IB DIPLOMA PROGRAMME
LANGUAGE & LITERATURE
SUBJECT INFORMATION

School Supported Self Taught (SSST) Literature SL

WHY STUDY THIS SUBJECT

SSST is an exciting and rewarding course which provides learners with the opportunity to explore literature written in their mother tongue, as an alternative to a 'taught' Language A class. Like the Language A subjects offered at Nexus - English and Chinese - this qualification, which is only available at Standard Level (SL), fulfils the 'Studies in Language and Literature' requirement of the IB Diploma.

KEY CONTENT, CONCEPTS & SKILLS

Learners will engage with a range of texts, in a variety of media and forms, from different periods, styles and cultures. They will develop skills in listening, speaking, reading, writing, viewing, presenting and performing. Learners will also develop skills in interpretation, analysis and evaluation and learn how to communicate in a confident and creative way.

ASSESSMENT

Type of assessment	Format of assessment	Time (hours)		Weighting of final grade (%)	
		SL	HL	SL	HL
External					
Paper 1: Guided literary analysis	Guided analysis of unseen literary passage/ passages from different text types.	1.25	2.25	35	35
Paper 2: Comparative essay	Comparative essay based on two literary works written in response to a choice of one out of four questions.	1.75	1.75	35	25
HL essay	Written coursework component: 1,200–1,500 word essay on one work studied.				20
Internal					
Individual oral	Prepared oral response on the way that one work originally written in the language studied and one work studied in translation have approached a common global issue.			30	20

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WHO TO CONTACT FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

A requirement of the course is that all SSST learners have a suitably qualified and experienced IB Literature tutor (approved by the school) who can deliver the lessons in their mother tongue. It is very important that the tutor has IB training and experience, so that they can help learners to fulfil the requirements of the course. The cost of the tutor is not covered by school, however, we will help you to find an appropriate tutor.

Please contact Ms Cammy Lu (lu.c@nexus.edu.sg) to discuss how to set this up.

Although SSST classes are with an outside tutor and are held outside of school time learners will have a timetabled lesson every 2 weeks with the school's SSST coordinator. This person is a qualified and experienced IB Language A teacher, who understands the requirements of the course and how to help learners prepare for the assessments. The SSST coordinator will be available to support learners throughout the programme.

REQUIREMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE

The language chosen for SSST is usually a learner's 'mother tongue' (first language) that is not taught in our school. It is a literature course so it is important that learners are confident in reading and writing in this language.

LINKS TO SUBJECT OVERVIEW

Please head to **https://ibdp.options.nexus.edu.sg** to view the SSST Subject Brief and SSST Subject Guide.