

UWC Dilijan Admissions Policy

Summary

UWC Dilijan aims to identify and select students who are willing and able to support the UWC mission in a spirit of service to the world irrespective of social, religious, ethnic and (as far as possible) financial considerations. In particular,

- we aim, through the UWC selection process, to identify civic-mindedness in students which will potentially benefit the world;
- we aim to have about 70% of students on some level of financial aid including some on 100% financial aid.

Student potential will be evaluated by UWC National Committees on the basis of past academic performance, their record of service-based activities and interests, and responses to questions posed on selection days that probe their social and ethical attitudes and awareness (see below).

Once students are admitted, UWC Dilijan will ensure that they are given the academic, personal and, where appropriate, financial support necessary for successful completion of their course at UWC Dilijan.

The Admission Process

Admission to UWC Dilijan for the IB Diploma is determined by the UWC National Committee selection process, subject to approval by the Head of College.

UWC Dilijan will make every effort to guide national committees in the selection of students whose profiles match our expectations in order to ensure that the curriculum we offer and their requirements are closely matched. In particular we will ask national committees to ascertain the suitability of applicants by considering these qualities:

- each student's record in education with especial reference to academic competence (so that they can approach the full IB Diploma with confidence and a high chance of success), in co-curricular activities such as sport, music drama, art and so forth; and in general commitment to service and making the world a better place
- each student's written self-description/application evaluated against UWC Dilijan's and the UWC movement's stated aims and objectives
- each student's performance at interview
- each student's school recommendation
- where possible and appropriate, how each student related to others in selection meetings and, where applicable, summer camps, especially exhibiting leadership,

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intellectual curiosity and open-mindedness, a commitment to international-mindedness and respect for those whose backgrounds and beliefs differ from their own.

The Head of College will only exercise his/her right to deny admission to a student recommended by a national committee in circumstances where that admission is judged not to be in the best interests of either UWC Dilijan or the student.

UWC Dilijan reserves the right to admit students to the IB Diploma Programme who have come through the UWC International Quota system (otherwise known as “Direct Entry”) or an independent selection process administered by the college. Those admissions will follow the same principles and adopt the same standards as the national committee process. The Head of College will not admit a student who has not been through one of the selection processes mentioned here.

In the future, UWC Dilijan intends to admit students aged 13-16, probably to a foundation and then two-year IGCSE programme. These students will move on to the IB Diploma Programme provided they satisfy comparable entry requirements to those described above.

Revision Dates

We propose to review this document in September/October 2016 and to publish revisions if necessary in 2018; 2020.

John Puddefoot, *Head of College*
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