How is the IB different than AP?

While there are some similarities in that they are both eligible for college credit, there are many differences between the two programs.

International Baccalaureate	Advanced Placement
Emphasizes process and integration of content across subject areas	Content driven
Comprehensive course of study encompassing six areas: language and literature, history, language acquisition, science, math and the arts.	Students choose AP courses that fit their strengths and that are independent of one another.
Students also take a class called Theory of Knowledge, write a senior research project called the Extended Essay, and complete 150 CAS (Creativity, Activity, Service) hours.	No additional requirements
Asks why more than what	Asks what more than why
Assessments are graded world-wide with global standards	Exams are graded in the U.S. with American standards
Final score (1-7) is determined by many factors, such as papers, orals, and projects, in addition to the written exams.	Final score (1-5) hinges on a single written, largely multiple choice, exam.
Only students at approved IB World Schools taking IB courses can register for IB exams.	Students not enrolled in AP courses can register for AP exams