10th Grade Meeting: Choosing IB Subjects

Monday 16 November 2015 13:30 – 14:30

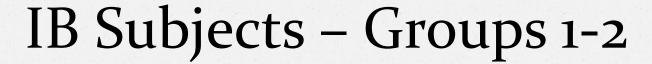


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- Review of IB subject groups and subjects
- Review of how to make choices
- Review of university requirements, with examples
- Next steps



IB Group 1 – Studies in Language and Literature

- English A Literature (HL or SL)
- Italian A Literature (HL or SL)

IB Group 2 - Language Acquisition

- English B (HL or SL)
- French B (HL or SL)
- French ab initio (SL only)
- Italian B (HL or SL)
- Italian ab initio (SL only)
- Spanish B (HL or SL)
- Spanish ab initio (SL only)



IB Group 3 – Individuals and Societies

- Economics (HL or SL)
- History (HL or SL)

IB Group 4 – Sciences

- Biology (HL or SL)
- Chemistry (HL or SL)
- Physics (HL or SL)



IB Group 5 – Mathematics

- Mathematical Studies (SL only)
- Mathematics (SL)
- Mathematics (HL)

IB Group 6 - The Arts

Visual Arts (HL or SL)



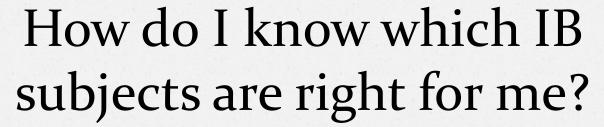


What choices must I make?

- Choosing 6 SUBJECTS:
 - First four subjects choose one subject from each of IB groups 1, 3, 4, and 5
 - Fifth subject choose an additional language, either from IB group 1 or 2
 - Sixth subject choose EITHER visual arts (group 6)
 OR any other subject from group 2, 3, or 4
- Choosing the <u>LEVELS</u> of those 6 subjects:
 - 3 subjects at higher level and
 - 3 subjects at **standard** level (math studies and language *ab initio* only exist at SL)



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



- Where are your strengths?
- What are your preferences?
- Talk to your teachers
- Consider your university plans, in particular:
 - Medicine
 - Engineering
 - Some economics courses
 - Will they accept Math Studies? English B?
- Do you want Italian equipollenza?
- Remember to maintain balance!





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

- <u>UK and some other European universities</u>: 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), US colleges and universities will not express any preference for any IB subjects. The most selective universities may make distinctions based on the degree of difficulty of your subjects and levels. https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/find-colleges and http://www.ibo.org/university-admission/recognition-of-the-ib-diploma-by-countries-and-universities/
- <u>Italian universities</u>: Generally require IB diploma with equipollenza; may also have entrance exams.
- More information available at: http://isgcollegecounseling.weebly.com



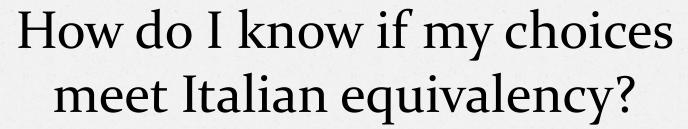
UK

- 1. Electrical & Electronic Engineering at Southampton
- 2. Software Engineering at Edinburg Napier
- 3. Psychology at Bath
- 4. Psychology at Anglia Ruskin University
- 5. Law at Queen Mary
- 6. Law at the University of West London
- 7. Medicine at UCL
- 8. Biomedical sciences at Central Lancashire
- 9. Economics at LSE
- 10. Business studies and marketing at Stirling



USA

- Most selective: Harvard – MIT – University of Chicago
- Very selective:
 Michigan Georgia Tech Boston U.
- Somewhat selective: <u>Wheaton College – Florida IT - Univ. of</u> <u>Massachusetts, Amherst</u>



In all cases, you need to meet IB requirements first. IN ADDITION, you also need to meet the following requirements:

Maturità linguistica:

- Must have first language (language A literature) HL
- 6th subject must be a third language (SL or HL)

Maturità scientifica:

- Must have mathematics HL
- 6th subject must be chemistry, biology, or visual arts (SL or HL)

Maturità di scienze umane:

- Must have history HL
- 6th subject must be economics (SL or HL)



For more information about researching universities and their entrance requirements, students should refer to the presentation emailed to them last month when we held the "Resources and Tools for University Research" workshop.



- Monday 16 Wednesday 18 November: In-class presentations about all 6 subject areas
- Friday 23 November Friday 4 December: Individual meetings with IB DP coordinator
- Monday 11 January 2016: Submit course request forms

Thank you! Any questions?