

IB Subject Choice Guidelines 2024

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Please, read these guidelines carefully and enter your subject choices in the form on page 2 before filling in the online application form. Then you can easily transfer your choices to the online application form:

- **Choose 6 subjects, one from each of the six subjects groups listed in the first column.**
 - First choose **one** of the twelve language combinations in the form on page 2 (see information on languages below).
 - Then choose the rest of your subjects. The subjects that you choose must be from the **same** column/colour. Choose **only one** subject from each group/box in the same column. It is an IB Diploma Programme requirement that you choose one subject from each subject group. However, if you do not wish to study a subject within the Arts (Group 6), you can choose an extra subject from Group 1-4.
 - The IB Diploma consists of 6 subjects so you should **not** choose more than six subjects (unless you are a beginner at Danish – see below). If you wish a 7th subject due to other reasons, eg. university requirements, than being a (nearly) beginner in Danish, contact the IB Coordinator.
 - **Choose 3 higher level (HL) subjects and 3 standard level (SL) subjects.**
Notice: If you wish to do Mathematics, French or Visual arts at higher level, you must choose four higher level subjects and two standard level subjects. Later you will drop down to SL in one of the four subjects when we are certain of your skills and abilities.
 - **See further descriptions of the subjects on our website** and read the following carefully:
- **Languages:**
 - In the IB Diploma Programme you must do two languages: your first language (A) and a second (B/ab initio). You must do at least one language at A-level, but if you wish to do two languages at A-level, you do not have to do a B/ab initio language. If neither Danish or English is your best language, you can choose your mother-tongue language as Self-taught Literature A SL.
 - **Group 1** is your best language, official language or mother tongue (in regards to both oral and written skills and abilities). The subject A Literature (English, Danish and self-taught) is a pure literature course. In English A Language and Literature both literary works and a variety of non-literary texts are studied.
 - **Group 2** is a "foreign" or second language. Language B is predominantly linguistic, and ab initio is at a beginner's level. Danish is offered as both B (HL/SL) and ab initio (SL).
 - NB! You cannot choose both French B and Spanish (scheduled at the same time).
- **History:** Notice that History is a requirement at Danish universities if you wish to study within the Humanities or social sciences.
- **Sciences:**
 - It is an advantage having prior knowledge of the science subject that you wish to do in the IB Diploma Programme (re. Biology, Chemistry and Physics). For studying a science subject at HL, you should have obtained one of the top grades in the subject at your former school.
 - Physics: If you wish to do Physics, you must have good mathematical skills and abilities.
- **Mathematics:**
 - Students are required to take one of the following Mathematics subjects at either HL or SL: *Analysis and approaches* or *Applications and interpretations*. Students who take *Mathematics: Analysis and Approaches* will be those who enjoy the thrill of mathematical problem-solving and generalization. This subject is aimed at students who will go on to study subjects with substantial mathematics content, such as mathematics itself, engineering, physical sciences, or economics for example. Students who take *Mathematics: Applications and Interpretation* will be those who enjoy mathematics best when seen in a practical context. This subject is aimed at students who will go on to study subjects such as social sciences, natural sciences, statistics, business, economics, psychology, and design, for example. Please, see our website for more information about the two Maths subjects.
 - All new students will be tested at the beginning of the school year to assess their abilities in Maths. See document on presumed knowledge for Maths on our website.
- **Please notice that universities have certain subject requirements:**
 - Contact the IB Director counsellors if you have any questions. For Danish universities, please see requirements on www.ug.dk and for British universities on www.ucas.com. If admitted to BG, you will have an intro meeting in August with a student counsellor at which your subject choices will be compared with future plans. In most cases (but not all!) changes can be made if needed.
- **If any questions regarding subject choices:**

Please, contact the IB Coordinator (e-mail: ct@birke-gym.dk; telephone +45 45168261). For advice regarding university requirements, you are welcome to contact one of the IB Student Counsellors (see contact info on our website).

IB Diploma Programme subject choices at Birkerød Gymnasium

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First choose a language combination and then choose the rest of your subjects by ticking off one subject in each box within the same line of study. Transfer your choices to the online application form.

Group 1 <i>First Language (A)</i> + Group 2 <i>Second Language (B/ab initio)</i> Choose <u>one</u> of the twelve combinations * NB! You cannot choose the combination Spanish ab initio and French B.	Danish A Literature HL ____ SL ____ + English A Literature HL ____ SL ____	Danish A Literature HL ____ SL ____ + English A Language and literature HL ____ SL ____	Danish A Literature HL ____ SL ____ + English B HL ____ SL ____	
	English A Literature HL ____ SL ____ + Danish B HL ____ SL ____ Danish ab initio SL ____	English A Literature HL ____ SL ____ + French B* HL ____ SL ____	English A Literature HL ____ SL ____ + Spanish ab initio * SL ____	
	English A Language and lit. HL ____ SL ____ + Danish B HL ____ SL ____ Danish ab initio SL ____	English A Language and lit. HL ____ SL ____ + French B* HL ____ SL ____	English A Language and lit. HL ____ SL ____ + Spanish ab initio * SL ____	
	Self-taught A Literature SL ____ + English A Literature HL ____ SL ____	Self-taught A Literature SL ____ + English A Language and literature HL ____ SL ____	Self-taught A Literature SL ____ + English B HL ____ SL ____	
	Individuals & Societies	Business	Science	Creative
Group 3 <i>Individuals and societies:</i> Choose <u>one</u> subject at either HL or SL	Geography HL ____ SL ____ History HL ____ SL ____	Business Management HL ____ SL ____ History HL ____ SL ____ Geography HL ____ SL ____	Economics HL ____ SL ____ History HL ____ SL ____ Geography HL ____ SL ____ Business Management HL ____ SL ____	Business Management HL ____ SL ____ Geography HL ____ SL ____ History HL ____ SL ____
Group 4 <i>Sciences:</i> Choose <u>one</u> subject at either HL or SL	Biology HL ____ SL ____ Environmental systems & societies SL ____ Physics HL ____ SL ____	Chemistry HL ____ SL ____ Environmental systems & societies SL ____ Biology HL ____ SL ____ Physics HL ____ SL ____	Biology HL ____ SL ____ Physics HL ____ SL ____	Biology HL ____ SL ____ Environmental systems & societies SL ____ Physics HL ____ SL ____
Group 5 Mathematics: Choose <u>either</u> HL or SL	Analysis and approaches HL ____ SL ____ Applications and interpretations HL ____ SL ____	Analysis and approaches HL ____ SL ____ Applications and interpretations HL ____ SL ____	Analysis and approaches HL ____ SL ____ Applications and interpretations HL ____ SL ____	Analysis and approaches HL ____ SL ____ Applications and interpretations HL ____ SL ____
Group 6 <i>The Arts or an elective from Groups 1-4:</i> Choose <u>one</u> of the listed subjects at either HL or SL * NB! You cannot choose the combination Spanish ab initio and French B.	History HL ____ SL ____ Business Management HL ____ SL ____ French B* HL ____ SL ____ Spanish ab initio * SL ____	Economics HL ____ SL ____ French B* HL ____ SL ____ Spanish ab initio * SL ____ Film SL ____	Chemistry HL ____ SL ____	Visual Arts HL ____ SL ____ Film SL ____