



# 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Meeting: Choosing IB Subjects

Monday 16 November 2015

13:30 – 14:30

# This Presentation

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# Overview

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

# IB Subjects – Groups 1-2

## **IB Group 1 – Studies in Language and Literature**

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

## **IB Group 2 – Language Acquisition**

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

# IB Subjects – Groups 3-4

## **IB Group 3 – Individuals and Societies**

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

## **IB Group 4 – Sciences**

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

# IB Subjects – Groups 5-6

## **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?

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

# Are there any limits to my choices?

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

# How do I know which IB subjects are right for me?

- Where are your strengths?
- What are your preferences?
- Talk to your teachers
- Review your grades from 9<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> grades
- 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?

- o UK and some other European universities: Courses generally require a specific overall total and certain scores in required HL subjects. <http://search.ucas.com/>
- o 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/>
- o Italian universities: Generally require IB diploma with equipollenza; may also have entrance exams.
- o More information available at: <http://isgcollegecounseling.weebly.com>

# Can I see some examples?

## 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](#)

# Can I see some examples?

## USA

1. Most selective:  
Harvard – MIT – University of Chicago
2. Very selective:  
Michigan – Georgia Tech – Boston U.
3. Somewhat selective:  
Wheaton College – Florida IT - 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:

- Must have first language (language A literature) **HL**
- 6<sup>th</sup> subject must be a third language (SL or HL)

- Maturità scientifica:

- Must have mathematics **HL**
- 6<sup>th</sup> subject must be chemistry, biology, or visual arts (SL or HL)

- Maturità di scienze umane:

- Must have history **HL**
- 6<sup>th</sup> subject must be economics (SL or HL)

# For more information

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.

# What happens next?

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



Thank you!

Any questions?