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# SSIS IGCSE

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## Overview of the IGCSE curriculum at SSIS

The IGCSE curriculum at SSIS is an internationally renowned programme made up of four core IGCSE courses (English, Chinese, Mathematics and Science) which are compulsory and up to six optional IGCSE subject choices. The range of compulsory and optional IGCSE subjects at SSIS has been designed to ensure all students have a balanced education to qualify for the Cambridge International Certificate of Education (ICE) Group award and prepare students for the IB Diploma Programme. Students can study between seven to ten IGCSEs spanning the entire curriculum. Students that choose to study seven IGCSE's will have English academic support lessons built into their timetable. Our most able Mathematicians (identified in correlation with their end of year examinations and teacher recommendations) are recommended to choose the combined International Maths and Additional Maths, and will therefore study up to ten IGCSEs.

## What makes the IGCSE Programme unique at SSIS?

One of the things that stands out the most for our students is the care, support and attention they receive with small class sizes, individual education plans and regular support from counsellors, homeroom teachers and support staff. Students are valued as part of an inclusive, international community where SSIS prioritises the holistic development of the child with a clear transitional pathway to IB and successful applicants to a range of top-rated universities worldwide. We are proud of our academic success rate and the high level of academic provision offered to all our Grade 9 and 10 students.



## Compulsory IGCSE Subjects (4-5 IGCSEs)

The four compulsory subjects are Chinese, English, International Mathematics and one Separate Science. A student's background in English and Chinese, assessments in Grade 8 as well as discussion with their current language teachers will determine which language course they are best suited to study. English Literature will be studied in addition for all students and is an excellent opportunity to develop linguistic and analytical skills. In addition, we have introduced IGCSE First Language Korean and IGCSE PE as additional subject options. Those students wishing to study First Language Korean may choose to do so as an extra Language course; if you are interested in this language option for your child please indicate on the subject selection form issued to all G8 students in January 2020.

## Optional IGCSE Subjects (3-6 IGCSEs)

Students must choose at least one IGCSE subject from Humanities (Group two), one subject from Sciences (Group three) and one subject from Creative, Vocational and Technical (Group five) to qualify for the ICE Group Award. In addition, students can choose (*up to*) two more subjects from the Science, Humanities and Creative Groups.

# Cambridge International Certificate of Education (ICE) Group Award

All students take a broad range of subjects that allow them to qualify for Cambridge International Examinations Group Award.

To qualify for this award, students take a minimum of 7 IGCSE subjects drawn from the five different IGCSE groups, including two languages.

There are three levels of achievement in this award:

Distinction: Grade A in five subjects and Grade C or above in two subjects  
Merit: Grade C or above in five subjects and Grade F or above in two subjects  
Pass: Grade G or above in seven subjects

This award shows that students have a broad and balanced curriculum and flows neatly into the requirements for IB DP course selection.

For more detailed information regarding the IGCSE Programme, please refer to the *IGCSE Options Booklet 2019-2021* and *IGCSE Subject Selection Form 2019-2021*.

To find out more about the IGCSE Programme at SSIS, please contact the IGCSE Coordinator **Mr. Daniel BELL** ([daniel\\_bell@ssis.asia](mailto:daniel_bell@ssis.asia)).

In addition, [click here to visit the Cambridge Assessment International Education Website.](#)