



# IB Subject Recommendations

Note: Universities often have specific IBDP pre-requisites. Please check matrix for destination-specific requirements, and with individual university websites for details.

## Group 1 - Studies in Language & Literature

English A: Literature (HL/SL)

Language A: School Supported Self-Taught (SL)

Students considering studying *Literature* at university should take either English A or Language A at HL, depending on the language in which they wish to study.

## Group 2 – Language Acquisition

Ab-initio	Language B
French (SL)	English B: Literature (HL/SL)
Spanish (SL)	French B
	Hindi B
	Spanish B

English B is the appropriate course for students who have been in EAL previously, or want to take SSST in Group 1 without also taking English A.

Studying a single language to an advanced level is advisable for selective US admissions.

Students interested in *International Relations* or *International Business* should consider the benefits of fluency in a global language.

Students are exempt from Group 2 if they are taking two Group 1 subjects and earning a bilingual IB Diploma.

## Group 3 – Individuals & Societies

Economics (HL/SL)

Environmental Systems & Societies (SL)

Global Politics (HL/SL)

History (HL/SL)

Psychology (HL/SL)

For the following majors, one or two of the following subjects are recommended:

	Economics	ESS	Global Politics	History	Psychology
<i>Business</i>					
<i>Environmental Studies</i>					
<i>International Relations</i>					
<i>Law</i>					
<i>Philosophy, Politics &amp; Economics</i>					
<i>Social Science</i>					



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## Group 4 – Sciences

Biology (HL/SL)  
Chemistry (HL/SL)  
Computer Science (HL/SL)  
Environmental Systems & Societies (SL)  
Physics (HL/SL)  
Sports, Exercise & Health Science (SL)

*Architecture:* Recommend Physics.

*Biology:* Requires HL Biology, recommend Chemistry

*Chemistry:* Requires HL Chemistry, recommend Biology

*Computer Science:* Requires Computer Science, recommend Physics for Computer Engineering.

*Engineering:* Recommend physics and one other science.

*Environmental Sciences:* Recommend SL Environmental Systems and Societies and either Biology or Chemistry.

*Medicine in India, or for Indian citizens:* Please refer to the Indian Medical Pathway.

*Medicine/Veterinary/Dentistry outside of India, for non-Indian citizens:* Requires HL Biology and HL Chemistry.  
Note that Physics self-study may be required for eastern Europe.

*Nutrition/Food Science:* Requires HL Chemistry, recommend Biology.

*Sports Science:* Recommend HL Sports, Exercise & Health Science, and either Biology or Chemistry.

## Group 5 – Mathematics

Analysis & Approaches (HL/SL)  
Applications & Interpretations (HL/SL)

*Analysis* is recommended for students interested in majoring in: *Mathematics, Engineering, Physics, Chemistry, Economics, and Architecture.*

*Applications* is recommended for students interested in majoring in: *Social Sciences, Biology, Environmental Science, Statistics, Business, Psychology, and Design.*

*Architecture:* HL/SL should be consistent with level of Physics taken.

*Chemistry:* Recommend HL Analysis

*Economics:* Recommend HL Analysis.

*Engineering:* Recommend HL Analysis

*Physics:* Recommend HL Analysis

## Group 6 – The Arts

Film (HL/SL)  
Music (HL/SL)  
Theatre (HL/SL)  
Visual Arts (HL/SL)

For *Art, Design* and *Performing Arts* careers, students should take the relevant subject at HL.