



International Baccalaureate

Victoria Park Collegiate Institute
Internal Registration Information
for 2016-2017



IB Preparatory Programme

Grade 9

- ❖ **English**
- ❖ **French**
- ❖ **Mathematics**
- ❖ **Science**
- ❖ **Geography**
- ❖ **Computer Science or Civics and Careers (Grade 10 courses)**
- ❖ **Arts Option: Music, Visual Art or Drama**
- ❖ **Physical Education**

Grade 10

- ❖ **English**
- ❖ **French (2 Courses: Gr 10 & 11)**
- ❖ **Mathematics**
- ❖ **Science**
- ❖ **Canadian History**
- ❖ **Economics or Geography (Grade 11)**
- ❖ **Computer Science (Grade 11) OR another option (Grade 10 or 11) outside of the IB Prep Programme**
- ❖ **Civics and Careers if not already taken**

Gr 9 → 10 IB Prep Course Selection List

GRADE 10 IB PREP PROGRAM

COMPULSORY COURSES - YOU MUST SELECT ALL FOUR

SUBJECT	COURSE CODE	COURSE DESCRIPTION	PICK THIS IN MYBLUEPRINT	PREREQUISITE
English	ENG2D7	English, IB Prep	ENG2D7	ENG1D7
Mathematics	MPM2D7	Math, IB Prep	MPM2D7	MPM1D7
Science	SNC2D7	Science, IB Prep	SNC2D7	SNC1D7
Canadian History	CHC2D7	Canadian History in 20th Century, IB Prep	CHC2D7	

LANGUAGE COURSES - YOU MUST SELECT THIS PACKAGE

SUBJECT	COURSE CODE	COURSE DESCRIPTION	PICK THIS IN MYBLUEPRINT	PREREQUISITE
French	FSF2D7/FSF3U7	Core French, IB Prep	IBFSF2	FSF1D7

COMPUTER SCIENCE OPTION

SUBJECT	COURSE CODE	COURSE DESCRIPTION	PICK THIS IN MYBLUEPRINT	PREREQUISITE
Computer Science	ICS3U7	Computer Science	ICS3U7	ICS2O7

ADDITIONAL COURSES - SELECT ONE

SUBJECT	COURSE CODE	COURSE DESCRIPTION	PICK THIS IN MYBLUEPRINT	PREREQUISITE
Canadian and World Studies	CGF3M7	Physical Geography, IB	CGF3M7	CGC1D7
	CIE3M7	Indiv. & The Economy, IB	CIE3M7	CHC2D7

ELECTIVE COURSES (PICK ONE ONLY IF *NOT* TAKING COMPUTER SCIENCE)

SUBJECT	COURSE CODE	COURSE DESCRIPTION	PICK THIS IN MYBLUEPRINT	PREREQUISITE
The Arts	ADA2O1	Dramatic Arts	ADA2O1	AMI1O1
	AMG2O1	Music - Guitar	AMG2O1	
	AMI2O1	Music - Band	AMI2O1 and AMR2O1 as 9th course strongly suggested	
	AMS2O1	Instrumental Music - Strings	AMS2O1	AMS1O1
	ATC2O1	Dance	ATC2O1	
	AVI2O1	Visual Arts	AVI2O1	
Business Studies	AWQ2O1	Visual Arts - Photography	AWQ2O1	
	BBI2O1	Intro to Business	BBI2O1	
	BAF3M1	Intro to Financial Accounting	BAF3M1	
Canadian & World Studies	CHG381	Genocide	CHG381	CHC2D7
	CLU3M1	Understanding Canadian Law	CLU3M1	CHC2D7
	CHW3M1	World History to the 16th Century	CHW3M1	CHC2D7
Humanities	HSP3U1	Anthropology, Sociology & Psychology	HSP3U1	ENG2D7
	HSG3M1	Gender Studies	HSG3M1	ENG2D7
	HZB3M1	Philosophy	HZB3M1	ENG2D7
	PAF2OF/M	Personal Fitness - Female/Male	PAF2OF/M	
Health and Physical Education	PAQ2OF/M	Aquatics - Female/Male	PAQ2OF/M	
	PPL2OF/M	Healthy Active Living - Female/Male	PPL2OF/M	
Technology	TDJ2O1	Design Technology	TDJ2O1	
	TEJ2O1	Computer Engineering Technology	TEJ2O1	
	TMR3M1	Robotics/Manufacturing Engineering Tech.	TMR3M1	
Civics and Careers	CHV2O1/GLC2O1	Civics and Careers	CIVCAR	

NOTE: IF CIVICS/CAREERS NOT COMPLETED, THIS MUST BE COMPLETED DURING THE SUMMER

AFTER SCHOOL MUSIC COURSE (PICK AS A 9th COURSE ONLY)

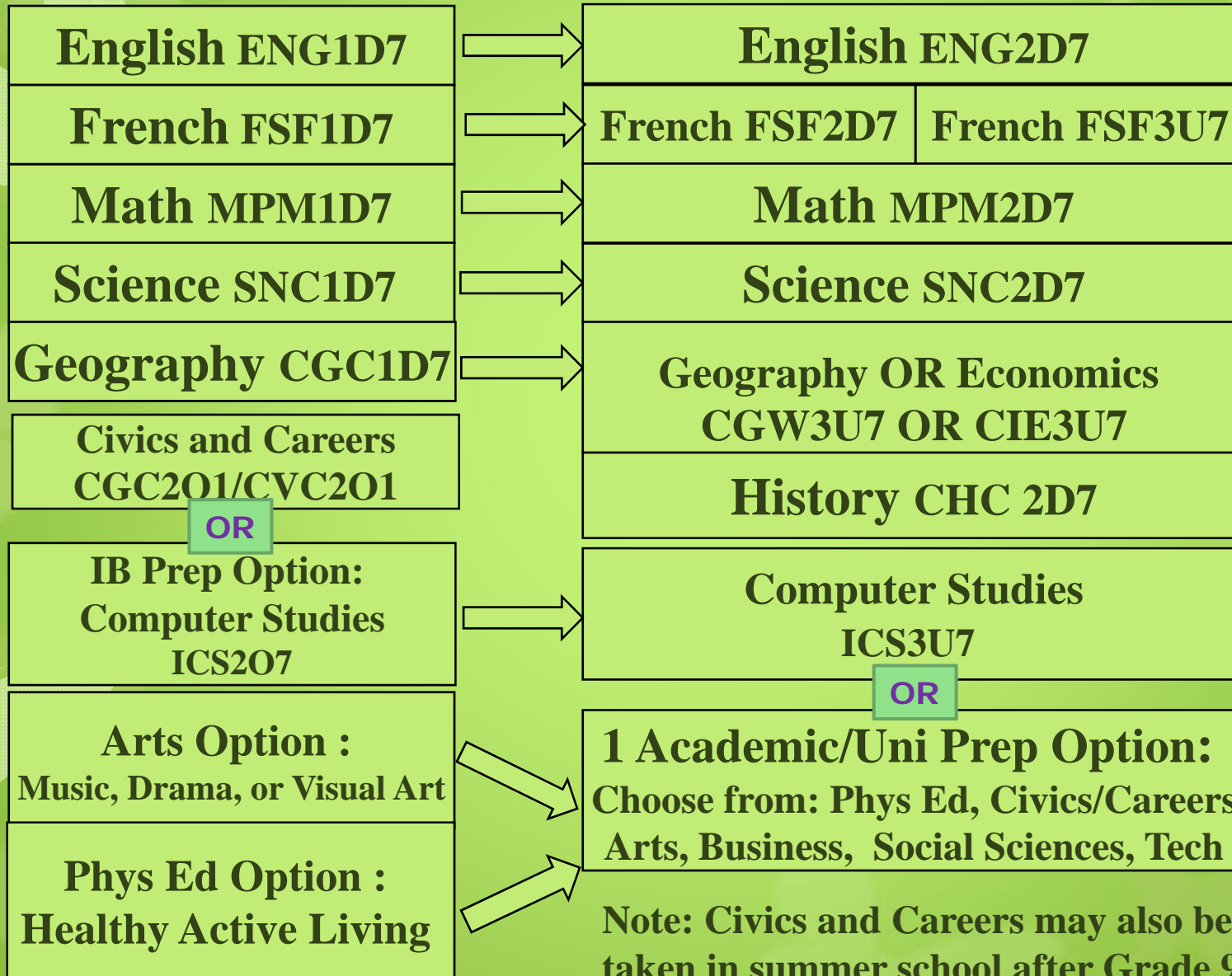
Arts	AMR2O1	Music Repertoire	AMR2O1	AMI1O1
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IB Preparatory Course Flowchart

Grade 9

Grade 10



Students may wish to take a Grade 11 Uni Prep Biology or Physics course in summer school after Grade 10, as these cannot both be taken in IB

Note: Civics and Careers may also be taken in summer school after Grade 9

Grade 9 → 10 IB Prep FAQs

❖ How do I choose between Geography and Economics?

That depends on your interests, skills and goals:

- a) Economics is more reading, essay, and math oriented
- b) Geography has more graphic reading, projects, experiments and is more science oriented
- c) Economics has an option to continue to HL in Year 2 (Grade 12), which fits with History/SL Math and one SL Science
- d) Geography links very well to epidemiological medicine, engineering and research science
- e) Economics provides a solid background for business, corporate law and statistical research

Grade 9 → 10 IB Prep FAQs

❖ What option course should I take in Grade 10?

That depends on your interests and goals:

- a) explore potential post-secondary paths with Law, Business, Accounting, Technology courses or Sociology/Anthropology/Psychology**
- b) prepare for Theory of Knowledge and improve your critical thinking and writing skills by taking Philosophy**
- c) continue in Arts courses like Music, Drama and Visual Art or explore new Arts like Dance and Photography**
- d) continue in ICS and have 1 more choice in Grade 12 IB**
- e) keep active and fit in Personal Fitness, Healthy Active Living or Aquatics**
- f) complete the required Civics/Careers course**

Grade 9 → 10 IB Prep FAQs

❖ What are the promotion requirements for Grade 10 → 11 IB Prep?

- achievement of at least level 3 (70%), or higher in all core IB Prep subjects: ENG, MPM, SNC, FSF, CGC**
- with one core subject below level 3, students must consult with a Guidance counsellor to discuss strategies for improvement and may be allowed to continue in IB Prep**
- with two or more core subjects below 70%, students may be required to register in Academic next year**
- with two or more core subjects below 60%, students may be required to register in Academic for next year**
- with failure of a core subject, students must register in Academic for next year**

Grade 9 → 10 IB Prep FAQs

❖ Should I see a Guidance counsellor?

○ if two or more core IB Prep subject final results are below level 3 (70%), students must see a Guidance counsellor to discuss course selection and may be counselled to register in Academic next year

○ with failure of a core subject, students must see a Guidance counsellor and select Academic for next year (IB Prep courses cannot be repeated and there are no summer school courses for IB Prep)

○ students who are planning a switch to Academic or another school should book an appointment with Guidance

IB Programme @ VP

Year 1 (11)

- English
- French SL(Grade 12 course)
- Mathematics HL (2 courses)
OR SL (1 course, only with History HL)
- Theory of Knowledge
- Economics OR Geography SL (Grade 12 course)
- Chemistry
- History* (only with Math SL)
- Physics* OR Biology*
- One or two Standard Level (SL) exams written in Year 1

Year 2 (12)

- English Literature ^{HL}
- Math ^{SL or HL}
- History ^{HL} (with SL Math)
- Physics ^{SL} OR Biology ^{SL}
- Economics ^{HL}
- Chemistry* ^{SL or HL}
- Computer Science* ^{SL or HL}
- One or two SL exams and three or four Higher Level (HL) exams written in Year 2

**** Indicates choices – courses total 8 in Year 1, 7 - 8 Year 2***

Gr 10 → 11 IB Prep Course Selection List

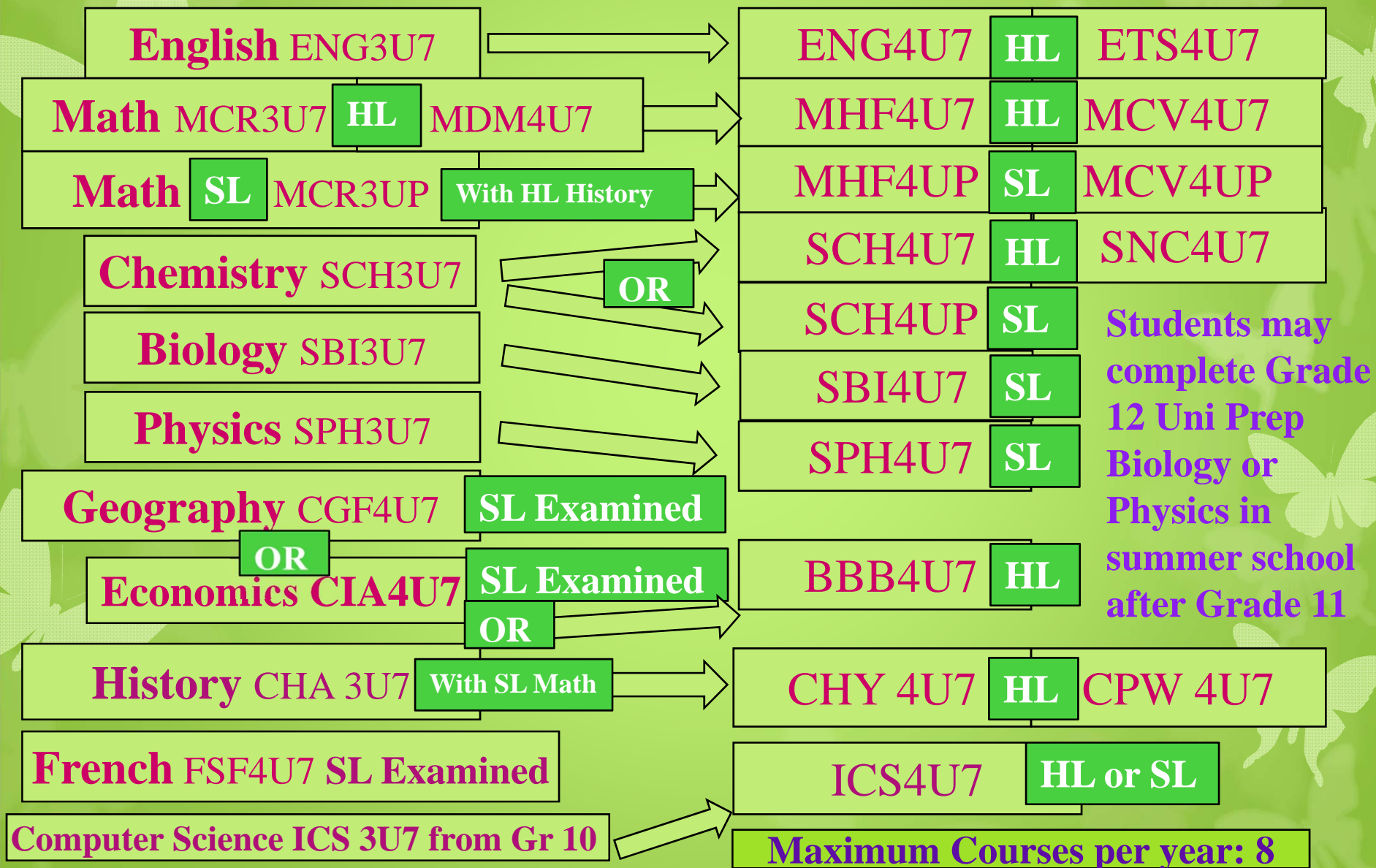
GRADE 11 IB PROGRAM				
COMPULSORY COURSES - YOU MUST SELECT ALL THREE				
SUBJECT	COURSE CODE	COURSE DESCRIPTION	PICK THIS IN MYBLUEPRINT	PREREQUISITE
English	ENG3U7	English, IB	ENG3U7	ENG2D7
Humanities	HZT4U7	Theory of Knowledge, IB	HZT4U7	ENG3U7
French	FSF4U7	Core French, IB	FSF4U7	FSF3U7
MATH PACKAGES - CHOOSE ONE				
SUBJECT	COURSE CODE	COURSE DESCRIPTION	PICK THIS IN MYBLUEPRINT	PREREQUISITE
Mathematics	MCR3U7/MDM4U7	Higher Level Math, IB	IB3MAT	MPM2D7
	MCR3UP/CHA3U7	Standard Level Math & American History, IB	IBHIS3	MPM2D7
INDIVIDUALS AND SOCIETIES COURSES - CHOOSE ONE BASED ON CURRENT COURSE				
SUBJECT	COURSE CODE	COURSE DESCRIPTION	PICK THIS IN MYBLUEPRINT	PREREQUISITE
Canadian and World Studies	CGW4U7	World Issues, IB (Geography)	CGW4U7	CGF3M7
	CIA4U7	Economics, IB	CIA4U7	CIE3M7
SCIENCE COURSES - CHOOSE TWO				
SUBJECT	COURSE CODE	COURSE DESCRIPTION	PICK THIS IN MYBLUEPRINT	PREREQUISITE
Chemistry	SCH3U7	Chemistry, IB	SCH3U7	SNC2D7
Biology	SBI3U7	Biology, IB	SBI3U7	SNC2D7
Physics	SPH3U7	Physics, IB	SPH3U7	SNC2D7
EXTRA COURSE (RUNS AFTER SCHOOL, MAY BE CHOSEN AS A 9th COURSE)				
SUBJECT	COURSE CODE	COURSE DESCRIPTION	PICK THIS IN MYBLUEPRINT	PREREQUISITE
Arts	AMR3M1	Music Repertoire	AMR3M1	AMR2O1
CHECK YOUR FLOW CHART TO ENSURE THAT YOU WILL HAVE 3 HL AND 3 SL IB COURSES IN GRADES 11/12				
GRADE 12 IB PROGRAM				
COMPULSORY COURSES - SELECT ENGLISH PLUS ONE MATH OPTION				
SUBJECT	COURSE CODE	COURSE DESCRIPTION	PICK THIS IN MYBLUEPRINT	PREREQUISITE
English	ENG4U7/ETS4U7	English, Higher Level	IBENG4	ENG3U7
Mathematics	MHF4U7/MCV4U7	Mathematics, Higher Level	IBMAT4	MCR3U7
	MHF4UP/MCV4UP	Mathematics, Standard Level	MHF4UP and MCV4UP	MCR3U7
ADDITIONAL SCIENCE COURSES				
SUBJECT	COURSE CODE	COURSE DESCRIPTION	PICK THIS IN MYBLUEPRINT	PREREQUISITE
Science	SCH4U7/SNC4M7	Chemistry, Higher Level	IBSCI4	SCH3U7
	SCH4UP	Chemistry, Standard Level	SCH4UP	SCH3U7
	SBI4U7	Biology, Standard Level	SBI4U7	SBI3U7
	SPH4U7	Physics, Standard Level	SPH4U7	SPH3U7
Computer Science	ICS4U7	Computer Science, HL or SL	ICS4U7	ICS3U7
ADDITIONAL COURSES				
SUBJECT	COURSE CODE	COURSE DESCRIPTION	PICK THIS IN MYBLUEPRINT	PREREQUISITE
Cdn & World Studies	CHY4U7/CPW4U7	History, Higher Level	IBHIS4	CHA3U7
Business Studies	BBB4M7	Economics, Higher Level	BBB4M7	CIA4U7
EXTRA COURSE (RUNS AFTER SCHOOL, CHOOSE ONLY IN ADDITION TO 6 OR MORE IB COURSES)				
SUBJECT	COURSE CODE	COURSE DESCRIPTION	PICK THIS IN MYBLUEPRINT	PREREQUISITE
Arts	AMR4M1	Music Repertoire	AMR4M1	AMR3M1

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IB Years 1 and 2 Course Flowchart

Grade 11

Grade 12



IB Diploma Requirements



- One Course from each of Groups 1-5
- Sixth Course from any Group (VP does not offer Group 6-Arts)
- 3 Core Components:
 - Theory of Knowledge Course
 - C.A.S. Activities
 - Extended Essay

IB Diploma Requirements

- **3 Higher Level (HL) and 3 Standard Level (SL) courses**
- **SL Subjects: one or two full courses, most like Academic Grade 12**
- **HL Subjects: usually three or four full courses**
- **HL Subjects are like taking Grade 12 and first year university at the same time: most universities grant transfer credits for HL course achievement at IB Level 5 or higher**
- **Core Components are completed during Grades 11 and 12**

Requirements at Victoria Park

6 COURSES (may have 1 additional)



- 1 Language A1: English (HL) Required
- 1 Language B: French (SL) Required
- 1 Mathematics (HL or SL) Required
- 1-2 Individual and Society: Economics (HL or SL), History (HL) or Geography (SL)
- 1-3 Experimental Sciences: Chemistry (HL or SL), Physics (SL), Biology (SL), Computer Science (HL or SL)

CORE Components

- 150 hours Creativity, Activity, Service (self-improvement and community service)
- Extended Essay (independent research paper supported by school workshops and staff supervision)
- Theory of Knowledge (Grade 11 course)

Grade 10 → 11 IB Prep FAQs

❖ *What are the admission requirements for Year 1 IB (Grade 11)?*

Students should:

- be achieving at least level 3 (70%), or higher in all core subjects**
- with one subject below level 3, students must consult with a Guidance counsellor to discuss how they will improve future results and may be allowed to continue**
- with two or more core subjects well below 70%, students must see a Guidance counsellor and may be required to register in Academic next year**

Grade 9 & 10 IB Prep FAQs

❖ Should I see a Guidance counsellor or the IBDP Coordinator Ms Bacque?

○ Ms Bacque will make presentations to all IB prep students from Feb 9-26 ; students may ask questions at these times or see Ms Bacque at the *Gallery of Choices* on Feb 23

○ Guidance counsellors will consult with Ms Bacque to discuss course selection if IB Prep students have below grade level results in core subjects

○ With failure of a core subject, Guidance counsellors will help students select appropriate Academic or Uni Prep courses for next year

Grade 9 & 10 IB Prep FAQs

❖ *When and where can I see a Guidance counsellor?*

○ Students can book appointments in Guidance from Feb 16-29 to discuss their course selections

○ Counsellors will be available at the *Gallery of Choices* on Feb 23 and in the Hadfield Lab at lunch Feb 14-26 and C3 Feb 29, to assist with completion of course selection on **myBlueprint by the Feb 29 3 pm deadline**

○ If parents wish to contact counsellors, they should call Guidance at 416 395-3310 X20040

IB Prep Alpha Guidance Counsellors:

A-F Ms Pengelly; G-K Ms Ullah; L-S Mr Burstein; T-Z Ms Brown

Grade 10 → 11 IB Prep FAQs

Why do people say Grade 11 is so challenging?

- In Year 1, students begin the full IB programme, including the extra Core components of CAS, Theory of Knowledge and Extended Essay
- Students must complete IB Assessments, including one or two IB exams, as this is the last year for French, Geography, and Economics SL
- Year 1 is full year, not semestered, so students take 7 subjects, not 4, at the same time

Grade 10 → 11 IB Prep FAQs

Should I take HL Math?

- That depends on your university goals – if you plan to take two Sciences in IB, then you should probably take HL Math
- It also depends on your skills, aptitude and work ethic – HL Math is like Grade 12 Functions, Grade 12 Calculus and Vectors AND First Year University Calculus all together

Grade 10 → 11 IB Prep FAQs

How do I choose among the Sciences?

That depends on your university goals:

On **myBlueprint**, you can check the required courses you will need from Grade 12 to enter programs like engineering, business and sciences.

NOTE: If you want to take three of – Biology, Physics and Chemistry, you will have to take either Biology or Physics in summer school at the Uni Prep level. This will take two summers. IB courses are not offered at summer or night school.

Year 1 (Grade 11) FAQs

Can I choose other subjects at HL or SL?

- In Year 1, all students complete SL French, and may complete SL Geography or SL Economics
- Other subjects examined in Year 2 are not yet streamed into Levels in Year 1, only Math
- All students take Chemistry, as it provides the option of SL or HL in year 2
- Students who plan to attend post-secondary programs in Sciences or Maths usually take HL Math, and choose either HL Chemistry or HL Computer Science in Year 2

Year 1 (Grade 11) FAQs

How do I choose subjects to take at HL or SL?

- Students who plan to attend post-secondary programs in Business, Humanities and the Social Sciences usually take HL History/SL Math and one Science
- Students who take History need to be sure they have planned for their third HL course carefully – many students take HL Economics and one SL Science in Year 2
- If students choose HL History/SL Math and HL Chemistry, there is no room in the timetable for another Science, so students must take Grade 12 Uni Prep Science courses in Summer School

Year 1 (Grade 11) FAQs

Can I withdraw from IB during Year 1?

- **Because Year 1 is full year, not semestered, students are not able to withdraw mid-year without losing credits, as the Uni Prep courses at VP are semestered**
- **Students may choose to withdraw for Grade 12 by registering for Uni Prep courses in February for the following year**
- **Students planning to withdraw are required to complete their IB Assessments and Exams in French, Economics and Geography**
- **Year 1 students may make appointments in Guidance with Ms Bacque Feb 17-29**

IB Prep & IB FAQs

Can I return to my local school if I am withdrawing?

- Your 'home' school must admit you if you are leaving a specialised program like IB. However, you must contact them as soon as possible after making your decision to switch, and they may not be able to offer you the courses you want or need.

Can I return to another specialised program like Gifted or Extended French?

- That is up to that program. You must contact an Extended French school before the end of January. For Gifted, you must apply for an IPRC by November of the year before you wish to return. You will be placed where there is space, not necessarily at the school of your choice. Optional Attendance rules may apply.

Can I stay at VP if I switch to Academic?

- Of Course! We are your school.





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