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Choosing subjects in the IB

As you will be aware, IB students take **six subjects which are chosen from specific subject groups**. Three subjects are taken at *Higher Level* (240 hours during two school years) and three are taken at *Standard Level* (150 hours during two school years). Students also complete “**the core**”, which consists of *Extended Essay*, *Theory of Knowledge* and *Creativity, Activity and Service*.

The subject choices you make should reflect your interests, your future plans and your ability. When choosing subjects you should also think of your over-all workload – how much effort are you willing to put into the coming two years?

At Sannarpsgymnasiet we offer the following subjects:

- **GROUP 1** **Studies in language and literature.**
Swedish A and/or English A.
- **GROUP 2** **Language acquisition.**
English B (HL only)
Swedish B (SL only)
- **GROUP 3** **Individuals and society.**
History
Psychology
Economics
- **GROUP 4** **Experimental Sciences.**
Biology
Chemistry
Physics (SL only)
- **GROUP 5** **Mathematics (SL only)**
Mathematics SL
Mathematics Studies SL
- **GROUP 6** Here you choose an additional subject from groups 3 or 4.

Instead of a language in group 2, it is possible to choose both Swedish and English from group 1.

NB: We can only offer a course if the number of students applying to read it are large enough.

The core

In addition to the six subjects, the following courses are also included:

- **Extended essay** is an academic essay which you complete in one of your favorite IB subjects.

- **CAS** includes three different parts and stands for Creativity, Activity and Service. These are projects the students are going to participate in about twice a week during the two IB diploma years.
- **TOK** - Theory of Knowledge - aims to make you aware of the interpretative nature of knowledge, including personal ideological biases – whether these biases are retained, revised or rejected. It offers you the opportunity to reflect critically on diverse ways of knowing.

Explanation of some subjects

English/Swedish A and English/Swedish B:

In general – Swedish B and English B are language acquisition courses for students with some previous experience of learning the language. **Swedish A and English A** courses are for native speakers of the language.

In Language **B**, while studying the language, students also explore the cultures connected with it. Language B is organized into themes.

The **English A** (language and literature) course introduces the critical study and interpretation of written and spoken texts from a wide range of literary and non-literary genres.

The **Swedish A** (literature) course introduces students to the analysis of literary texts. It is the course through which the IB's policy of mother-tongue entitlement is delivered.

Mathematical Studies and Mathematics SL:

The course **Mathematical Studies** focuses more on the application of the mathematics than the **Mathematics SL**. Mathematical Studies has a large portion of the curriculum devoted to statistical techniques. Students choosing to take Mathematical Studies SL are often those individuals considering social sciences, humanities, languages and arts majors at the college/university level.

Mathematics SL focuses more on algebra. The course are for those who are considering professions such as doctors and engineers. Also, the course is developed at a faster pace than Mathematical Studies.

From PreDp you should have *at least* the grade C to continue on Mathematics SL course.

For full information about the structure and options in the IB Diploma Programme, please see the IBO website for:

- [the Diploma Programme \(DP\) curriculum.](#)
- [the Diploma Programme \(DP\) subject briefs](#)

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