

IB Diploma Subject Options at KIST 2019-2021

Which subjects should I choose?

Choosing subjects for Grade 11 is very important and therefore it is a process that should take thought, time and discussion with teachers and their families. When trying to decide between subjects in the same Group, especially Groups 3, 4 and 6 it can be helpful to ask the following questions:



- Which subject(s) do I enjoy and find interesting?
- Which subject(s) will challenge me?
- Which subject(s) do I do well in?
- Which subjects may be helpful to study for post-school aspirations?

It is important in some situations that students do not choose the subject or the level that they think they will score the easiest grade in. This is particularly true of language courses in Groups 1 and 2. It is very important that students are undertaking a language level that they find challenging and will develop their language skills further over the two-year course. Also, a student who does two first languages in Japanese and English A Language and Literature courses is eligible for a Bi-lingual IB Diploma and thus gets extra official recognition for undertaking this. Also, there is a possibility for a student whose mother tongue is not English or Japanese to choose and independent self-taught A Literature course in this language. Students and parents should select this on the draft options form and arrange a meeting with the DP Coordinator to discuss this option. Students should also not choose a course based on whom else will be in the class or who will be teaching the subject.

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On the next page is the IB Diploma Programme at KIST for 2019-2021. There are number of factors which affect the number and variety of subjects an individual school can offer from potential student numbers to student surveys. Any questions regarding subject choices should be directed towards the IB Diploma Coordinator.

KIST IB Diploma Programme 2019-2021

SUBJECT OPTIONS 2019-2021

Group 1 English	English A Language and Literature SL/HL	<p style="text-align: center;">IMPORTANT INFORMATION</p> <p>One subject from each group must be chosen. If students, select English A and Japanese A this qualifies them for a Bilingual IB Diploma.</p> <p>Students are required to select 3 HL and 3 SL subjects. 4 HL's is possible but unless in the case of languages, a "fourth" HL would not normally be recommended.</p>
Group 2 Japanese OR self-taught OR on-line	Japanese A Language and Literature SL/HL Japanese B SL/HL French AB Intio SL Independent Self-Taught Language A Literature SL* <i>On-line: Mandarin/Spanish Ab initio SL or Spanish B SL**</i>	
Group 3 Individuals and Societies	History SL/HL Economics SL/HL Geography SL/HL <i>On-line course from Group 3: Business and Management HL/SL, ITGS HL/SL, Philosophy SL, Psychology HL/SL**</i>	
Group 4 Experimental Sciences	Biology SL/HL Physics SL/HL Environmental Systems and Societies SL	
Group 5 Mathematics	Mathematics: Analysis and Approaches HL Mathematics: Analysis and Approaches SL Mathematics: Applications and Interpretation SL Mathematical Studies SL****(one-year course)	
Group 6 Arts and Electives	Visual Arts SL/HL Chemistry SL/HL Business Management SL/HL Music HL/SL*** <i>On-line course from Group 3 or 6: Economics HL/SL, ITGS HL/SL, Philosophy SL, Psychology HL/SL, Film SL**</i> <i>Online course from Group 2 stated above **</i>	

*Meeting required with the IB Diploma Coordinator

**Extra cost involved of approximately 120,000-140,000 JPY (\$1000US) per academic year

All of the above will run in theory but if there are less than 5 students who opt for a particular subject then that class may not run, and the subject not offered.

***audition required with the Music Teacher to enter this course.

****Meeting required with the Math Studies teacher.

Partial funding is offered by the school for the following Pamoja courses. The funding is applied retrospectively and is based on student performance in the final examinations. For students who achieve a 7 in the following, 100% of the course fee is refunded, for those achieving a 6 50% is refunded:

- Any Language B or Ab initio course
- Film Studies SL