

MYP Subject Groups Course Descriptions

Al-Rayan International School



ARIS Core Purpose: We are a diverse community of learners that are committed to inspire, empower and transform for a better world.

ARIS Core Values

- Greatness in Everyone
- Learning with Everyone
- Creativity and Innovation by Everyone
- Service to Everyone
- Change for Everyone

ARIS Characteristics

- Responsibility and Respect
- Passion and Professionalism
- Collaboration and Communication
- Reflection and Action

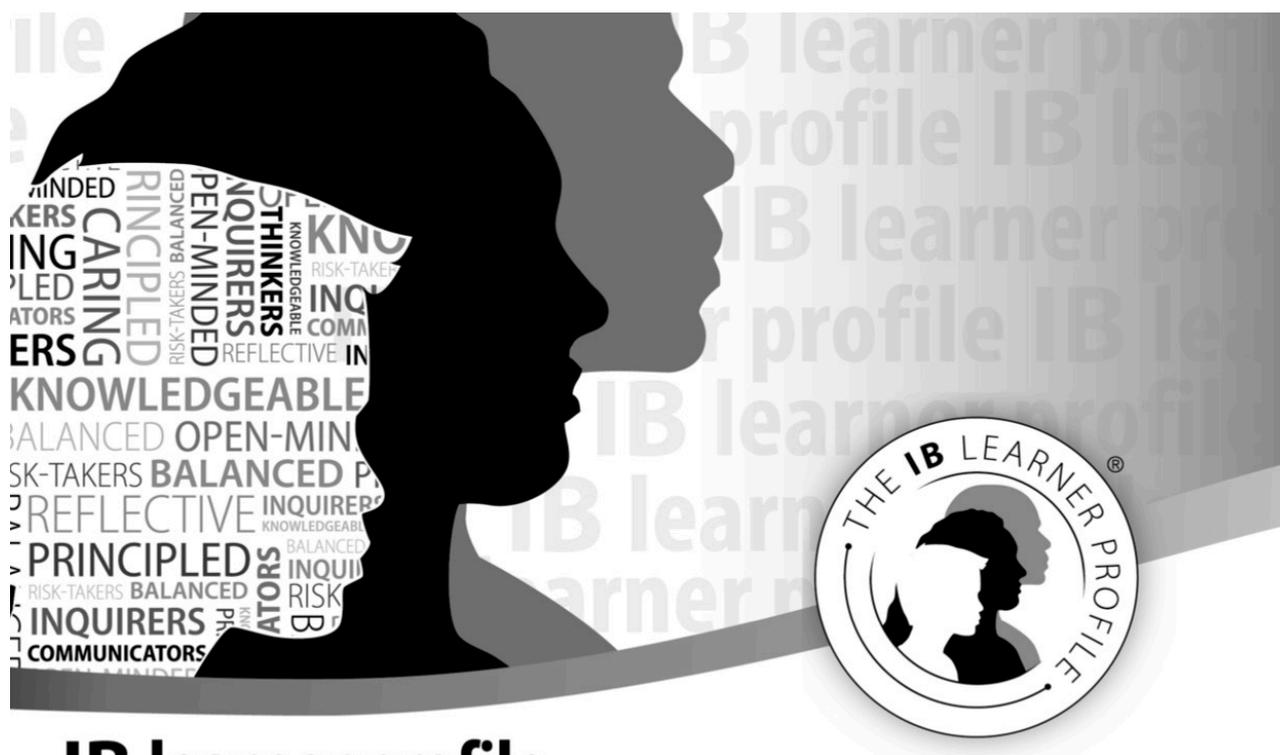
IB mission statement

The International Baccalaureate aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect.

To this end the organization works with schools, governments and international organizations to develop challenging programmes of international education and rigorous assessment.

These programmes encourage students across the world to become active, compassionate and lifelong learners who understand that other people, with their differences, can also be right.

Resources used in the development of this Guide: IBO Subject Briefs



IB learner profile

The aim of all IB programmes is to develop internationally minded people who, recognizing their common humanity and shared guardianship of the planet, help to create a better and more peaceful world.

As IB learners we strive to be:

INQUIRERS

We nurture our curiosity, developing skills for inquiry and research. We know how to learn independently and with others. We learn with enthusiasm and sustain our love of learning throughout life.

KNOWLEDGEABLE

We develop and use conceptual understanding, exploring knowledge across a range of disciplines. We engage with issues and ideas that have local and global significance.

THINKERS

We use critical and creative thinking skills to analyse and take responsible action on complex problems. We exercise initiative in making reasoned, ethical decisions.

COMMUNICATORS

We express ourselves confidently and creatively in more than one language and in many ways. We collaborate effectively, listening carefully to the perspectives of other individuals and groups.

PRINCIPLED

We act with integrity and honesty, with a strong sense of fairness and justice, and with respect for the dignity and rights of people everywhere. We take responsibility for our actions and their consequences.

OPEN-MINDED

We critically appreciate our own cultures and personal histories, as well as the values and traditions of others. We seek and evaluate a range of points of view, and we are willing to grow from the experience.

CARING

We show empathy, compassion and respect. We have a commitment to service, and we act to make a positive difference in the lives of others and in the world around us.

RISK-TAKERS

We approach uncertainty with forethought and determination; we work independently and cooperatively to explore new ideas and innovative strategies. We are resourceful and resilient in the face of challenges and change.

BALANCED

We understand the importance of balancing different aspects of our lives—intellectual, physical, and emotional—to achieve well-being for ourselves and others. We recognize our interdependence with other people and with the world in which we live.

REFLECTIVE

We thoughtfully consider the world and our own ideas and experience. We work to understand our strengths and weaknesses in order to support our learning and personal development.

The IB learner profile represents 10 attributes valued by IB World Schools. We believe these attributes, and others like them, can help individuals and groups become responsible members of local, national and global communities.

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Note

In MYP 1-5, all Subject Groups are offered as independent courses, not combined with any other discipline except during the implementation of Interdisciplinary Units (IDUs). There are no local or national restrictions on the implementation of curriculum at Al-Rayan International School.

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MYP Subject Group 1: Language & Literature - English

Main Objective:

The department's main aim is to achieve the highest possible standards for all students. We ensure that our curriculum offers a rich and diverse range of memorable and enriching learning experiences. We work as a team to develop the students' powers of expression, both in oral and written communication.

By studying English language and Literature, students develop skills in speaking, listening, reading, and writing. At the same time it also empowers them to express themselves creatively and imaginatively. The course integrates short stories, poems, plays, novels and non-fiction texts to encourage a more critical consideration of language and literature.

Language & Literature is either a student's mother tongue language or one in which he/she has near-native proficiency. It is an academically rigorous study of both language and literature, which aims to equip students with linguistic, analytical and communicative skills.

AIMS:

The study of MYP Language and Literature is to encourage and enable students to:

- use the language as a tool for thought, creativity, reflection, learning and self-expression
- develop the skills involved in speaking, listening, reading and writing for a variety of contexts
- use language as a means for personal growth, social interaction and for developing relationships within the international community
- comprehend more clearly aspects of their own culture and those of others
- explore the many facets of the language through the use of media and information technology
- respond appropriately to a wide range of texts
- read widely to promote a lifelong interest in language and literature from different cultures
- develop a critical and creative approach to studying and analysing literature
- understand connotations within a language in order to interpret the author's or speaker's intentions
- reflect on the learning process in various ways and at various stages
- structure ideas and arguments, both orally and in writing, in a sustained and logical way, and support them with relevant examples
- use language to narrate, describe, analyse, explain, argue, persuade, inform, entertain and express feelings
- use correct grammar with appropriate and varied sentence structure
- use and understand an appropriate and varied range of vocabulary and idiom
- develop language skills through interdisciplinary work

There is only one Language & Literature offering per each MYP Year (1-5).

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Skills Assessed:

A: Analyzing

In order to reach the aims of studying language and literature, students should be able to:

- analyze the content, context, language, structure, technique and style of text(s) and the relationships among texts;
- analyze the effects of the creator's choices on an audience;
- justify opinions and ideas, using examples, explanations and terminology;
- evaluate similarities and differences by connecting features across and within genres and texts.

B: Organizing

In order to reach the aims of studying language and literature, students should be able to:

- employ organizational structures that serve the context and intention;
- organize opinions and ideas in a sustained, coherent and logical manner;
- use referencing and formatting tools to create a presentation style suitable to the context and intention.

C: Producing text

In order to reach the aims of studying language and literature, students should be able to:

- produce texts that demonstrate insight, imagination and sensitivity while exploring and reflecting critically on new perspectives and ideas arising from personal engagement with the creative process;
- make stylistic choices in terms of linguistic, literary and visual devices, demonstrating awareness of impact on an audience;
- select relevant details and examples to develop ideas.

D: Using language

In order to reach the aims of studying language and literature, students should be able to:

- use appropriate and varied vocabulary, sentence structures and forms of expression
- write and speak in a register and style that serve the context and intention
- use correct grammar, syntax and punctuation
- spell (alphabetic languages), write (character languages) and pronounce with accuracy
- use appropriate non-verbal communication techniques.

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MYP Subject Group 2: Language Acquisition (B)

Arabic, French, Spanish

As described by the IB Subject Guide, Language Acquisition is a language learning course designed for students to develop additional language(s) in order to communicate clearly and effectively with accuracy and fluency in a range of situations, demonstrating linguistic competence and interpersonal and/or intercultural understanding. They should be able to request and provide information in formal and informal exchanges related to the Global Contexts and to cultural and international issues.

These language skills are developed through the study and use of a range of visual, written and spoken material at 6 different phases in accordance with the criteria of the students' placement. Phase 1, 2, 3 and 4 aim at developing basic communication skills of the target language and an understanding of the linguistic, cultural and social values of the communities where these languages are spoken. Phases 5 and 6 focus on developing further language skills and appreciation of literary and non-literary texts leading to the study of language A in IBDP, thus giving access to a life-long and enjoyable experience in literature. (*refer to the table below*)

AIMS:

- gain proficiency in an additional language while supporting maintenance of their mother tongue and cultural heritage
- develop a respect for, and understanding of, diverse linguistic and cultural heritages
- develop the communication skills necessary for further language learning, and for study, work and leisure in a range of contexts
- develop multiliteracy skills through the use of a range of learning tools
- develop an appreciation of a variety of literary and non-literary texts and to develop critical and creative techniques for comprehension and construction of meaning
- recognize and use language as a vehicle of thought, reflection, self-expression and learning in other subjects
- understand the nature of language and the process of language learning
- gain insight into the cultural characteristics of the communities where the language is spoken
- gain an awareness and understanding of the perspectives of people from own and other cultures
- develop curiosity, inquiry and a lifelong interest in, and enjoyment of, language learning.

Skills & knowledge

Students will then acquire the skills of speaking, listening, reading comprehension, and formal and informal writing for both accuracy and fluency, in ever-increasing levels of difficulty from complete beginner to near-native. Skills range from student self-expression to formal letters and literary analytical essays. Text handling is an important component in every level. Specific texts are listed in the departmental curriculum for MYP for each grade and language.

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Students must select 1 Language B, and may choose an additional Language for Language C as an elective. Students may not select 2 Language B courses because they run concurrently.

Skills Assessed:

A: Comprehending spoken and visual text

As appropriate to the phase, the student is expected to be able to:

- listen for specific purposes and respond to show understanding;
- interpret visual text that is presented with spoken text;
- engage with the text by supporting opinion and personal response with evidence and examples from the text.

B: Comprehending written and visual text

As appropriate to the phase, the student is expected to be able to:

- read for specific purposes and respond to show understanding;
- interpret visual text that is presented with written text;
- engage with the text by supporting opinion and personal response with evidence and examples from the text.

C: Communicating in response to spoken, written and visual text

As appropriate to the phase, the student is expected to be able to:

- interact and communicate in various situations;
- express thoughts, feelings, ideas, opinions and information in spoken and written form;
- speak and write for specific purposes.

D: Using language in spoken and written form

As appropriate to the phase, the student is expected to be able to:

- organize thoughts, feelings, ideas, opinions and information in spoken and written form;
- develop accuracy when speaking and writing in the target language.

Assessment

Teaching and learning in Language Acquisition is organized into six phases. The phases represent a developmental continuum of additional language learning. Students may commence their Language Acquisition course in any phase on the continuum and may exit from any phase on the continuum. The table below shows provides guidelines on progression through the IB language courses.

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| | MYP | DP |
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| Phase 1 | | Ab initio |
| Phase 2 | | Ab initio (in rare cases) Language B SL |
| Phase 3 | | Language B SL |
| Phase 4 | | Language B SL/HL |
| Phase 5 | It is recommended that students have at least one semester in MYP Language & Literature before starting these DP Courses | Language A SL |
| Phase 6 | | Language A SL/HL |

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MYP Subject Group 3: Individuals & Societies

A salient objective of the ARIS MYP Individuals and Societies is to encourage learners to acquire knowledge through conceptual understanding, enhance their research skills, develop analytical and interpretive skills and gain an array of effective communication skills necessary for the overall development of the learner. The focal aim of the Humanities is to foster a practice of respect and understanding of our world, and to nurture the needed skills to facilitate further studies in related academic disciplines. In this accord, we offer an array of subjects in the following contexts: historical, contemporary, geographical, political, social, economic, religious, technological and cultural.

AIMS:

The aims of MYP individuals and societies are to encourage and enable students to:

- appreciate human and environmental commonalities and diversity
- understand the interactions and interdependence of individuals, societies and the environment
- understand how both environmental and human systems operate and evolve
- identify and develop concern for the well-being of human communities and the natural environment
- act as responsible citizens of local and global communities
- develop inquiry skills that lead towards conceptual understandings of the relationships between individuals, societies and the environments in which they live.

MYP Economics

Economics is a dynamic social science, and is essentially about dealing with scarcity, resource allocation and the methods and processes by which choices are made in the satisfaction of human wants. As a social science, economics uses scientific methodologies that include quantitative and qualitative elements.

Although the organization of units for MYP Economics is Conceptual and Contextual, all content for the eAssessment will be covered. The topic list for Economics eAssessment is shown below:

- Scarcity, demand and supply
- Economic agents, their interests and role in the economy: consumers, producers, governments, banks
- Market systems
- Circular flow of income and the business cycle
- Local production and fair trade
- Government's economic and social objectives
- Poverty, inequality and responses
- Conflicts and ethical issues in economics
- Less economically developed (LEDCs), more economically developed (MEDCs), and emerging countries
- Growth and development indicators
- The global economy: global production and economic integration

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MYP Geography

In the MYP Geography course, you will develop a 'sense of place' by looking at the world around you on a local, regional and global scale. You will examine a range of natural and man-made environments, and study processes which have affected our development. You will also examine how people interact with our environment and the opportunities and challenges an environment can present.

Although the organization of units for MYP Geography is Conceptual and Contextual, all content for the eAssessment will be covered. The topic list for Geography eAssessment is shown below:

- Changing population: natural increase, structure and migration
- Sustainable management of urban systems and environments
- Globalization: trade, aid, exchange and flows
- Resource management: management of the extraction, production, consumption of natural resources and their security
- Impacts and management of tourism
- Sustainable management of physical processes: river and coastal environments
- Global climate change: causes, consequences, and responses
- Impacts and management of natural disasters
- Impacts and management of tectonically active areas
- Sustainable management of natural environments: characteristics and human impact on aquatic, deserts, forests, grasslands, and Arctic/tundra
- Application of geographic information systems (GIS) to enhance the understanding of geography

MYP History

In MYP History you will develop an understanding of the nature of cause and effect, continuity and change, similarity and difference and find out how to use and understand historical evidence as part of their studies. MYP History will stimulate you further if you already are interested in the past, providing a basis for further study, and also encouraging a lifelong interest in the subject.

Although the organization of units for MYP History is Conceptual and Contextual, all content for the eAssessment will be covered. The topic list for History eAssessment is shown below:

- Superpowers, empires and supra-national institutions and organizations
- Peace and conflict
- Significant individuals
- Independence and national identity
- Rights and social protest
- Industrialization, industry and labour
- Globalization: trade, aid, exchange and flows
- Intellectual and ideological movements/developments
- Pioneers, innovators and developers
- Health and medicine
- Individual, household and daily life
- Social, cultural and artistic developments

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There is only one Individuals & Societies offering per each MYP Year (1-3). Students must select from Economics, Geography or History for their I&S course in MYP 4 & 5. Students may select an additional I&S course as an elective.

Skills assessed:

A: Knowledge and understanding

Students are able to develop factual and conceptual knowledge about individuals and societies. For this purpose, they need to be able to:

- use appropriate terminology in context;
- exhibit knowledge and understanding of subject-specific content and concepts through explanations, descriptions and relevant examples

B: Investigating

Learners are able to develop investigative skills needed to collect information for various aspects of their work. They need to be able to:

- formulate a comprehensible research question and substantiate its relevance
- develop and action plan for research evaluate the process and outcome of the investigation

C: Communication

Learners are able to improve their communication skills by using an array of media to present their knowledge. In this regard, they are able to:

- communicate effectively using the appropriate methods for the audience and purpose
- Organise ideas in a coherent manner
- Acknowledge information sources using an accepted convention

D: Thinking critically

Learners are able to:

- Improve on their ability to analyse a range of sources through identifying their origins and purpose
- to understand different perspectives of knowledge

Assessment

In order to give learners a chance to demonstrate their understanding, they complete a range of assessments, both formative and summative, over the course of the academic year. Assessments will be varied, including, but not limited to, group work, oral presentation, and multimedia projects. All summative work will be announced in advance of the due date and students will receive a task-specific clarification with each assessment on ManageBac.

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MYP Subject Group 4: Science

The Sciences in the first three years of the MYP are taught as Integrated Science. In Integrated Science, the main disciplines of science: Biology, Chemistry and Physics are taught, not independent of each other, but are taught in an integrated approach. In MYP 4 & 5, each of the main disciplines is taught independently and students may opt to take 1, 2 or all 3 sciences. This continuum provides a smooth progression through the MYP and a solid foundation for future deeper studies within the IB Diploma Programme.

Science and scientific enquiry provide a way of learning that contributes to the development of analytical, creative and critical thinking skills in all years of the MYP Program.

AIMS:

The aim of MYP Science is to motivate and enable students to:

- understand and appreciate science and its implications
- consider science as a human endeavour with benefits and limitations
- cultivate analytical, inquiring and flexible minds that pose questions, solve problems, construct explanations and judge arguments
- develop skills to design and perform investigations, evaluate evidence and reach conclusions
- build an awareness of the need to effectively collaborate and communicate
- apply language skills and knowledge in a variety of real-life contexts
- develop sensitivity towards the living and non-living environments
- reflect on learning experiences and make informed choices
- Understand and appreciate science and the implications of its application.
- Design and perform experiments, analyse data, evaluate evidence and reach conclusions.
- cultivate inquiring minds that ask questions, solve problems and judge arguments
- Reflect on their learning and make informed decisions.
- Develop sensitivity towards the living and non-living environments
- Appropriately use scientific language and apply scientific knowledge in a variety of real life contexts.

MYP Biology

In the MYP Biology course you will delve into the fascinating world of nature around us. It covers classification; organization and maintenance of the organism; development of the organism and continuity of life; relationships of the organism with one another and the environment.

Although the organization of units for MYP Biology is Conceptual and Contextual, all content for the eAssessment will be covered. The topic list for Biology eAssessment is shown below:

- Cells
- Organisms
- Processes
- Metabolism
- Evolution
- Interactions with environment

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- Interactions between organisms
- Human interactions with environments
- Biotechnology

MYP Chemistry

In MYP Chemistry you will acquire a systematic body of chemical knowledge and develop an understanding of Chemistry together with relevant skills, while appreciating that the concepts of science are constantly changing. The result is to stimulate your interest in chemistry and encourage you to undertake courses for higher study in Chemistry.

Although the organization of units for MYP Chemistry is Conceptual and Contextual, all content for the eAssessment will be covered. The topic list for Chemistry eAssessment is shown below:

- Periodic table
- International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry
- The atmosphere
- Matter
- Pure and impure substances
- Bonding
- Types of chemical reaction

MYP Physics

MYP Physics aims to show the relevance of Physics concepts to your everyday life and to the natural and man-made world. The course enables you to become confident citizens in a technological world, to take or develop an informed interest in scientific matters, recognize the usefulness and limitations of scientific method and to appreciate its applicability in other disciplines and in everyday life.

Although the organization of units for MYP Physics is Conceptual and Contextual, all content for the eAssessment will be covered. The topic list for Physics eAssessment is shown below:

- Forces and energy
- Electromagnetism
- Astrophysics
- Heat, light and sound
- Waves
- Atomic physics

There is only one Science offering per each MYP Year (1-3). Students must select from Biology, Chemistry or Physics for their Science course in MYP 4 & 5. Students may select an additional Science course as an elective.

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Skills assessed:

A: Knowing and understanding

In order to reach the aims of sciences, students should be able to:

- explain scientific knowledge;
- apply scientific knowledge and understanding to solve problems set in familiar and unfamiliar situations;
- analyze and evaluate information to make scientifically supported judgments.

B: Inquiring and designing

In order to reach the aims of sciences, students should be able to:

- explain a problem or question to be tested by a scientific investigation;
- formulate a testable hypothesis and explain it using scientific reasoning;
- explain how to manipulate the variables, and explain how data will be collected;
- design scientific investigations.

C: Processing and evaluating

In order to reach the aims of sciences, students should be able to:

- present collected and transformed data;
- interpret data and explain results using scientific reasoning;
- evaluate the validity of a hypothesis based on the outcome of the scientific investigation;
- evaluate the validity of the method;
- explain improvements or extensions to the method.

D: Reflecting on the impacts of science

In order to reach the aims of sciences, students should be able to:

- explain the ways in which science is applied and used to address a specific problem or issue;
- discuss and evaluate the various implications of the use of science and its application in solving a specific problem or issue;
- apply communication modes effectively;
- document the work of others and sources of information used.

Assessment

Each semester students are graded on the four assessment criteria outlined above. At the end of the course, criteria grades are combined to produce an overall MYP science attainment level.

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MYP Subject Group 5: Mathematics

The framework for MYP mathematics outlines four branches of mathematical study.

1. Number
2. Algebra
3. Geometry and trigonometry
4. Statistics and probability.

The study of mathematics is a fundamental part of a balanced education. It promotes a powerful universal language, analytical reasoning and problem-solving skills that contribute to the development of logical, abstract and critical thinking.

The MYP mathematics and extended mathematics courses promote both inquiry and application, helping students to develop problem-solving techniques that transcend the discipline and are useful in the world outside school. Mathematics in the MYP is tailored to the needs of students, seeking to intrigue and motivate them to want to learn its principles. Students should see authentic examples of how mathematics is useful and relevant to their lives and be encouraged to apply it to new situations.

AIMS:

- enjoy mathematics, develop curiosity and begin to appreciate its elegance and power
- develop an understanding of the principles and nature of mathematics
- communicate clearly and confidently in a variety of contexts
- develop logical, critical and creative thinking
- develop confidence, perseverance and independence in mathematical thinking and problem-solving
- develop powers of generalization and abstraction
- apply and transfer skills to a wide range of real-life situations, other areas of knowledge and future developments
- appreciate how developments in technology and mathematics have influenced each other; the moral, social and ethical implications arising from the work of mathematicians and the applications of mathematics; the international dimension in mathematics; and the contribution of mathematics to other areas of knowledge
- develop the knowledge, skills and attitudes necessary to pursue further studies in mathematics
- develop the ability to reflect critically upon their own work and the work of others.

MYP 1-3

In MYP years 1 to 3, students take a common differentiated mathematics course. The course will explore Number concepts that have been covered in the Primary Years Programme and introduce new concepts like Algebra, Geometry, Probability and Statistics.

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MYP 4&5

The MYP years 4 & 5 are divided into two; namely Standard & Extended mathematics.

Standard mathematics aims to give all students a sound knowledge of basic mathematical principles while allowing them to develop the skills needed to pursue standard level mathematics at the Diploma level. Students who offer standard level mathematics will not be able to pursue higher level mathematics at the Diploma level.

Extended Mathematics: Extended Mathematics is designed for students with competence and strong background in mathematics. Students who will choose are those who have genuine interest in mathematics and enjoy meeting its challenges and problems, or because they need mathematics for further studies in this subject or related subjects such as physics, engineering or technology at the university. Students planning to take DP Mathematics Higher Level must take this course.

A student whose average grade point is at least 6 in MYP 3 and based on recommendations from the class teacher is qualified to do the extended mathematics at MYP 4. Any student whose average grade point is below 6 at MYP 3 will do standard mathematics.

There is only one Mathematics offering per each MYP Year (1-3). Students must select from either Mathematics or Extended Mathematics for MYP 4 & 5.

Skills Assessed:

A: Knowing and understanding

- Students select and apply mathematics to solve problems in both familiar and unfamiliar situations in a variety of contexts, demonstrating knowledge and understanding of the framework's branches (number, algebra, geometry and trigonometry, statistics and probability).

B: Investigating patterns

- Students work through investigations to become risk-takers, inquirers and critical thinkers.

C: Communicating

- Students use appropriate mathematical language and different forms of representation when communicating mathematical ideas, reasoning and findings, both orally and in writing.

D: Applying mathematics in real-life contexts

- students transfer theoretical mathematical knowledge into real-world situations and apply appropriate problem-solving strategies, draw valid conclusions and reflect upon their results.

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MYP Subject Group 6: Arts

Visual Art, Drama, Music

The arts are a universal form of human expression and a unique way of knowing that engage us in affective, imaginative and productive activity. Learning through the arts helps us to explore, shape and communicate our sense of identity and understanding of the world, while providing opportunities to develop self-confidence, resilience and adaptability. The IB MYP arts value the process of creating artwork as much as the finished product.

In MYP 1-3, students take a full year of Visual Arts, and a full year of Performing Arts (alternating between Drama one semester and Music the other semester).

In MYP 4 & 5, students may take Visual Art only, Performing Art only, or a combination of Visual and Performing Arts. Students that enroll in Performing Arts may specialize in Music, Drama or take a combination of the two.

Main objectives

The arts objectives interrelate with each other and form the basis of the student's experience in the arts. Personal engagement surrounds the student at the center and connects directly with each of the other objectives.

AIMS:

- create and present art
- develop skills specific to the discipline
- engage in a process of creative exploration and (self-) discovery
- make purposeful connections between investigation and practice
- understand the relationship between art and its contexts
- respond to and reflect on art
- deepen their understanding of the world.
- demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the art form studied in relation to societal, cultural, historical and personal contexts;
- knowledge and understanding of the elements of the art form studied, including specialized language, concepts and processes;
- communicate a critical understanding of the art form studied in the context of their own artwork;
- develop an idea, theme or personal interpretation to a point of realization, expressing and communicating their artistic intentions;
- apply skills, techniques and processes to create, perform and/or present art;
- reflect critically on their own artistic development and processes at different stages of their work;

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- evaluate their work;
- use feedback to inform their own artistic development and processes;
- show commitment in using their own artistic processes;
- demonstrate curiosity, self-motivation, initiative and a willingness to take informed risks;
- support, encourage and work with their peers in a positive way;
- be receptive to art practices and artworks from various cultures, including their own.

Drama

Drama follows the MYP Arts curriculum guide, and in particular, drama gives opportunities to explore theatre as actors, writers, directors, designers, technicians and spectators. Students create their own theatre pieces and interpret the work of others. They practice teamwork (ensemble) and the giving and accepting of ideas, and also function as solo artists. They learn to confidently present themselves to a variety of audiences in a variety of situations, and they learn to critically examine and reflect on their own work and the work of others and its place in the world of theatre. The practical skills they learn help them express themselves imaginatively and creatively.

Music

Music in the MYP gives students access to musical experiences that allow for the development of thinking skills, intuitive skills, practical abilities, communication and the ability to relate to others. Engagement with existing and emerging music from the local community and from around the world allows students to understand the significance of music to the cultures of the world and, by engaging in practical work, to develop understanding of how the act of making music is a significant and universal aspect of human expression.

Visual Arts

In MYP visual arts, students function as artists as well as learners of the arts. Artists have to be curious. By developing curiosity about themselves, others and the world, students become effective learners, inquirers and creative problem-solvers. Students create and present arts in ways that engage and convey feelings, experiences and ideas. Through this practice, students acquire new skills and master those developed in prior learning.

Development in the arts is a dynamic process, and not necessarily linear. Students move freely attempted through a creative process towards a deeper understanding of the arts. The process of creative artwork, as well as the product, demonstrates what students have experienced, learned and experienced to convey.

Visual arts stimulate young imaginations, challenge perceptions, and develop creative and analytical skills. The course encourages students to understand the context and cultural histories of artworks, supporting the development of an inquiring and empathetic world view. Visual arts challenge and enrich personal identity and build awareness of the aesthetic in a real-world context.

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Students will take a full year of Visual Arts and a semester each of Drama (Performing Arts) and Music (Performing Arts) per each MYP Year (1-3). Students must select 2 semesters of Art classes for each MYP Year 4 & 5 based upon the following options:

- 2 semesters of Visual Art OR 2 semesters of Drama OR 2 semesters of Music
- 1 semester of Visual Art and 1 semester of Music
- 1 semester of Visual Art and 1 semester of Drama
- 1 semester of Drama and 1 semester of Music

Students may select an additional Arts course as an elective.

Skills Assessed:

A: Knowing and understanding

In order to reach the aims of arts, students should be able to:

- demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the art form studied, including concepts, processes and the use of subject-specific terminology;
- demonstrate an understanding of the role of the art form in original or displaced contexts;
- use acquired knowledge to purposefully inform artistic decisions in the process of creating artwork.

B: Developing skills

In order to reach the aims of arts, students should be able to:

- demonstrate the acquisition and development of the skills and techniques of the art form studied;
- demonstrate the application of skills and techniques to create, perform and/or present art.

C: Thinking creatively

In order to reach the aims of arts, students should be able to:

- develop a feasible, clear, imaginative and coherent artistic intention;
- demonstrate a range and depth of creative-thinking behaviors;
- demonstrate the exploration of ideas to shape artistic intention through to a point of realization.

D: Responding

In order to reach the aims of arts, students should be able to:

- construct meaning and transfer learning to new settings;
- create an artistic response which intends to reflect or impact on the world around them;
- critique the artwork of self and others.

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Knowledge

Specific course content is selected to provide smooth progression through the MYP and also thorough preparation for the IB Diploma Arts courses.

Assessment

Each semester students are graded on the four assessment criteria outlined above. At the end of the course, criteria grades are combined to produce an overall MYP arts attainment level.

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MYP Subject Group 7: Physical & Health Education

IB MYP offers students a balanced Physical and Health Education curriculum with opportunities to become multi-skilled by experimenting with the main sports groups of cultures around the world. Students can learn to appreciate and respect the ideas of others, and develop effective communication and collaborative skills. Students enrolled in this course will engage in Physical Educational components for 50% of the time and Health Educational components for the other 50%.

Main objectives

The social aspect of collective sports activities allows students to develop autonomy and responsibility. Students also learn about safety and first aid. Individual sports activities offer students opportunities to strive for their personal best through a thorough understanding of their own limits. Partnered sports activities help students learn to manage their stress and emotions with respect to their physical effort that must be adapted to the environment and sports material. Student learning experiences in the PHE program are diverse and comprehensive, allowing students to attain knowledge and experience within a maximum of environments and situations. The PHE curriculum aims to guide students with their development of self- and group-confidence as well as emotional and physical competency, which are ATL skills that will serve students with fitness management and life-long learning across the curriculum.

AIMS:

- use inquiry to explore physical and health education concepts
- participate effectively in a variety of contexts
- understand the value of physical activity
- achieve and maintain a healthy lifestyle
- collaborate and communicate effectively
- build positive relationships and demonstrate social responsibility
- reflect on their learning experiences.

There is only one Physical & Health Education offering per each MYP Year (1-5).

Skills Assessed:

The assessment of criterion A is often project or portfolio-based, using students' written skills.

A: Knowing and understanding:

In order to reach the aims of physical and health education, students should be able to:

- explain physical health education factual, procedural and conceptual knowledge;

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- apply physical and health education knowledge to analyze issues and solve problems set in familiar and unfamiliar situations;
- apply physical and health terminology effectively to communicate understanding.

B: Planning for performance

In order to reach the aims of physical and health education, students should be able to:

- design, explain and justify plans to improve physical performance and health;
- analyze and evaluate the effectiveness of a plan based on the outcome.

C: Applying and performing

In order to reach the aims of physical and health education, students should be able to:

- demonstrate and apply a range of skills and techniques effectively;
- demonstrate and apply a range of strategies and movement concepts.
- analyze and apply information to perform effectively.

D: Reflecting and improving performance

In order to reach the aims of physical and health education, students should be able to:

- explain and demonstrate strategies that enhance interpersonal skills;
- develop goals and apply strategies to enhance performance;
- analyze and evaluate performance.

Knowledge and experience

One year of experience of a variety of sports encourages students to develop different skills. Analyzing New Concepts, Observing, Communicating, Evaluating, Experimenting, Inquiring, Recording, Synthesizing, Using Space, Time and Energy, Team Working, Performing, Planning and Creating, also Respect, Civility, and Taking Initiatives.

Assessment

Each semester students are graded on the four assessment criteria outlined above. At the end of the course, criteria grades are combined to produce an overall MYP PHE level.

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MYP Subject Group 8: Design

MYP Design is compulsory for students in MYP 1-5. It covers two areas: digital design and product design. Students complete two full design projects, with some shorter, focused tasks.

Main objectives

Students learn how to use the design cycle to solve everyday problems they encounter. Students then brainstorm solutions to solve the identified problems. They also learn to use various presentation means to share ideas and educate their peers and other stakeholders. These solutions are intended to be implemented in real life where they have identified such problems. They get to learn about materials and software programs that helps to build, create, design and test out their theories in real life.

AIMS:

- enjoy the design process, and develop an appreciation of its elegance and power
- develop knowledge, understanding and skills from different disciplines to design and create solutions to problems using the design cycle
- use and apply technology effectively as a means to access, process and communicate information, model and create solutions, and to solve problems
- develop an appreciation of the impact of design innovations for life, global society and environments
- appreciate past, present and emerging design within cultural, political, social, historical and environmental contexts
- develop respect for others' viewpoints and appreciate alternative solutions to problems
- developing effective working practices.

There is only one Design offering per each MYP Year (1-5) that covers both Product and Digital Design.

Skills

A: Inquiring and analyzing

In order to reach the aims of design, students should be able to:

- explain and justify the need for a solution to a problem for a specified client/target audience;
- identify and prioritize the primary and secondary research needed to develop a solution to the problem;
- analyze a range of existing products that inspire a solution to the problem;
- develop a detailed design brief which summarizes the analysis of relevant research.

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B: Developing ideas

In order to reach the aims of design, students should be able to:

- develop a design specification which clearly states the success criteria for the design of a solution;
- develop a range of feasible design ideas which can be correctly interpreted by others;
- present the final chosen design and justify its selection;
- develop accurate and detailed planning drawings/diagrams and outline the requirements for the creation of the chosen solution.

C: Creating the solution

In order to reach the aims of design, students should be able to:

- construct a logical plan, which describes the efficient use of time and resources, sufficient for peers to be able to follow to create the solution;
- demonstrate excellent technical skills when making the solution;
- follow the plan to create the solution, which functions as intended;
- fully justify changes made to the chosen design and plan when making the solution;
- present the solution as a whole, either in electronic form, or through photographs of the solution from different angles, showing details.

D: Evaluating

In order to reach the aims of design, students should be able to:

- design detailed and relevant testing methods, which generate data, to measure the success of the solution;
- critically evaluate the success of the solution against the design specification;
- explain how the solution could be improved;