

OAKMONT HIGH SCHOOL

Advanced Placement &
International Baccalaureate

“The most powerful predictor of college graduation is the rigor of a students’ high school curriculum”

-US Department of Education,
Answers in the Toolbox



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- ▶ College-level curriculum
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Both programs accept any student who has demonstrated the desire and ability to succeed through previous academic performance

*some language exams MAY be taken in the junior year

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.



INFORMATION ABOUT AP

- ▶ Founded in 1900
- ▶ Connecting students to college success and opportunity
- ▶ Expanding access to higher education through programs and services intended to build college readiness and success
- ▶ Each year more than 1 million students take nearly 2 million end-of-course AP exams

WHO IS AN IB/AP STUDENT?

IB Learner profile

- ▶ **Inquirers**
- ▶ **Knowledgeable**
- ▶ **Critical thinkers**
- ▶ **Communicators**
- ▶ **Risk-takers**
- ▶ **Principled**
- ▶ **Caring**
- ▶ **Open-minded**
- ▶ **Well-balanced**
- ▶ **Reflective**

VIKING EXPECTATIONS

- ▶ Respect
- ▶ Responsibility
- ▶ Integrity
- ▶ Be Engaged

PROGRAMS AT OAKMONT



IB PROGRAM



THE GROUPS

- ▶ Group 1 - English
- ▶ Group 2 – World Language
- ▶ Group 3 – History
- ▶ Group 4 – Experimental Sciences
- ▶ Group 5 – Math
- ▶ Group 6 – The Arts

CURRENT OHS IB COURSE OFFERINGS

▶ Group 1

- ▶ English Literature HL

▶ Group 2

- ▶ French ab initio, SL and HL
- ▶ Spanish ab initio, SL and HL

▶ Group 3

- ▶ History of the Americas HL
- ▶ World Religions SL

▶ Group 4

- ▶ Biology SL and HL
- ▶ Chemistry SL
- ▶ Physics SL and HL
- ▶ Design Technology SL and HL
- ▶ Computer Science SL

▶ Group 5

- ▶ Math SL and HL

▶ Group 6

- ▶ Dance SL and HL
- ▶ Visual Arts SL and HL
- ▶ Film SL and HL
- ▶ Music SL and HL
- ▶ Theatre SL and HL

As our program grows, we will continue to add new courses

TWO LEVELS OF CLASSES

Standard Level (SL)

- ▶ Course is two 18-week terms long
- ▶ May be completed as one term in the junior year, and one in the senior year, or both terms in the same school year
- ▶ Option of testing in May of the junior or senior year

Higher Level (HL)

- ▶ Course is two 18-week terms long, involves more content, and in some cases greater rigor
- ▶ Must be taken over two consecutive school years
- ▶ Testing happens in May of the senior year

Diploma Student

- ▶ Students complete 6 IB classes
- ▶ Students complete the CAS, TOK and EE requirements
- ▶ Must take at least 3, but no more than 4 HL classes. The remaining classes will be SL
- ▶ Complete exams given by the IB teacher, projects set by the IB program (IAs) and exams administered by IB
- ▶ Each component of the program earns points towards the IB Diploma, and students must achieve a minimum score to receive the diploma

Course (Certificate) Student

- ▶ Students enroll in 1-5 courses of their choice (schedule permitting). They must take exams for any classes they enroll in
- ▶ Encouraged to take more than one IB class, but it is not a requirement for non-transfer students
- ▶ Encouraged to complete a smaller amount of CAS hours and will be encouraged to take the TOK course.
- ▶ To qualify as a transfer student, you must take a minimum of 3 IB courses (TOK is included) and sit for the exams
- ▶ There is a fee to take each IB exam, which is collected between October and December of the exam year

Advanced (AP) Placement Student

- ▶ Most AP courses are available at the 11th and 12th grade levels
- ▶ Students may take anywhere from 1-5 AP courses a year
- ▶ All AP courses are completed in one 18-week term on the 4x4 schedule
- ▶ All exams are in May, regardless of the term in which the course was taken
- ▶ AP Exam review sessions are offered in spring leading up to the exams
- ▶ There is a fee to take each AP exam, which is collected between December and February of the exam year

CURRENT OHS AP COURSE OFFERINGS

- ▶ AP Language
- ▶ AP Literature
- ▶ AP European History
- ▶ AP United States History
- ▶ AP Government and Politics
- ▶ AP Macroeconomics
- ▶ AP Psychology
- ▶ AP Calculus AB
- ▶ AP Calculus BC
- ▶ AP Statistics
- ▶ AP Studio Art

OUTCOMES OF THE PROGRAMS

Diploma Program

- ▶ Students receive a secondary diploma from IB, in addition to their regular High School Diploma from OHS
- ▶ For each class, students may earn college credit for that subject, if they achieve at least a 4 or better (on a 7-point scale) on the exam

Course Program

- ▶ For each class taken, students may earn college credit for that subject, if they achieve at least a 4 or better (on a 7-point scale) on the exam

AP Program

- ▶ For each class taken, students may earn college credit for that subject, if they achieve at least a 3 or better (on a 5-point scale) on the exam

THE CORE

- ▶ CAS: Creativity, Action and Service
- ▶ TOK: Theory of Knowledge
- ▶ EE: Extended Essay

(Rule #1 about IB. They like abbreviations.)

CREATIVITY, ACTION AND SERVICE

- ▶ Participation in the creativity, activity, service programme encourages candidates to be involved in artistic pursuits, sports, and community service work. The programme fosters students' awareness and appreciation of life beyond the academic arena.
- ▶ There is a CAS Coordinator on staff to assist students as they complete their CAS requirements

THEORY OF KNOWLEDGE

- ▶ The interdisciplinary theory of knowledge course is designed to provide coherence by exploring the nature of knowledge across disciplines, encouraging an appreciation of other perspectives.
- ▶ Theory of Knowledge (TOK) is central to the educational philosophy of the International Baccalaureate.
- ▶ TOK challenges students and teachers to reflect critically on diverse ways of knowing and areas of knowledge.
 - ▶ 1600 word essay from a list of ten prompts prescribed by IB.
 - ▶ 10 minute presentation in class.
- ▶ This class is open to IB Diploma, IB Course and AP students

EXTENDED ESSAY

- ▶ The extended essay has a prescribed limit of 4,000 words. It offers the opportunity to investigate a topic of individual interest, and acquaints students with the independent research and writing skills expected at university.
 - ▶ There is an EE Coordinator who manages the Extended Essay
 - ▶ Students are assigned a staff supervisor who guides them through the process.
 - ▶ Great way to learn how to perform research and write at a college level.

WHY BE A DIPLOMA STUDENT?

- ▶ Quality program, high-level of standards – promotion of life-long learners
- ▶ University recognition & challenge
- ▶ Students will become globally aware
- ▶ Development of the whole student – physically, emotionally, intellectually

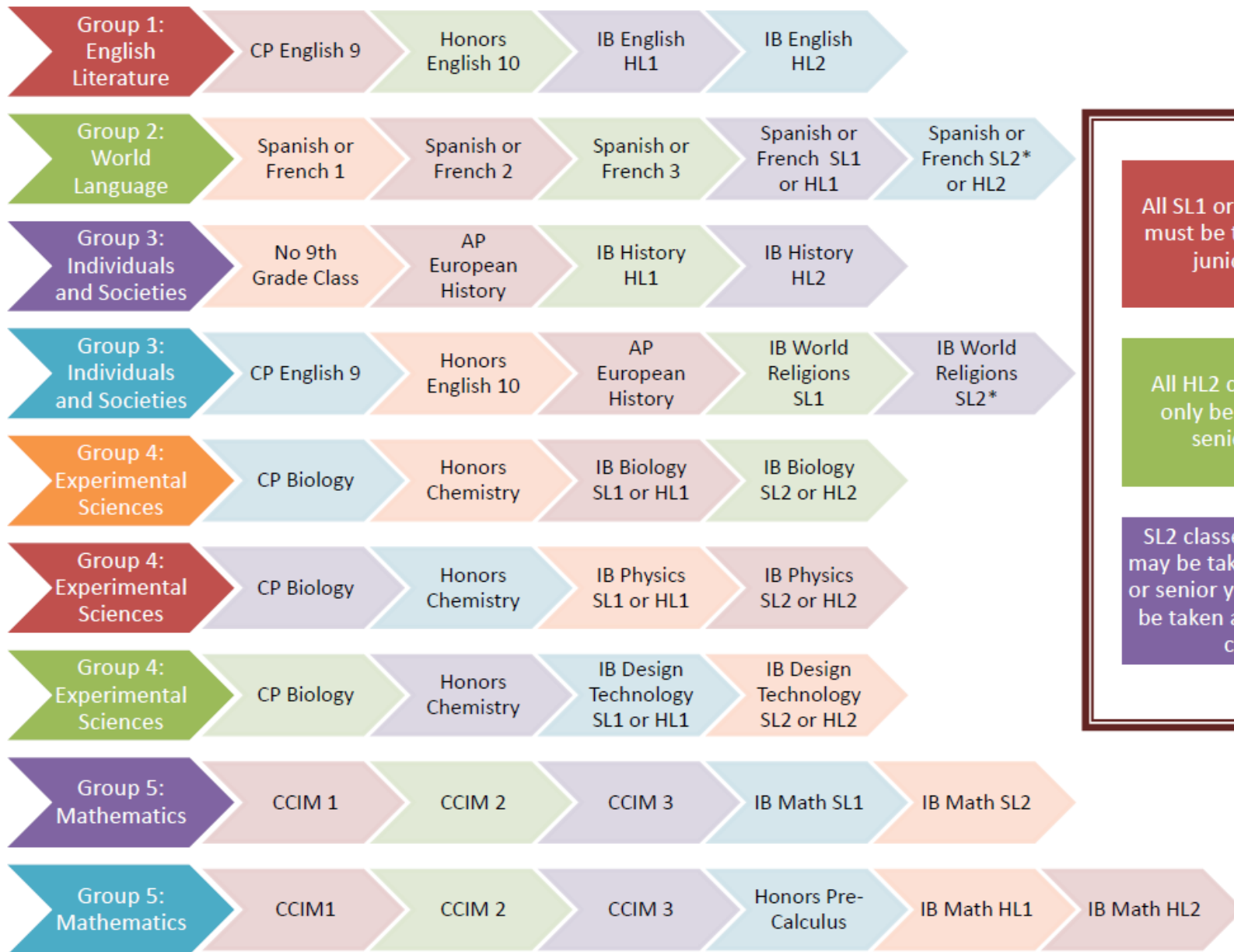
WHAT CLASSES SHOULD I TAKE?

- ▶ For the 8th graders in the room:
 - ▶ Apply now if you are interested in taking some IB classes in your junior year
 - ▶ You don't need your full 4 year plan ready now
 - ▶ You do need to pay attention to pre-requisites
- ▶ For the 9th graders in the room:
 - ▶ If you haven't already applied, please so do as soon as possible
 - ▶ Pay attention to pre-requisites on the following slides to ensure you are able to take the classes you want in grades 11 and 12.

HOW TO APPLY

- ▶ AP requires no formal application
 - ▶ All students must acknowledge the expectations, rigor and testing recommendation through a commitment letter which is signed during the registration process
- ▶ To apply to the IB Program:
 - ▶ The application is available online on the Oakmont web site www.oakmont.org
 - ▶ Application is due no later than March 1, 2017
 - ▶ All steps are explained online. Applications are not complete until all forms have been submitted
 - ▶ At this time there is no need for letters of recommendation or placement testing

What classes do I have to take before I take an IB class?

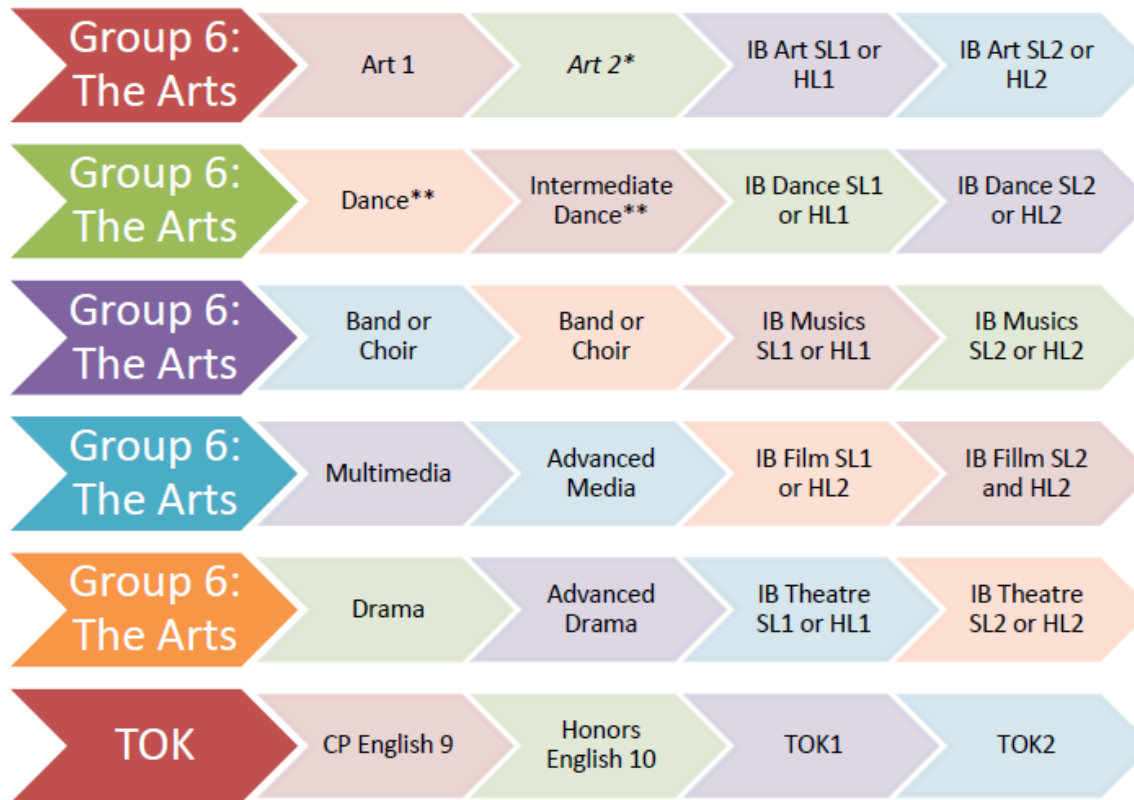


All SL1 or HL1 classes must be taken in the junior year

All HL2 classes may only be taken the senior year

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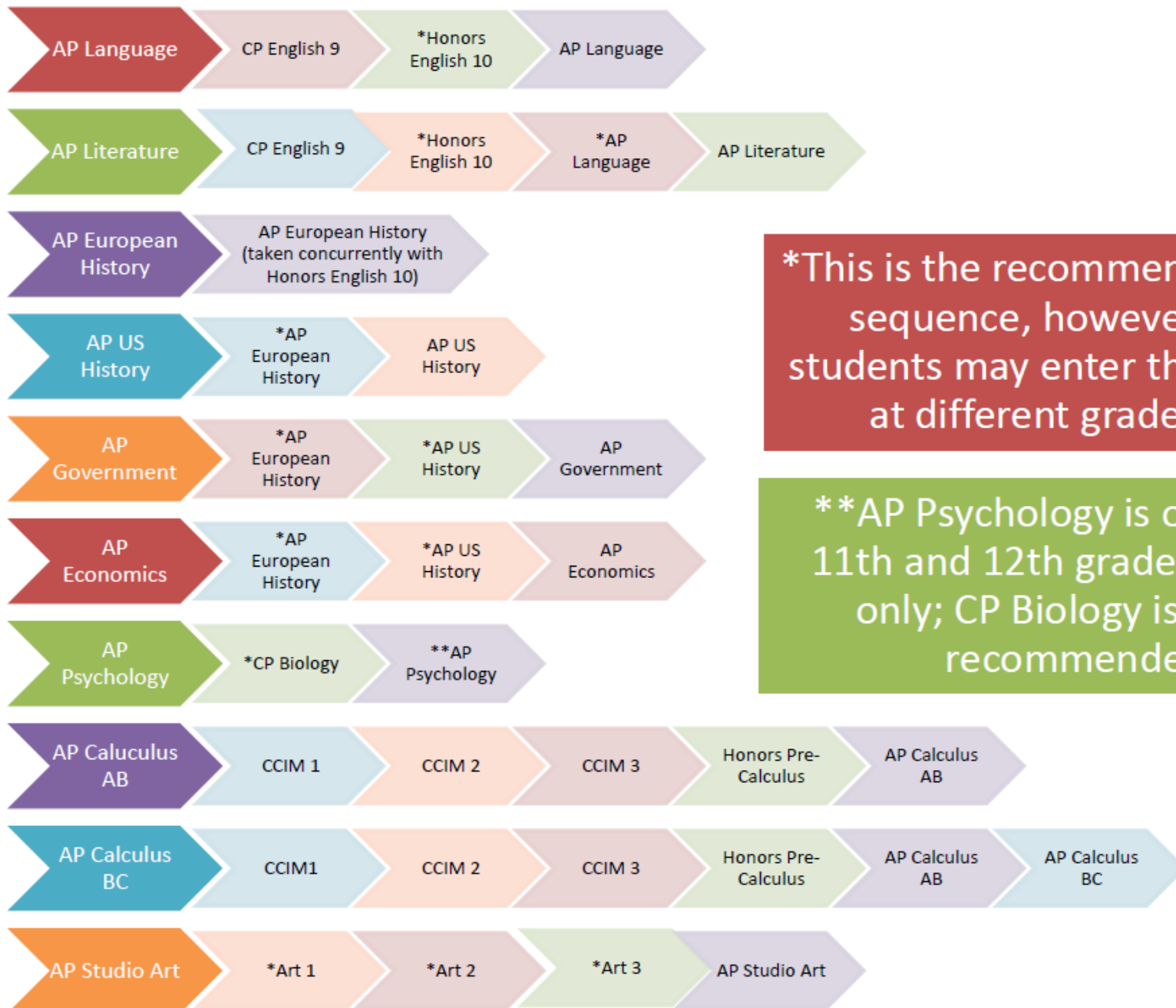


*Art 2 is recommended but not required

**Outside dance instruction may be substituted

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*This is the recommended course sequence, however, some students may enter this pathway at different grade levels

**AP Psychology is offered to 11th and 12th grade students only; CP Biology is highly recommended

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▶ Online links

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▶ www.ibo.org

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WHAT CLASSES SHOULD I TAKE?

- ▶ 10th and 11th graders in the room:
 - ▶ Are you:
 - ▶ IB*/AP Combo?
 - ▶ AP Student?
 - ▶ IB Diploma?
- ▶ Seniors taking IB may only sign up for SL classes, and must enroll in SL-1 and SL-2
 - ▶ Spanish, French, Physics, Biology, Design Technology, Computer Science, Chemistry and World Religions are available for these students

IB DIPLOMA – INCOMING 11TH GRADERS

1. IB English HL-I
2. IB History HL-I
3. IB Theory of Knowledge I
4. IB Math SL-I or HL-I
5. IB Science SL-I or HL-I
 1. Biology, Physics, Chemistry (SL only), Computer Science (SL only) or Design Technology
6. IB 6th Course SL-I or HL-I
 1. Any of the sciences listed above, World Religions (SL only), Dance, Film, Music, Theater or Visual Arts
7. IB Spanish SL-2 or IB French SL-2 or elective of your choice
8. Elective of your choice

Questions?