



DUBAI INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY
DREAM INSPIRE ACHIEVE

Subject Choices

An Information Leaflet for Parents

The first opportunity for students to choose subjects and subject areas comes at the end of Year 9. Students will be guided by their Homeroom teachers, Subject Teachers and the MYP Coordinator. There will be information sessions, assemblies and meetings for parents before any choices are made.

The choices students make are outlined below:

Language Acquisition – Choice of one from Arabic A, Arabic B, French or Spanish
Sciences – Choice of one from Biology, Chemistry or Physics
Individuals & Societies – Choice of one from History, Geography, Business Studies or Economics
PHE, Arts, 3rd Science or Design – Choice of one from Physical & Health Education, Music, Drama, Visual Art, Physics, Digital Design, or Product Design
Free choice – Choice of one additional subject from History, Business Studies, Economics, Geography, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Digital Design, Product Design or Visual Art

The IB curriculum prescribes breadth of study and in order to gain the MYP certificate; a standard combination of subjects leads to gaining the MYP Certificate. If a non-standard combination is chosen, the MYP Certificate will not be gained and a student gains qualifications in each of the individual subjects. Progression to Year 12 is not affected by either of these outcomes.

In order to gain the MYP Certificate Geography or History must be chosen as the Individuals and Societies option. Business and Economics are not counted as part of the MYP certificate but are offered by DIA in preparation for Year 12 since these are popular options.

Three sciences are not offered as a matter of course in the MYP. The third science can be taken up in the Diploma Programme in Year 12 at standard level if 3 sciences are specifically required for a university programme. If there is enough demand, 3 sciences can be offered in Year 10 and Year 11 but the MYP Certificate will not be gained with this particular combination.

Choices made for Year 10 cannot be changed in Year 11; it is a two year programme to satisfy onscreen exam and ePortfolio requirements. Students can't change subjects as two years of content have to be covered in the course.

It is not always possible or recommended to take a subject in Year 12 if you have not taken it in Years 10 & 11. Check with your teacher and, even though it is very early, check out requirements for university courses in your chosen country to make sure that you are planning ahead.

The full options booklet with further details is available on the school website: <https://www.diadubai.com/userfiles/inno-diaehmvc/Documents/02-Learning/MYP/Year%2010%20Options%20booklet%20for%202020-2021.pdf>

If you want more details about the MYP curriculum a section of the school website is dedicated entirely to this: <http://diadubai.com/learning/middle-years-programme-myp/>. You will find a handbook detailing all aspects of the curriculum. There is a lot of information, so if you prefer, contact one of our MYP coordinator, Mr. Sean Kelly seanK@diadubai.com with your queries.

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