

## Personalizing a Diploma Course-load

- To create a Diploma course-load, students can simply select a course from each of the 6 Course Groups.
- Alternatively, a student may choose to study 2 courses from one of the first five groups, and forego the opportunity to explore Group 6 (The Arts)
- A student may take as many as 4 HL courses, but no fewer than 3.
- A student may take as many as 3 SL courses, but no fewer than 2.
- The student must enroll in IB Core Courses: TOK + CAS + EE
- A student may take an extra course if their timetable allows

## The Many Paths of the IB Diploma Programme: sample Diploma options:

*Note: these sample Programmes are only intended to demonstrate the curricular flexibility that the IB Diploma Programme offers students, and the many paths to success that exist in the IB Diploma Programme at Richmond Secondary School*

A *balanced, open-minded, risk-taking* student might enroll in courses in areas that he/she is not already an expert in:

<i>English HL</i>	<i>Chemistry HL</i>	
<i>Spanish SL</i>	<i>Mathematics SL</i>	
<i>Geography HL</i>	<i>Visual Arts SL</i>	+IB Core: TOK + CAS + EE

A student with a dramatic flair might do well with a timetable like this one:

<i>English HL</i>	<i>Biology SL</i>	
<i>Japanese SL</i>	<i>Mathematics SL</i>	
<i>History HL</i>	<i>Theatre HL</i>	+IB Core: TOK + CAS + EE

A student with an interest in musical expression might want to pursue that in the IB Diploma Programme:

<i>English HL</i>	<i>Physics SL</i>	
<i>Mandarin SL</i>	<i>Mathematics HL</i>	
<i>Digital Society SL</i>	<i>Music HL</i>	+IB Core: TOK + CAS + EE

A student interested in Commerce might want to inquire into the ways that people interact:

<i>English HL</i>	<i>Chemistry SL</i>	
<i>Japanese HL</i>	<i>Mathematics SL</i>	
<i>Business &amp; Management HL</i>	<i>Geography HL</i>	+IB Core: TOK + CAS + EE

Another Commerce-bound student might want to maximize the ways and number of people that he/she can communicate with around the world:

<i>English HL</i>	<i>Physics SL</i>	
<i>Spanish SL</i>	<i>Mathematics SL</i>	
<i>Digital Society HL</i>	<i>Mandarin HL</i>	+IB Core: TOK + CAS + EE

Yet another Commerce-Bound Student might want to prepare him/herself for a career in data analysis:

<i>English HL</i>	<i>Physics SL</i>	
<i>French SL</i>	<i>Mathematics HL</i>	
<i>Business &amp; Management HL</i>	<i>Geography SL</i>	+IB Core: TOK + CAS + EE

Still another Commerce-Bound Student might be interested in understanding how to efficiently attract the attention of many people:

<i>English HL</i>	<i>Biology SL</i>	
<i>Mandarin SL</i>	<i>Mathematics SL</i>	
<i>Digital Society HL</i>	<i>Visual Arts HL</i>	+IB Core: TOK + CAS + EE

Students going into Engineering will need both Chemistry and Physics to be admitted by the Faculty of Applied Science:

<i>English HL</i>	<i>Physics SL</i>	
<i>French SL</i>	<i>Mathematics HL</i>	
<i>Geography SL</i>	<i>Chemistry HL</i>	+IB Core: TOK + CAS + EE

A student interested in the Sciences needs Physics and Chemistry at the Grade 11 level.

<i>English HL</i>	<i>Physics HL</i>	
<i>Spanish HL</i>	<i>Mathematics SL</i>	
<i>Business &amp; Management SL</i>	<i>Chemistry SL</i>	+IB Core: TOK + CAS + EE

Another Science-bound student may pursue passions outside of his/her main academic interest, while taking Chemistry on-line or in summer school:

<i>English HL</i>	<i>Physics SL</i>	
<i>Japanese SL</i>	<i>Math SL</i>	
<i>History HL</i>	<i>Music HL</i>	+IB Core: TOK + CAS + EE

A student heading into Dental Hygiene might want to concentrate on developing communication skills, as an interview is part of the admissions process.

<i>English HL</i>	<i>Biology SL</i>	
<i>Mandarin HL</i>	<i>Mathematics SL</i>	
<i>Digital Society SL</i>	<i>Chemistry HL</i>	+IB Core: TOK + CAS + EE

In their hearts, Economists share an intense curiosity about how people interact with each other:

<i>English HL</i>	<i>Physics SL</i>	
<i>Japanese SL</i>	<i>Mathematics HL</i>	
<i>Geography HL</i>	<i>Theatre Arts SL</i>	+IB Core: TOK + CAS + EE

An interest in exploring how individuals affect systems *and* how systems affect individuals is reflected here:

*English HL*  
*French HL*  
*History HL*

*Biology SL*  
*Math SL*  
*Geography SL*

+IB Core: TOK + CAS + EE

A student heading into Kinesiology would be advised to be quite active in community and school sports while taking IB courses:

*English HL*  
*Spanish SL*  
*Business + Management HL*

*Biology HL*  
*Mathematics SL*  
*Art & Design SL*

+IB Core: TOK + CAS + EE

The ability to communicate effectively and analyze texts critically is paramount in the study of literature.

*English HL*  
*Japanese SL*  
*History HL*

*Chemistry SL*  
*Mathematics SL*  
*Theatre Arts HL*

+IB Core: TOK + CAS + EE

*In many ways the possibilities are endless...*