

Explanations, rules and advice for IB Diploma subject choices

HL=Higher Level, SL=Standard Level

You must **Choose 3 HL and 3 SL subjects**

In some cases 4 HL subjects may be accepted, typically:

- If you are in doubt whether you can manage a specific HL subject, you may choose an extra HL subject and take one of your HL subjects down to SL late on.
- If you have **Danish B HL**, it may be possible to keep this as a 4th HL. This is manageable for some students

Group 1

You must choose two language subjects. Both of these can be from group 1 (bilingual diploma). In that case you do not have to choose a group 2 subject (but you may).

Self-taught literature SL is an offer only for students who are a) very interested in literature studies, b) need a language that we do not offer, and c) are first-language speakers (or close) in the given language. It is a demanding programme with no teaching. You will only be allowed to do this if the school deems it realistic and if we can provide a supervisor.

Group 2

Danish B and Danish ab initio (ai): Here it can be difficult to identify the correct level before classes begin. Based on your skills and background, we will agree on a placement and settle it finally when the teachers get to know you.

NB: Danish B HL is the minimum requirement for admission into Danish further education programmes taught in Danish.

If applying to a Danish university programme within the humanities, you would typically need a third language (Spanish/German/Chinese).

Environmental Systems and Societies (ESS)

ESS (Environmental systems and societies) is a cross-curricular subject and can count as a subject choice for either group 3 or 4 – or an extra subject in any of these. A few examples to illustrate how ESS can be part of your subject combination:

- Science profile: English, Danish (A/B/ai), ESS, Biology, Chemistry/Physics, Mathematics HL
- Social science profile: English, Danish(A/B/ai), HiHL, Eco, ESS, Mathematics SL
- Human sciences profile: English, Danish(A/B/ai), Spanish/Psychology, ESS, Mathematics SL

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Group 3

History: If you do NOT choose **history** (SL/HL), you will close a large number of doors to Danish further education. Basically, you will only be able to study university programmes within natural sciences and technology. In the humanities and social sciences etc. history is always required.

Group 4

For science programmes at university in Denmark you will typically need two science subjects with an experimental dimension (not ESS) to apply.

Either *Chemistry SL/HL + Physics SL/HL*

or: *Biology HL + Chemistry SL + Physics 'C'* [Physics C=PreIB physics]

For universities in other countries other rules will apply.

Group 5

Mathematics HL is the ticket to further education within natural sciences/technology everywhere in the world.

Within the *Danish* system it is possible to upgrade Math SL to 'Matematik A' after your IB or while at the school.

Your final mathematics level will be decided after the initial weeks of screenings and test.

Your mathematics SL choice will be finally decided over the first 5-6 weeks. Just tick the box that you think may fit you the better.

Mathematics SL Applications and Interpretation works to some extent with applied mathematics, with examples from the "real world".

Mathematics SL Analysis and Approaches works mostly with mathematics as an abstract subject.

NB: Due to the timetable, the following subject combinations are not available:

Physics + Biology

Economics + Psychology

ESS + Chemistry