

MAKING GOOD SUBJECT CHOICES IN THE IB DIPLOMA PROGRAMME

When you read our application form, you will come across the following stipulation, “*Your Subject Choices are binding for the duration of the 2-year IB DP course*”.

Consequently, it is very important that you make good subject choices. This means thinking ahead in terms of what you think you may want to study *after* the IB Diploma Programme.

STUDYING IN DENMARK

If you intend to study in Denmark, you need to be aware of the fact that Danish Further and Higher Educational institutions often have general entrance requirements, as well as specific (subject, and/or subject level) requirements. Please note: **Danish** is a requirement for all programmes taught in Danish, but not for programmes taught in English.

Specific Requirements for most Humanities Programmes

English – Fulfilled by all three levels of English offered in the IB DP at Nørre Gymnasium. Please note: **English B HL** in the IB is equivalent to “Engelsk A” in Stx.

Danish – If you want to be completely sure that you will fulfil the requirements, you need to take either **Danish A HL** or **Danish A SL**. Some educational institutions currently accept **Danish B HL** (if you put in a written dispensation application). There is also the possibility of fulfilling the requirements by taking a Danish exam called “Studieprøven”.

History – Fulfilled by taking **History SL** in the IB Diploma Programme, though please note that *History* at university level requires **History HL**.

Third Language – Often fulfilled by taking a **Language B SL** in the IB Diploma Programme, or by taking an external course at “B niveau” or “A niveau”.

Specific Requirements for most Social Science Programmes

English – Fulfilled by all three levels of English offered in the IB at Nørre Gymnasium. Please note: **English B HL** in the IB is equivalent to “Engelsk A” in Stx.

Danish – If you want to be completely sure that you will fulfil the requirements, you need to take either **Danish A HL** or **Danish A SL**. Some educational institutions currently accept **Danish B HL** (if you put in a written dispensation application). There is also the possibility of fulfilling the requirements by taking a Danish exam called “Studieprøven”.

History – Fulfilled by taking **History SL**

Mathematics – Fulfilled by taking **Maths SL** in the IB Diploma Programme. Please note: **Maths HL** is a requirement for a few select programmes, e.g. Economics.

Specific Requirements for most Natural Science Programmes

English – Fulfilled by all three levels of English offered in the IB at Nørre Gymnasium. Please note: **English B HL** in the IB is equivalent to “Engelsk A” in Stx.

Danish – If you want to be completely sure that you will fulfil the requirements, you need to take either **Danish A HL** or **Danish A SL**. Some educational institutions currently accept **Danish B HL** (if you put in a written dispensation application). There is also the possibility of fulfilling the requirements by taking a Danish exam called “Studieprøven”.

Mathematics – Fulfilled by taking **Maths HL** in the IB Diploma Programme.

Physics – Fulfilled by taking **Physics SL** in the IB Diploma Programme.

Chemistry – Fulfilled by taking **Chemistry SL** in the IB Diploma Programme.

Disclaimer - University acceptance criteria change regularly and it is the student's own responsibility to research the entrance requirements – this is only a general guide.

In the Danish grading system, a subject at “A-niveau” is equivalent to an IB HL subject, and “B-niveau” is equivalent to an IB SL subject.

Please be aware that each institution ultimately decides how to convert your IB subjects and levels in relation to their specific requirements. So, you should *always* first check the specific requirements of individual programmes at www.ug.dk and then double check the requirements with the relevant educational institution itself. If you need counselling on matters concerning studying in Denmark, please contact Inge Duus Hjortlund from “Studievalg København” at indhj@studievalg.dk

STUDYING ABROAD

If you intend to study abroad, you need to be aware of the fact that Further and Higher Educational institutions abroad often also have general entrance requirements, as well as specific (subject, and/or subject level) requirements.

Disclaimer - It is almost impossible to give complete clarity about general and specific requirements, as they will vary from country to country and from institution to institution. However, the following is worth keeping in mind:

Specific Requirements for Humanities Programmes

English – The English language requirement is generally fulfilled by all three levels of English offered in the IB DP at Nørre Gymnasium. However, there may be some university programmes that require minimum **English A SL**.

Specific Requirements for Social Science Programmes

English – The English language requirement is generally fulfilled by all three levels of English offered in the IB DP at Nørre Gymnasium. However, there may be some university programmes that require minimum **English A SL**

Mathematics – Often Social Science programmes will have a **Maths SL** requirement. This includes *some* Psychology degree courses.

Specific Requirements for Natural Science Programmes

English – The English language requirement is generally fulfilled by all three levels of English offered in the IB DP at Nørre Gymnasium. However, there may be universities that require minimum **English A SL**.

Mathematics & Science – Many university level Science programmes abroad require that students have taken two of **Maths, Chemistry, Biology, or Physics at Higher Level**. If you want to study *Medicine, Veterinary Medicine, or Dentistry* in the UK, you would be well advised to study **Maths HL & Chemistry HL**. You should also choose **Biology** as your second science (SL or HL). If you want to study *Engineering* in the UK, you would be well advised to choose **Mathematics HL, Physics HL, and Chemistry** as your second science (SL or HL).

Disclaimer - The specific requirements are liable to change at any time. So, you should *always* double-check the specific requirements of individual programmes with the educational institution itself.

If you need counselling on matters concerning studying abroad, please contact Nørre Gymnasium's IB College Counsellor, Andrew Miller, at am@nrgym.dk