



Subject Selection Brochure

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IB students strive to be...

- **Inquirers**
- **Knowledgeable**
- **Thinkers**
- **Communicators**
- **Principled**
- **Open-minded**
- **Caring**
- **Risk-takers**
- **Balanced**
- **Reflective**

Do you fit the profile? Yes? Then read on ...

NB: this brochure should be read in conjunction with the *GISS IB Handbook*.

Further information about your subject selection and a better understanding of the benefits of graduating high school as an IB Diploma student can be found at <http://www.ibo.org/en/programmes/diploma-programme/>

The IB Diploma Programme (IBDP) - Curriculum Model

The DP curriculum is made up of six subject groups, with students choosing one subject from each group and the DP core, comprising theory of knowledge (TOK), creativity, action, service (CAS) and the extended essay (EE).

Through the DP core, students reflect on the nature of knowledge, complete independent research and undertake co-curricular projects that involve community service.



Group 1 - Studies in Language & Literature

Group 4 - Sciences

Group 2- Language Acquisition

Group 5 - Mathematics

Group 3 – Individuals & Societies

Group 6 – The Arts & Electives

Bilingual students may wish to take two subjects in group 1 (Studies in Language and Literature), in which case they do not need to take another subject from group 2 (Language Acquisition). For more information about the Bilingual Diploma see p.4. Additional requirements apply to students wishing to apply to universities in Germany, see p.4.

Subject Selection – IB Diploma Programme (IBDP)

Please read these notes very carefully before making a selection.

When making choices you should consider:

- What would you like to study at university
- University prerequisites (see note below)
- Your areas of interest and what you are good at
- Your teachers' advice.

For the IB Diploma, a student must choose six subjects, one each from group 1 to 6. Three subjects must be chosen at Higher Level.

Students who do not wish to take a subject from group 6 (the Arts) can choose an additional subject from Group 1, 2, 3 or 4, as an elective subject.

Students who are fluent in English and German may choose to take both languages as "Language A" in group 1 – these subjects will then count for groups 1 and 2. If they wish to take a 3rd language, this must be in place of a group 6 subject.

A bilingual diploma will be awarded to a successful candidate who fulfils one or both of the following criteria:

- completion of two languages selected from group 1 with the award of a grade 3 or higher in both (eg., choose both German A and English A)
- completion of one of the subjects from group 3 or group 4 in a language that is not the same as the candidate's nominated group 1 language (eg., If you do German A or complete a group 3 or group 4 subject in English, this qualifies). For certain IB projects in groups 3 and 4 candidates may be permitted to write their examinations and other forms of assessment in languages other than English, French or Spanish. If the conditions detailed above are met, this will lead to the award of a bilingual diploma. (eg., If you study your group 3 or group 4 subject in German, and your group 1 subject is English or another Mother Tongue, you qualify).

All students also take a course in Theory of Knowledge (TOK) and must fulfil the requirements of CAS (Creation, Action, Service), and the Extended Essay (EE), in order to obtain the IB Diploma. The DP Core is offered in both English and German as the language of instruction.

In order to obtain the "Gemischtsprachiges IB" (equivalent to *Abitur*), you must:

- take your second language at level B HL. Alternatively, you can choose two languages at level A SL or HL (this will cover all requirements for groups 1 and 2).
- choose History or Economics in group 3. You can choose both by doing one as group 3 and the remaining subject as an elective subject (in place of a group 6 subject).
- select either mathematics or an experimental science at higher level (HL).

Example subject selections to be eligible for both the bilingual diploma and the *Abitur*:

DP Core + German A Literature HL + English A Language & Literature SL or English B HL + History SL (in German) + Chemistry HL + Mathematics SL + Spanish B SL.

Please note: the subjects currently on offer at GISS are preliminary. While we will try to meet the interests of every student, we cannot always guarantee their place in a course. Subjects denoted with a star (*) will only be offered if enough students choose the course. Students who choose such a subject must indicate a second preference in case their first choice is not offered.

Subject Selection Form – IB Diploma, Years 11 & 12

FULL NAME (as in passport): _____ SIGNATURE: _____ Date: _____

EMAIL: _____ MOBILE: _____ DoB: _____

NATIONALITY/S: _____ MOTHER TONGUE/S: _____

Please indicate whether you wish to attain a bilingual diploma and/or the “Gemischtsprachiges Diplom” (for study in Germany):

Bilingual Diploma required: YES NO
 “GIB” required: YES NO

WHAT DO YOU WISH TO STUDY AT UNIVERSITY? _____

WHERE DO YOU INTEND TO GO TO UNIVERSITY? GERMANY AUSTRALIA OTHER _____

Group	Subjects Offered	1 st Choice	2 nd Choice if your 1 st choice includes a subject denoted with a (*)
1 Studies in Language & Literature	English A: Language & Literature SL/HL German A: Literature SL/HL Mother Tongue A: Literature (self taught) SL		
2 Language Acquisition	French B SL/HL Spanish B SL/HL(*) German B SL/HL English B - HL Spanish <i>ab initio</i> SL (*) French <i>ab initio</i> SL (*) German <i>ab initio</i> SL (*) Mandarin <i>ab initio</i> † SL - <i>or another subject from group 1</i>		
3 Individual and Societies	History (in German) SL/HL Economics (in English) SL/HL Business & Management (in English) † SL /HL Psychology (in English) † SL/HL ITGS (in English)† SL/HL Philosophy (in English)† SL/HL		
4 Experimental Sciences	Biology (in German) SL/HL Chemistry (in English) SL/HL(*) Physics (in English) SL/HL(*)		
5 Mathematics	Mathematics (in English) SL - Mathematics (in English) - HL		
6 The Arts	Visual Arts (in English) SL/HL(*) Film † (in English) SL - <i>or another subject from groups 1 - 4</i>		

† This course is taught online through *Pamoja Education*, with an additional cost of approx. USD 800/year.

Please return this sheet, to the IB Coordinator by **31 March** to ensure your subject choices can be considered!