

Overview of the Subject Options Exercise (SOE) for 3NA and 3NT

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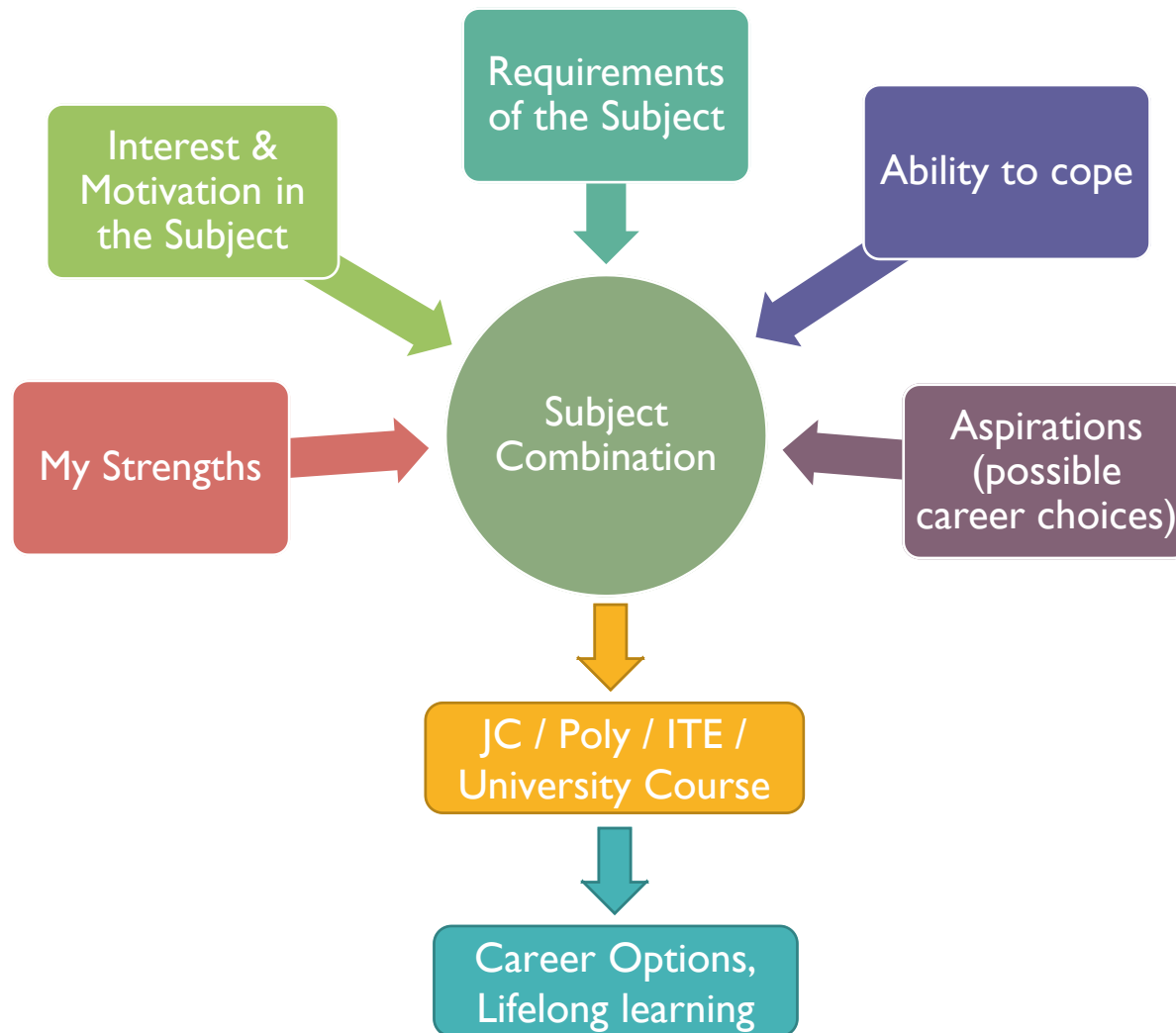


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1. Requirements for Polytechnic / ITE

Considerations for Subject Combination



Requirements for admission

	Poly Foundation Programme (PFP)	Direct-entry-scheme to Poly Programme (DPP)	ITE
Duration of course	1 year PFP + 3 years Poly	2 years Higher Nitec + 2 years Poly	3 years Higher Nitec
Aggregate score required	$\text{EMB3} \leq 12$	$\text{EMB3} \leq 19$	Based on 4 subjects

Requirements for Polytechnic / ITE

Poly – PFP

<https://www.moe.gov.sg/post-secondary/admissions/pfp>

Poly – DPP

<https://www.moe.gov.sg/post-secondary/admissions/dpp>

ITE



For January 2024 Intake

Admission Booklet

For Full-Time and
Traineeship Courses



<https://www.ite.edu.sg/docs/default-source/admissions-docs/full-time/publications/admission-booklet/gce-n-admission-booklet-2024.pdf>

3NA - Calculation of ELMAB3 Score (Poly – PFP, DPP)

No.	ELMAB3	Subject Category
1	EL	English Language
2	MA	Mathematics / Additional Mathematics
3 to 5	B3	Best 3 other subjects

3NT - Calculation of Aggregate Score (ITE)

No.	Best 4	Subject Category
1 to 4	Best 4	Course dependent Usually either English Language / Mathematics / Science is a compulsory subject

2. Subject Combinations

2025 Sec 3 Subjects Offered

Languages

- English Language
- Mother Tongue Language

Mathematics

- Mathematics
- Additional Mathematics

Humanities

- Social Studies (SS) with either:
- Elective Geography (EG)
- Elective History (EH)
- Elective Literature in English (E.Lit)

Sciences

- Science (Chemistry / Biology) [Sci(C/B)]
- Science (Physics / Chemistry) [Sci(P/C)]
- Science Syllabus T [Sci(T)]

Applied Studies

- Design and Technology (DT)
- Nutrition and Food Science (NFS)
- Computer Applications (CPA)
- Elements of Business Studies (EBS)
- Mobile Robotics (MR)

Others

- Principles of Accounts (POA)

2025 Sec 3N Subject Combinations

N(A)

- 6 subjects
- 7 subjects
(with Additional Mathematics)

N(T)

- 6 subjects

2025 3NA Subject Combinations

No.	6 subjects			7 subjects		
1	English Language			English Language		
2	Mother Tongue Language			Mother Tongue Language		
3	Mathematics			Mathematics		
4	Sci(C/B)	Sci(P/C)		Sci(C/B)	Sci(P/C)	
5	SS / EG	SS / EH	SS / E.Lit	SS / EG	SS / EH	SS / E.Lit
6	POA	NFS	DT	POA	NFS	DT
7	NIL			*Additional Mathematics		

Legend: White = compulsory subjects; Green = subject options; Yellow = Additional Mathematics

**offered to students who meet the criteria; not offered in Sec 5 as an O-Level subject.*

2025 3NT Subject Combinations

No.	6 subjects		
1	English Language		
2	Mother Tongue Language		
3	Mathematics		
4	Computer Applications		
5	Sci(T)	*Sci(C/B)	*Sci(P/C)
6	EBS	MR	

Legend: White = compulsory subjects; Green = subject options

**offered to students who meet the criteria for Subject-Based Banding (NA)*

3. Subjects Allocation Criteria

2025 Sec 3N Subjects Requirements

The following subjects require a strong foundation in Secondary 2:

Upper Sec Subject	Strong Foundation in Sec 2 Subject/s
Design & Technology (NA)	Design & Technology (D&T)
Nutrition & Food Science (NA)	Food & Consumer Education (FCE)
Elective Literature in English (NA)	English Literature & English Language (NA)

Please refer to the respective department slides for specific details.

2025 Sec 3 Subjects Requirements

Your child's / ward's subject combination will depend on the following:

- marks of the required subject(s)
- overall academic performance
- attitude during lessons and aptitude for the subject via feedback from subject teacher(s)
- class sizes and timetabling constraints
- availability of teachers

4. Subjects Options Exercise (SOE) Timeline

Timeline for the Subject Options Exercise (SOE)

Date	Activity
25 Oct (Fri) 8am	Parent-Teacher Conference SOE Opens (fill in the online All Ears Form)
28 Oct (Mon) 9am	SOE Closes (All Ears Form will be locked)
6 Nov (Wed) After 9am	Results of the SOE will be released on the online All Ears Platform (scan the QR code in the October PN)
8 Nov (Fri) By 12pm	Queries about your child's / ward's Subject combination <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complete an All Ears Form to send in your query (addressed to Mr Traven Loh)
Late Nov	Form Class Allocation <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Do note that your child's / ward's sec 3 class allocation may change even though it has appeared in your Parent Gateway in late November.• Do check the updated class just before school re-opens.