

ICS MILAN – IB CORE PROGRAMME

▶ **EXTENDED ESSAY**

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

The Extended Essay is a compulsory subject if you are doing the Diploma or an option if you are doing Courses.

The Course Consists of the following areas:

CORE CONTENT: ESSAY

Students are required to write independently a research essay, with a maximum of 4,000 words, on a topic of their own choice in an IB subject

ASSESSMENT / EXAMINATION

The essay is marked externally, and is given a grade of A (highest) to E (lowest)

▶ **CREATIVITY, ACTION, SERVICE (CAS)**

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Creativity, Action and Service is a compulsory subject if you are doing the Diploma or an option if you are doing Courses,

The course consists of the following areas:

CORE CONTENT: CREATIVITY, ACTION, SERVICE

Students participate in activities across the three areas. They reflect on their participation and are assessed against eight learning outcomes.

Students also must complete a CAS project which incorporates two or more aspects of CAS.

ASSESSMENT / EXAMINATION

ICS Milan monitors students' progress against a set of specific learning outcomes. The students have to complete a minimum of 150 hours across the three aspects of CAS. The IB samples school records on a random basis.

No Diploma Points are awarded for CAS but a student who fails to complete the requirements is not eligible to be awarded a Diploma.

▶ THEORY OF KNOWLEDGE (TOK)

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Theory of Knowledge is a compulsory subject if you are doing the Diploma or an option if you are doing Courses.

The course consists of the following areas:

CORE CONTENT

Knowledge Issues and Shifting Viewpoints (20 hours)

ToK aims to get you to think about a variety of things that you and others know. You will be asked to reflect on how you and others came to possess this knowledge. Your job is to explore what you know and explore how your experiences have shaped your knowledge

The Ways of Knowing (30 hours)

ToK focuses on four Ways of Knowing; Reason; Language; Sensory Perception and Emotion. You will need to show an awareness of how each Way of Knowing works, influences what we believe to be true and how these interact to help us form knowledge.

Areas of Knowledge (100 hours)

You will be asked to explore six Areas of Knowledge: Mathematics; Natural Sciences; Human Sciences; History and the Arts. You will develop a clear understanding of the methods each area uses to construct knowledge, their significance and the limitations of the knowledge created in these areas

Total teaching hours over IB - 1500 hours

ASSESSMENT / EXAMINATION

External - Essay

1200 - 1600 words essay from list of ten prescribed titles.

Internal - Presentation

Presentation on knowledge issues arising in a topic of students' own choice (10 minutes) – not externally moderated.