

Higher Level and Standard Level Course Options—Class of 2028

- Students must complete one course in each of the six groups. Because a few SL courses are completed in one year, they will leave an opening in the schedule for electives or graduation requirements in the other year.
- Students must choose three HL courses and three SL courses OR four HL courses and two SL courses. In general, we recommend three HL and three SL rather than four and two.
- HL exams take place only in the senior year, and students may take no more than two one-year SL courses.
- In addition to the HL and SL courses, students will take a two-year IB Core class that will include Theory of Knowledge; the Extended Essay; and Creativity, Action, Service.

HL Options

All HL courses last 2 years

Group 1

- Literature (taught in English). All BHS IB students must take English HL
- Language & Literature (taught in Spanish and Mandarin for immersion students). Usually SL-but could be HL with teacher approval.

Group 2

- Spanish, French, Chinese, or German; students must be advanced and have *prior teacher approval* for HL study

Group 3

- History (History of the Americas in grade 11 and the History SL course in grade 12)
- Psychology

Group 4

- Physics
- Biology

Group 6

- Theatre
- Visual Arts
- Dance
- Music
- An extra HL course from Groups 2, 3, or 4

SL Options

Some SL courses last 2 years and some 1 year

Group 1

- Literature Self-Taught SL (in a language other than English for native speakers of other languages; 1 or 2-year course; students in this course will also take English A HL and/or language B Spanish, French, German, or Chinese; taking three languages would satisfy Groups 1, 2, and 6)
- Language & Literature (taught in Spanish and Mandarin for immersion students)

Group 2

- SL Spanish, French, German, or Chinese (2-year course; grade 11 course title depends on language and current level; grade 12 class called IB language)
- Ab initio language in Chinese (2-year course for students who have limited prior study; embedded in levels 1, 2, and possibly 3)

Group 3

- Psychology (1-year course)
- History (1-year, senior only course)
- Global Politics (1-year course)
- Business Management (1-year course)

Group 4

- Chemistry (1-year course)
- Environmental Systems and Societies (1-year course)
- Sport, Exercise, and Health Science (1-year course)

Group 5

- Math Applications
- Math Analysis

Group 6

- Film (1 year following Programming & Broadcasting)
- Theatre (2-year course)
- Visual Arts (2-year course)
- Dance (2-year course)
- Music (1 year following Honors ensemble)
- An extra SL course from Groups 2, 3, or 4