

## ICS MILAN – IB DIPLOMA PROGRAMME

Studies in Language and Literature	Block A (IB Group 1)	English Literature (HL/SL) English Language and Literature (HL/SL)
Language Acquisition (a second language)	Block B (IB Group 2)	Italian (HL/SL Initio) Spanish (HL/SL Initio) English (HL/SL)
Individuals and Societies (Humanities)	Block C (Mixed IB Group)	Group 3: Business Management (HL/SL) Group 3: Geography (HL/SL) Group 3: History (HL/SL) Group 3: Economics (HL/SL) Group 3: Psychology (HL/SL)
Experimental Sciences	Block D (IB Group 4)	Biology (HL/SL) Chemistry (HL/SL) Design Technology (HL/SL) Environmental Systems & Societies (SL only) Physics (HL/SL) Sport, Exercise and Health Sciences (HL/SL)
Mathematics	Block E (IB Group 5)	Maths: Analysis (HL/SL) Maths: Applications (HL/SL)
The Arts	Block F (Mixed IB Group)	Group 3: Business Management (HL/SL) Group 3: Economics (HL/SL) Group 3: Psychology (HL/SL) Group 4: Biology (HL/SL) Group 4: Chemistry (HL/SL) Group 6: Theatre (HL/SL) Group 6: Visual Arts (HL/SL) Group 4: Computer Science (HL/SL)

**Note:** Group 6 is optional meaning students can select a subject from any of the other groups in the place of an arts subject (e.g. take Chemistry and Biology or Business Management and History etc.)

## ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Students are required to do **three subjects at Higher Level (HL)** and **three at Standard Level (SL)** over two years, as well as **compulsory studies in Theory of Knowledge (TOK), Creativity Service and Action (CAS), and a 4000 word Extended Essay (EE).**

## STANDARD LEVEL AND HIGHER LEVEL

Standard level subjects contain 150 hours of teaching time over the two years, whilst higher level subjects have 240 hours of teaching time. Higher level is differentiated from Standard Level by the depth and breadth of work studied as opposed to the difficulty per se. Some Standard and Higher level classes may be taught jointly at ICS Milan. (Students can choose to do more than three subjects at HL where they wish to experience the Higher level offering prior to making a final decision. The understanding is that they drop one to SL by the end of Term 1 however).

*\*\*Group 5: Mathematics offer courses at Studies Standard Level. This course is designed for students who wish to study mathematics at an applied level as opposed to the pure and theoretical emphasis available in the Mathematics SL and HL courses. The course carries the same grading and weighting as the others, however.*