

Grade 9 Course Choices



NIS 2015

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Perspective

What this is: An important opportunity for you to select courses for next year...

What this is not:

- Something to panic about
- The day you decide what university you will attend, or what career you will choose



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Why Grade 9?

- Subjects becoming more specialized
- Beginning to think about D.P.
- More choice in your education
- Transcripts...



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CHECKLIST:

Do I have at least ONE of each of the following requirements?

- _____ **English**
- _____ **Second language**
- _____ **Humanities**
- _____ **Science**
- _____ **Maths**
- _____ **PE**
- _____ **Art and/or Design**

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3	Mathematics / Mathematics Extended
4	Biology or Chemistry or Physics or Mandarin B (Phases 1-2, 5-6) or French B (if currently taking French)
5	Biology or Chemistry or Physics or Mandarin B (Phases 3-4) or Spanish B (if currently taking Spanish)
6	Humanities
7	Physical Education
8	Visual Arts or Music or Drama or Biology
9	Design Visual Arts

Please select **one** course from each line.

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Teacher-Supported Choices

- English B level
- Mandarin B level
- Maths & Maths Extended (Grade, ISA scores, mindset)
- * Humanities and PE are mandatory



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Science(s)

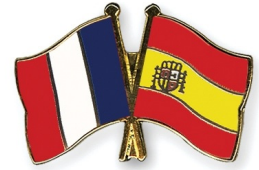
- Biology, Chemistry, and/or Physics
- Minimum requirement is **one** of the above
- Could take up to three
- Less than 10% of students in grade 9 take all three Science courses



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French B or Spanish B

- Only eligible if currently taking the language
- Phase 2 Minimum
- If you do not take French or Spanish, then at least 2 Sciences is likely a must
- Speak with your teachers...



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Languages A

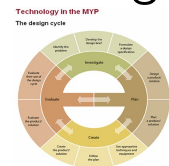
- English, Mandarin, Korean, and/or German
- Possible to take two Language A's (English and...)
- If English B Phase 4, must take ECSS instead of Language A until you reach Phase 6



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The Arts and Design

- Now year-long courses
- Design is more student-driven in G.9
- Cannot take Visual Art x 2!
- Must take Art and/or Design



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Please complete, sign, and return to Mr. Bratton by **Monday, February 9th.**

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