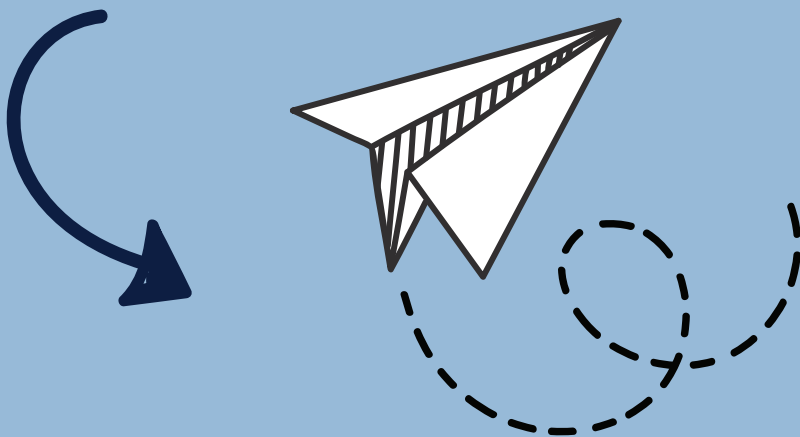
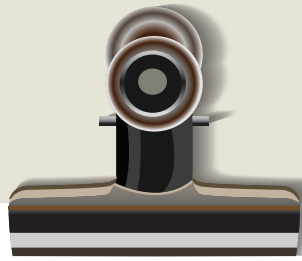


little guide for dp students

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE (IB) CORE RULES FOR ACHIEVING THE DIPLOMA





Core Rules
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Students must select **one subject from each of the six subject groups** (Groups 1-5 are mandatory).

The only exception is that Group 6 (The Arts) can be replaced by an additional subject from Groups 1-5 (Language Acquisition, Individuals and Societies, or Sciences).

Students must take **three subjects at Higher Level (HL)** and **three at Standard Level (SL)**.

HL subjects involve more teaching hours (e.g., 240 hours) and cover topics in greater depth than SL subjects (e.g., 150 hours).

Strictly Prohibited Combinations (IB Rule)

Taking an SL and an HL course in the exact same subject (e.g., Biology SL and Biology HL) is prohibited. Students choose one level for a given subject.

Counting the same subject twice for different groups, unless it is an approved interdisciplinary subject like Environmental Systems and Societies (ESS), which can count for both Group 3 and Group 4 simultaneously.

School-Specific Prohibitions (Schedule)

The schedule may prevent certain subject combinations. We will inform you of this if it is the case.

Do's and Don'ts of IB Diploma Subject Choices



Read the IB syllabus and subject guides for each subject to understand the content, workload, and methods of assessment.

Research the specific university courses you are interested in to see if they have any prerequisite or recommended IB subjects.

Consult your subject teachers, IB coordinator, university advisor, and current IB students for advice.

Choose subjects that aligns with your academic strengths, personal interests, and future university or career goals.



Be influenced by friends. Choose subjects that you are interested in and that are right for you, not just what your friends are taking.

Common Question's



Is there a minimum point requirement?

Yes, the passing mark for the IB Diploma is 24 points, based on a minimum of 6 subjects.



Do I have to complete the "CORE" subjects of Extended Essay (EE), Theory of Knowledge (ToK) and Creativity, Activity and Service (CAS)?

Yes, all of the CORE components need to be completed to obtain the IB Diploma.



Can I take more than one subject from the same group?

Yes. You can take two subjects from a single group, such as a second science or humanities subject, in place of a Group 6 subject.



Do I need to be 100% sure about my future career?

No, but it's helpful to have a general idea. A mix of subjects can also provide flexibility if your interests change.





What if I don't get my IB diploma?

You can still graduate from high school with the HIS Diploma and may receive college credit based on your IB exam scores.



How do I decide between HL and SL for an arts subject?

HL is best for students applying to arts-related programs or those with a deep interest. SL is a good option for a balanced workload or for exploring creativity without the extended assessments of HL.



How do I decide between Math AA and Math AI?

Mathematics: Applications & Interpretation (AI): Emphasizes statistics, modeling, and the use of technology, suitable for subjects like business, social sciences, or some life sciences. Both are available at SL and HL



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