Universities value IB Students for their:

- academic strength of curriculum
- student engagement
- strong research and writing skills
- critical thinking
- effective communicators
- maturity and responsibility
- solid recommendations by faculty who knows them

Participation in the IB Diploma Programme shows that students have excelled in multiple and diverse academic challenges and is a strong predictor for success in university.

Pamela Horne, Assistant to the Provost for Enrollment and Director of Admissions, MSU
“...‘International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme’ on a transcript. Students who apply to Michigan State University with IB credentials are assumed to be mature, curious, and creative. They have proven to be successful in a rigorous program that is both broad and deep in its content and intellectual challenge.... The challenge of completing an IB diploma means that a student has engaged in the kind of rigorous work that is likely to help them become not just an outstanding college student and citizen of the world, but an exceptional one.”

Cliff Sjogren, former Director of Admissions, U of M
“We definitely take note of the IB Diploma in the admissions process at Michigan! Feel free to quote me on that!”

Marilyn McGraff Lewis, Assistant Dean of Admissions, Harvard University
“IB is well known to us as excellent preparation. Success in an IB program correlates well with success at Harvard. We are always pleased to see the credentials of the IB Diploma Program on the transcript. GPA is not nearly as important a factor in university admission as the IB Diploma. If a student has to choose, choose the Diploma over protecting the GPA.”