds of knowledge. TOK students learn to evaluate the question, “how do I know that a given assertion is true?”

II. Units of Study

In Unit 1 – Knowers, Personal and Shared Knowledge (Nature of Knowing , Knowledge Questions)

Unit II – Ways of Knowing (Sense Perception, Language, Reason, Memory, Intuition, Emotion, Imagination, Faith)

Unit III – Areas of Knowledge (Mathematics, Natural Sciences, Human Sciences, History, the Arts, Ethics, Religious and Indigenous Knowledge Systems)



III. Text/Resources

There is one supplemental text for this course, but a variety of readings have been selected which provide the content for the units of study. It is absolutely essential that you read thoughtfully **before** class.

Additionally, students will work on the progress in CAS (Creativity, Action and Service) in this class, and finish work on their Extended Essays.

IV. Methods of Assessment

Students will be evaluated with a variety of written and oral assignments. The IB program demands that the students must complete two required assessments;

- I. the External Assessment (an essay on a prescribed title of 1200-1600 words, due at the end of January senior year)
- II. the Internal Assessment (a 10 minute oral presentation on a topic selected by the student- with guidance from the teachers- to be recorded and presented by the end of January senior year).

Complete details on the required assessments will be provided during Quarter 1 of the senior year.

In addition to these assignments, students will *write reflections on readings*, be required to *participate in discussion*, and complete several *essays* and *projects* outside of class. Students' work will be evaluated with IB assessment criteria whenever possible.

To be successful in this course students should:

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| Keep an open and inquiring mind | Come prepared to class |
| Listen to classmates thoroughly | Complete all required assignments |
| Participate regularly in discussions | with a personal commitment |

The Highland Park Grading Policy will be followed in this class (see student handbook and school website for full description)

The ToK Canoe and Thinking trip (2015) is scheduled for Sept 27-30.