



10th Grade Meeting: Choosing IB Subjects

Thursday 20 November 2014

What choices must I make?

- o Refer to course request form
- o 6 subjects
 - o 1 subject from each of IB groups 1, 3, 4, and 5
 - o A second language, either from IB group 1 or 2
 - o A sixth subject from group 2, 3, 4, or 6
- o Of the 6 subjects:
3 at higher level and 3 at standard level

Are there any limits to my choices?

- Number of requests for any given subject
- Suitability of subject for student
- Scheduling conflicts

How do I know which subjects are right for me?

- Where are your strengths?
- What are your preferences?
- Talk to your teachers
- Review your grades from 9th – 10th grades
- Consider your university plans, in particular:
 - Medicine
 - Engineering
 - Some economics courses
- Do you want Italian *equipollenza*?
- Remember to maintain balance!

How do I know what IB subjects I need for university?

- UK and some other European universities: Courses generally require a specific overall total and certain scores in required HL subjects. <http://search.ucas.com/>
- USA: Except for “technical” universities (e.g. MIT, CalTech), there are no specific IB course requirements. The most selective universities may make distinctions based on the degree of difficulty of your subjects and levels. <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/explore-careers>
- Italian universities: Generally require IB diploma with equipollenza; may have entrance exams.
- More information available at:
<http://isgcollegecounseling.weebly.com>

Can I see some examples?

UK

1. [Engineering at Southampton](#)
2. [Psychology at Bath](#)
3. [Psychology at Anglia Ruskin University](#)
4. [Law at Queen Mary](#)
5. [Medicine at UCL](#)
6. [Biomedical sciences at Central Lancashire](#)
7. [Economics at LSE](#)
8. [Business studies and marketing at Stirling](#)

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USA

1. Most selective:
Harvard – MIT – Stanford
2. Very selective:
Michigan – Georgia Tech – Boston U.
3. Somewhat selective:
FIT – Wheaton College – Univ. of
Massachusetts, Amherst

How do I know if my choices meet Italian equivalency?

- In all cases, you need to meet IB requirements first. IN ADDITION, you also need to meet the following requirements:
- Maturità linguistica:
 - Need 3 languages
 - At least language A literature needs to be HL
- Maturità scientifica:
 - Need mathematics HL
- Maturità di scienze umane:
 - Need history HL and economics (SL or HL)

What happens next?

- Monday 24 – Wednesday 26 November:
In-class presentations about all 6 subject areas
- Friday 21 – Thursday 27 November:
Individual meetings with IB DP coordinator
- Friday 28 November:
Submit course requests
- Friday 5 December:
Receive feedback on requests
- Wednesday 10 December:
Finalize requests



Thank you!

Any questions?