

Gr. 11/12 Academic Programme & Course Choice: Higher Education Overview

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What have we done so far...?

- **Career and further/higher education** exploration so far in 10th grade...
 - **Life Skills** – ‘My Professional Future’ + Why 10th Grade Matters
- **‘Explore’** assessments in ***MaiaLearning** (www.maialearning.com)
 - **Interest Profiler + workbook (required)**
 - **Optional:** Learning & Productivity | Personality | Intelligences | Skills | Work Values
 - ***No MaiaLearning log in? Contact Mr. Layman** (layman@isdedu.de)!
- **Morrisby Profile** + interview (optional)
- **Praktikum** (June 2022)?
- Overview of Gr. 11/12 academic programme and course choices + higher education (**TODAY!**)
- Gr. 11/12 academic programme and course choice guidance (**Jan-May!**)
 - **Timeline**



Questions to consider



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- **ISD students face a complex decision about study/work after graduation:**
 - Passport country? Home country? Current country? Previous country?
 - All of the above?!?
 - ISD students often apply to institutions in **2-3** different countries
- **How to decide?**
 - Location – country, city, climate...
 - Cost – What are your parents willing to pay?!?
 - Size (of institution/city)?
 - Variety of academic programs/courses available?
 - Diversity of students?
 - Admission standards – How difficult is it to get in?
 - Other factor(s)?
 - ***Campus visits*** have the single greatest impact when deciding which institution to attend!
- **Gr. 11/12 academic programme and course choices impact the decision!**
 - ISD **High School Diploma** only
 - ISD **High School Diploma** + **Diploma Courses (Certificates)**
 - ISD **High School Diploma** + **IB Diploma (DP)**



The best academic programme for YOU? ISD

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RIGOUR (Challenge!)

- **What level of challenge are you looking for?**
 - Institutions are seeking students who **challenge** themselves academically
 - The **RIGOUR** of the **academic programme** is an important factor in the admission decision
- **Rigorous (Challenging)**
 - **ISD High School Diploma** (*CIS & NEASC accredited)
 - Grade 9-12 ISD MYP+HSD/DP Courses – **INTERNAL** Report cards/grades (**SRS TRANSCRIPT!**)
- **VERY Rigorous (Very Challenging)**
 - **ISD High School Diploma** + **Diploma Courses (Certificates)**
 - **INTERNALLY** assessed ISD grades + **EXTERNALLY** examined DP courses
- **MOST Rigorous (MOST Challenging)**
 - **ISD High School Diploma** + **IB Diploma (DP)**
 - Choices must follow DP regulations - 3 HL + 3 SL + TOK/EE/CAS
 - **INTERNALLY** assessed ISD grades + **EXTERNALLY** examined DP courses



Visualizing your CHOICE

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DIPLOMA COURSES (Certificates)

Gr. 11-12

Any combination of up to 6 HL/SL DP courses

E.G. - 2 HL + 4 SL **or** 1 HL + 5 SL **or** 6 SL

Flexible course choice from DP subject groups

CAS required

TOK/EE optional

Choose which DP EXAMS to sit

EXTERNALLY examined & assessed by IBO

ACCEPTED in:

*UK, *NL (Applied Science), US, CAN, *Japan

*[UCAS Tariff](#) + [Tariff Calculator](#)

OR

IB DIPLOMA (DP)

Gr. 11-12

3 HL + 3 SL

Required course choice from DP subject groups

TOK/EE/CAS required

All DP EXAMS required

EXTERNALLY examined & assessed by IBO

ACCEPTED worldwide

REQUIRED in:

GER, CH, SWE, DK, *UK, *NL (Research). *Japan

COUNTRY RECOGNITION STATEMENTS

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ISD HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA

Gr. 9-12 (Senior School **TRANSCRIPT!**)

ISD curriculum (MYP 9/10 + DP/HSD Courses 11/12)

CAS Required

INTERNALLY assessed by ISD teachers (Report Cards/SRS Transcript)

ACCEPTED in: *US (+SAT/ACT), CAN, *NL (Applied Science)



Which Academic Programme?

- **United Kingdom | EU (Austria; Denmark; Ireland; *Switzerland...)**
 - **IB DIPLOMA (DP) REQUIRED** for direct entry to many degree courses
 - UK: Admission with **ISD HS Diploma + Diploma Courses POSSIBLE (UCAS Tariff)**
 - **Recommended** – **2 HL** courses related to study interest + **4 SL** courses
- **The Netherlands**
 - **Universities of Applied Sciences** – **ISD HS Diploma + Diploma Courses POSSIBLE** for most degree courses
 - **Research Universities** – **IB DIPLOMA (DP) REQUIRED**
 - ISD HS Diploma + Diploma Courses **considered in exceptional cases**
 - **Math Analysis & Approaches SL** for **Business/Economics** degrees! (Highly recommended!)
 - Erasmus/RSM will accept - Analysis & Approaches SL or HL / **Applications & Interpretation HL**
- **United States**
 - **IB DIPLOMA (DP) PREFERRED/EXPECTED** at **selective** institutions
 - Admission with **ISD HS Diploma + Diploma Courses + SAT/ACT POSSIBLE** at majority of institutions
 - Many **test optional schools** (no ACT/SAT!) – **Fair Test Top Tier Test Optional List**
- **Canada**
 - **IB DIPLOMA (DP) PREFERRED (*REQUIRED)** for more selective institutions (*UBC, *UofT, *McGill...)
 - Admission with **ISD HS Diploma + Diploma Courses POSSIBLE** at majority of Canadian institutions
- **Other countries?**
 - IBO **Country Recognition Statements**



German Abitur/DP Equivalence

*Strict DP requirements for SWITZERLAND | AUSTRIA: More flexible

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IB Diploma (DP) REQUIRED for direct entry to ALL institutions – NO EXCEPTIONS!

- **Two** Language **A** courses (SL or HL) or **one** Language **A** + **one** Language **B** course
 - Literature **A** or Language & Literature **A** (SL or HL)
 - German is **not required** for Abitur equivalence but highly recommended!
 - School Supported Self-Taught (SSST) Literature **A** SL recognized.
 - Language **B** (German **B**/English **B**/French **B**/Spanish **B**)
 - If Language **B** is the continuous foreign language (fortgesetzte Fremdsprache) it must be **HL**
 - **Ab initio** as a **6th** course/**3rd** language **only** (in place of Arts)
- Math or Science **HL** (Bio/Chem/Phys)
 - **SEHS** or **Design Technology** as **6th** subject **only** (in place of Arts)
- Economics or History or Psychology
 - Digital Society (formerly ITGS) **not accepted**
- All subjects studied **continuously** for **two years**
 - No course changes after **Nov. 1st of Gr. 11** – not even from HL to SL or vice versa
- ***Non-Abitur** equivalent IB Diploma
 - ***Studienkolleg** (1-yr pre-university programme) + Feststellungsprüfung.
 - Eligible to apply to 3-year Bachelor programmes in Germany.
- **KMK** | **Deutschland for Dummies Presentation**
- See **Frau Wagner** - Office N008A | wagner@isdedu.de



Japan



- **Academic Programme Recognition**

- **IB DIPLOMA (DP) REQUIRED** for many national universities
- Admission with **ISD HS Diploma + Diploma Courses POSSIBLE**
- Admission test also required for Japanese students

- **Bachelor degrees – 4 years**

- Guaranteed admission pathway to **Sophia University** for up to **3** ISD students!
- Many English-language programmes to choose from – **Japan Study Support**

- **Mrs Kitagawa-Axmann**

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- **Information session for STUDENTS/PARENTS in Japanese – Coming soon!**



What are your interests/strengths?

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Law
Politics & International Relations
History
Classics & Literature
Languages & Linguistics
Communications & Media
Visual Arts
Creative Arts
Performing Arts
Anthropology & Sociology
Archaeology
Philosophy

*Business & Management (B.A. **or** B.Sc.)
*Psychology (B.A. **or** B.Sc.)
*Economics (B.A. **or** B.Sc.)

Engineering
Medicine
Astronomy
Biochemistry
Biology
Chemistry
Computer Science
Mathematics
Physics
Statistics
Natural Sciences
Physical Sciences

Most Relevant Subjects

Languages A & B HL
Individuals & Societies HL
The Arts HL

Sciences HL
Mathematics SL/HL



Essential & Recommended Courses

SUBJECT	ESSENTIAL HL	ESSENTIAL SL	RECOMMENDED
(Vet) Medicine/ Dentistry	Chemistry HL *Biology HL	Math Analysis & Approaches SL	*Some institutions prefer/accept Physics HL
Business/ Management	NONE	*Math Analysis & Approaches SL (*Canada/NL)	Economics HL/SL *Math App & Int SL may be accepted
Engineering/ Physics	Physics HL Math Ana & App HL or Math App & Int HL	*2 nd SL science (*Canada: Chem or Bio)	
(Bio)Sciences	Chemistry HL Biology HL	Math Analysis & Approaches SL	
PURE Economics	*Math Analysis & Approaches HL		Economics HL *Math App & Int HL may be accepted
Psychology	NONE	*Math Analysis & Approaches SL (B.Sc.)	Psychology HL *Math App & Int HL may be accepted
History/Politics/ International Relations	NONE		History HL Economics HL/SL Language A HL (*Lit)
Law	NONE		Language A HL (*Lit) History HL



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Minimum Requirements

GENERAL

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UniGuide

Which courses?

Informed Choices

Which courses?



The Math Choice

Applications & interpretations SL	Analysis & approaches SL	Analysis & approaches HL Applications & interpretations HL
<p>Humanities, Arts & Social Sciences</p> <p>History Politics International Relations Languages Sociology Philosophy *Psychology – B.A. *Business – UK/US/DE Etc...</p> <p>Visual Arts Creative Arts Performing Arts</p>	<p>Science & Medicine</p> <p>Medicine Biology Chemistry Biomedicine Biochemistry Etc...</p> <p>Engineering (*US/CAN)</p> <p>Social Sciences *Business – UK/NL/CAN *Psychology – B.Sc. *Switzerland!</p>	<p>Engineering (*UK/NL)</p> <p>Mathematics & Physics</p> <p>Social Sciences *<u>Pure</u> Economics – UK/NL</p>



What happens next?

- **Use MaiaLearning (www.maialearning.com)**
 - Multiple assessments that connect to **study** and **career** options – ‘Character’ + ‘Assessments’
 - Research suggested **careers** and **related careers** - ‘Careers’ + ‘Career search’
 - Research **degree programs/courses** in various countries – ‘Universities’ + ‘University search’
 - Additional **country** and **subject-specific** links - ‘Resources’ + ‘School resources’
 - **Which DP courses fit best with your interests and your strengths?**
- **Gr. 11-12 academic programme and course choice guidance (January-May)**
 - Consider the most appropriate academic programme choice: **ISD HSD + Diploma Courses? + IB Diploma?**
 - Consider your Standard Level / Higher Level subjects
 - Consult the **[Diploma Programme Subject Briefs & Country Guides](#)**
 - Check the IBO **[Country Recognition Statements](#)**
 - Use DP course/uni subject references to help you plan your choices
- **IHS DP Course Fair – speak to current Gr. 11/12 students about courses!**
- **Further/higher education and career questions**
 - Which country/countries? | Which subject/major? | Career plans?
- **We check each course selection form for potential problems/conflicts**
- **[We are available to meet](#) with you and your parents to answer your questions**
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Where to begin?

- **ISD Counselling Department website**
 - www.isdcounselling.org/grade-11--12-programme-choices-for-grade-10-students.html
- **United Kingdom**
 - <https://digital.ucas.com/search> | www.theguardian.com/education/universityguide
- **United States**
 - <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/college-search> | www.niche.com/colleges/search/best-colleges/
- **Canada**
 - www.universitystudy.ca/ | <https://www.univcan.ca/> | www.studyincanada.com
- **The Netherlands**
 - www.studyinholland.nl | www.studyfinder.nl
- **Germany**
 - www.daad.de/de/ | www.daad.de/deutschland/studienangebote/international-programmes/en/
 - <http://www.isdcounselling.org/the-ib-diploma-dp-the-abitur--german-higher-education-admission.html>
- **Ireland**
 - www.cao.ie | www.cao.ie/courses
- **Japan**
 - <https://www.jpss.jp/en/> | <https://www.studyinjapan.go.jp/en/> | https://www.jasso.go.jp/en/study_j/index.html
- **The North Building LRC** has a large number of print resources
- **Email from Counselling Department with DP Course Recommendations + FAQ's**
 - Coming soon!



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