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**INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE RESEARCH STUDY REVEALS POSITIVE ASSOCIATION BETWEEN IB AND COLLEGE PERFORMANCE IN FLORIDA**

***59% of IB students who scored a 6 or 7 in an IB exam earned an A in their first college course at the University of Florida***

Bethesda, MD, IB, April 28, 2011 -- The International Baccalaureate (IB), in conjunction with SRI International, released key findings today on the college preparedness of 4,845 IB students who attended the University of Florida from 2000-2005. The study reveals a positive association between students' IB subject exam performance and students' first college course grades with 59% of those IB students who scored a 6 or 7 on their IB exams receiving an A in their first college courses in the same subject. Of those students who sat for Higher Level IB exams and scored a 6 or 7, 71% earned As in the corresponding college subject.

The analysis focused on seven subjects: physics, chemistry, biology, mathematics, English, Spanish, and French. The percentage of As earned by students who scored a 6 or 7 was highest for English courses (72%), followed by Sciences and French courses (65% and 66% respectively), Spanish courses (59%) and mathematics courses (53%).

“The University of Florida provides empirical evidence on what we have known all along – that the IB curriculum is great preparation for, and an indicator of, college success”, said Drew Deutsch, Director of IB Americas. “Florida’s efforts to expand access to an IB education to more of their students are showing a positive effect at the university level.”

Founded in 1968, with 3,235 schools in 141 countries, the IB develops and offers three challenging programmes to over 923,000 students aged 3 to 19 years. The IB encourages students to be active learners, well-rounded individuals and engaged world citizens. It also serves in an educational advisory capacity to other educational

organizations. To learn more about IB, please visit [www.ibo.org](http://www.ibo.org). To read the study in full visit <http://www.ibo.org/research/programmevalidation/index.cfm#PostsecondaryFL>

**Notes for journalists:**

- Overall, 59% of students who scored a 6 or 7 on an IB exam in a given subject earned an A in their first college course in that subject.
- 71% of IB Higher Level (HL) students who scored a 6 or 7 in their IB exams earned As in their first college course in the corresponding subjects.
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