

IB1 Option Choices – Academic Year 2019/2020

Guidelines for choosing courses

- Choose **six** courses by entering an **x** in the relevant box
 - **three** at higher level (HL) and
 - **three** at standard level (SL)
- You must include **one** course from each of the following groups:
 - Group 1 - Language A
 - Group 2 - Language B or ab-initio language (or a second language A from Group 1)
 - Group 3 - Individuals and Societies (social studies - history, geography, economics, business & management, psychology, and environmental systems & societies)
 - Group 4 - Science (biology, chemistry, physics, environmental systems & societies and sports, exercise & health science)
 - Group 5 – Mathematics
 - Group 6 – Visual art or a second course from Groups 2-4.

In addition, all IB students take the ToK (theory of knowledge) course and participate in the CAS programme (Creativity/ Action/ Service) as well as write an Extended Essay.

Please note that for entry to Swiss Universities, psychology, art, environmental systems & societies and sports, exercise & health science, film and philosophy are not accepted and math or science is needed at HL. Please note that for EPFL economics is no longer recognised.

- **'Entry requirements'** are used to determine eligibility for IB courses.
 - A minimum GPA of 3.0 in IG2 or grade 10
 - A general proficiency in English
 - For **English A Lit** or **English A Lang and Lit**, a mother tongue level of proficiency and :
HL: grade A minimum, SL: grade B minimum in the IGCSE English Lang and Lit,
 - or HL: grade A minimum, SL: grade B minimum in grade 10 English Honours,
 - or HL: grade A minimum (with recommendation), SL: grade A minimum (with recommendation) in grade 10 regular English.

Note: Students in English B2 cannot study **English A Lit** or **English A Lang and Lit**

- **For English B HL** students must achieve a minimum B2 (CEFR) or grade A* on IGCSE second language English examination.
- **Languages ab initio** are reserved for beginners or learners who have studied the language for one year maximum.
- **Languages B** are reserved for students who have studied the language between two to five years.
- **Mathematics and French** - class placement is made according to the IG2 or grade 10 course followed and the level of achievement.
- **For Physics and Chemistry HL** (and preferably for physics SL) - math to be taken at least at standard level (not math studies)
Generally:
 - For HL subjects - a minimum of grade A in a related IGCSE exam or grade B in an equivalent course
 - For SL subjects - a minimum of grade B in a related IGCSE exam or grade C in an equivalent course
 - For online courses a proven record of high degree of organisation skills and time management is required.

- Final acceptance into the IB programme will be dependent on the IGCSE results obtained (if applicable).
- Students are expected to exhibit the IB Learner Profile.
- There are additional costs for IB examinations.