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Subject choices for the BAC cycle

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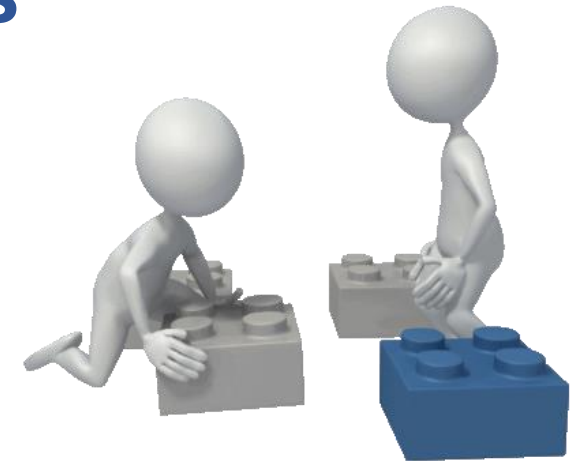
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Presentation Objectives

- Overview of the European BAC
- Structure of Studies in S6-S7
- Rules and Information on S6-S7 Courses
- Timeline / Deadlines
- Change Requests



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General presentation

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[Choices in S5 presentation \(update 24/11/2023\)](#)

[Powerpoint presentation Bac choices \(S7 pupils\)](#)

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Choice sheet: [excel](#) - [pdf](#)

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Grids per section

[Choice grid manual](#)

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European Baccalaureate Diploma



The European Baccalaureate **Diploma**

- ❑ is awarded to successful candidates by the Secretary-General of the European Schools on behalf of the Board of Governors.
- ❑ certifies the **completion of secondary studies** in a European School or in a School Accredited by the Board of Governors.
- ❑ is officially recognised as an **entry qualification** for Higher Education in all the countries of the European Union, as well as in a number of others.





Basic courses

Mandatory
courses

Options

4 period
course

Advanced

Advanced
courses

in L1, L2 or
Maths

Complementary courses

2 period
course



Course	Preliminary note = C MARK	Written exam = W	Oral exam = O
BIO 4	8,1		
PE	8,6		
GEO 4	8,6	7,3	
HIS 4	7,8	8,0	
L1	8	7,1	8
L2	7,8	7,4	6,50
MATHS	5,7	5,2	
PHILO 4	8,5		7
RELIGION	8,50		
SOCIO	9,1		
	9 marks ⇒ Sum of all marks x 100/90 ⇒ 72,2 x 100/90 = 80,22 %	5 marks ⇒ Sum of all marks x 100/50 ⇒ 35 x 100/50 = 70 %	3 marks ⇒ Sum of all marks x 100/30 ⇒ 21,5 x 100/30 = 71,67 %

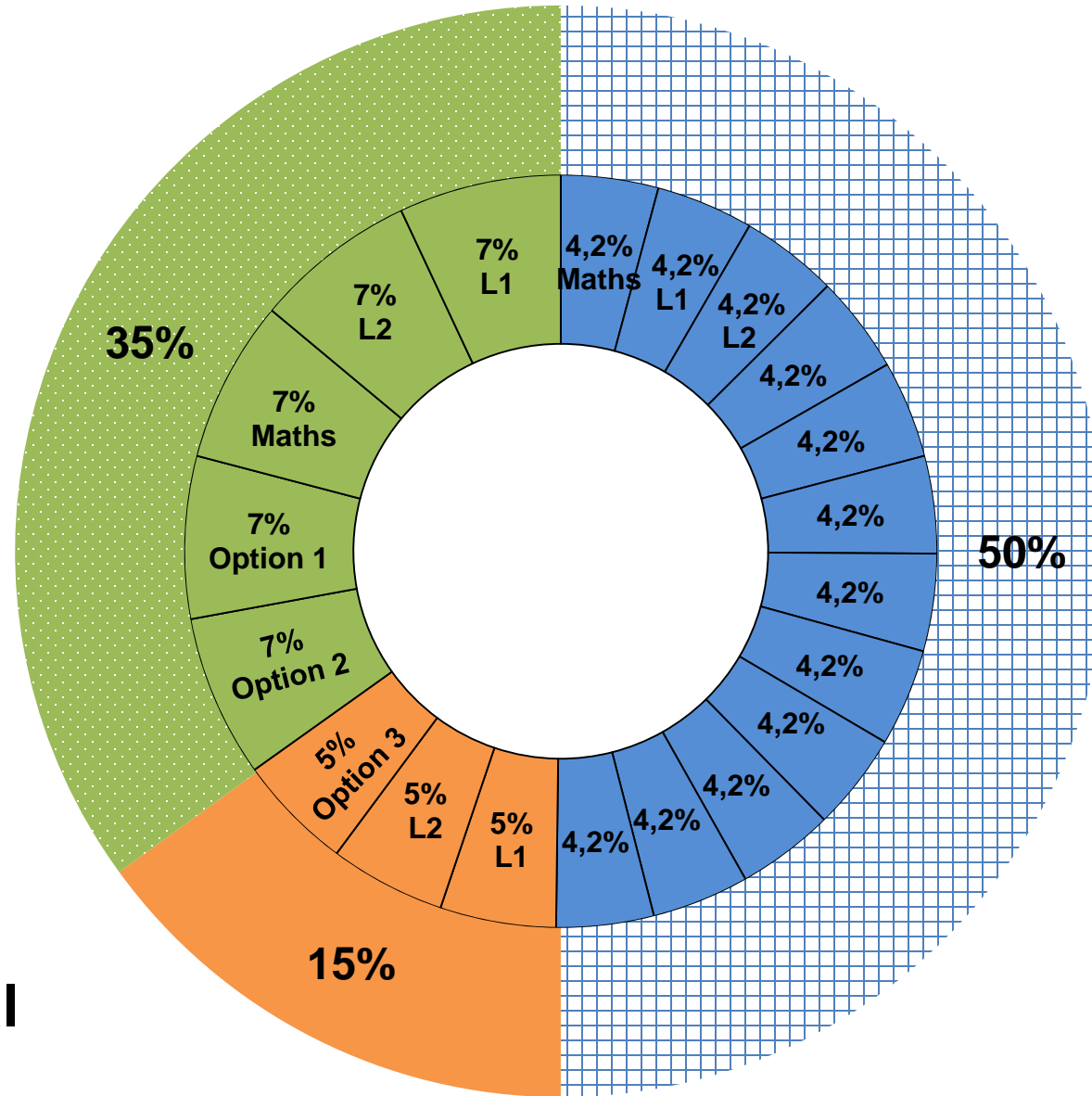
FINAL MARK

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= 0,5 * C + 0,35 * W + 0,15 * O \\
 &= 0,5 * 80,22 + 0,35 * 70 + 0,15 * 71,67 \\
 &= 40,11 + 24,5 + 10,75 \\
 &= 75,36 \%
 \end{aligned}$$



Visual representation of mark weighting for a candidate with 12 subjects

Written



Preliminary marks
A and B marks

Oral



- **2-periods courses cannot be presented for the written baccalaureate.**
- **Complementary courses cannot be presented either in writing or orally. (B tests only)**
- If the candidate only has two 4-period options, he must choose these two subjects in writing.





January:
choice grid

February:
final choice in Extranet

Deadline: 17th February 2025



CHOICE GRID 2025 - 2027																
A : Main			Totals			A: Main										
1	L1															
2	L1															
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12	GE2															
13	PH2															
14	PH2															
15	STS	EP								MAA						
16	STS	EP								MAA						
17	MA5	MA3														
18	MA5	MA3														
19	MA5	MA3														
20	MA5	EP														
21	MA5	EP								L1A	L2A EN/FR	SOC EN/FR	L5	AR2		
										L1A	L2A EN/FR	SOC EN/FR	L5	AR2		
22			L3	GE4 EN/FR	AR4							LCH	LPH	LBI	MU2	
23			L3	GE4 EN/FR	AR4							LCH	LPH	LBI	MU2	
24		EP	L3	GE4 EN/FR	AR4									SOCEN	ICT	
25		EP	L3	GE4 EN/FR	AR4									SOCEN	ICT	
26			L4	GE4EN	CHI	HI4 EN/FR/DE	PH4							LAR	SPO	
27			L4	GE4EN	CHI	HI4 EN/FR/DE	PH4							LAR	SPO	
28		EP	L4	GE4EN	CHI	HI4 EN/FR/DE	PH4							HDA	SCP	
29		EP	L4	GE4EN	CHI	HI4 EN/FR/DE	PH4							HDA	SCP	
30	EP		LAT	AR4	BIO	ECO DE/EN/FR	ONL							SCP		
31	EP		LAT	AR4	BIO	ECO DE/EN/FR	ONL							SCP		
32		EP	LAT	AR4	BIO	ECO DE/EN/FR	ONL							THE		
33		EP	LAT	AR4	BIO	ECO DE/EN/FR	ONL							THE		
34	EP		PHY	HI4EN	ECO EN		MU4							LAR	IEC	
35	EP		PHY	HI4EN	ECO EN		MU4							LAR	IEC	
36		EP	PHY	HI4EN	ECO EN		MU4							DCA	ICT	SPO
37		EP	PHY	HI4EN	ECO EN		MU4							DCA	ICT	SPO
38										MAA	L1A	L2A EN/FR				
Total A			Total B			Total C			Total D							
(min 13, max 23)			(min 8, max 16)													

Structure of studies in S6-S7:

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Rules about subject choices

- **Total: min 31 ≤ Periods ≤ max 35**

Derogation: the limit of 35 periods may be exceeded to up to 36 periods

- **Core subjects** = Basic + options + advanced: **Min 29** periods
(without complementary subjects)

- **4 period option**: min **2** ≤ Options ≤ max **4**

Tip: 3 options (BAC)



TOTAL				
BASIC				
OPTIONS				
ADVANCED				
sub TOTAL		min	29	
COMPLEM				
TOTAL		min	31	max 36*

** You can take up to 36 periods instead of the usual 35, but you need special permission from the management, and it's not guaranteed.*



	BASIC			
4	L1			
3	L2			
2	EP			
1	MOR/REL			
3	MA3	or	MA5	5



History

Geography

Philosophy

Science

	OPTIONS	or	BASIC	
4	HI4	or	HI2	2
4	GE4	or	GE2	2
4	PH4	or	PH2	2
4	BI4	or/and	STS	2
4	CHI			
4	PHY			





Language 3

Language 4

Art

Music

Economics

Latin

Other National Language

OTHER OPTIONS

4	L3	
4	L4	
4	AR4	
4	MU4	
4	ECO	
4	LAT	
4	ONL	



ADVANCED		
3	L1A	
3	L2A	
3		MAA

0 or 1 Advanced course:

- ✓ If Math Adv, Math 5 required
- ✓ Math Adv and STS impossible



0 or 1
complementary
subjects

...Cannot promise 2...

COMPLEMENTARY

2	DCA		
2	HDA		
2	THE		
2	ICT		
2	L5		
2	LAR		
2	LBI		
2	LCH		
2	LPH		
2	SCP		
2	SOCEN/FR		
2	SPO		





Summary:

TOTAL:

- $31 < \text{Number of periods} \leq 35$
- If Number of periods $> 35 \rightarrow$ Derogation

CORE subjects = basic + options + advanced

- Number of periods ≥ 29
- $0 \leq \text{Number of Advanced courses (L1A, L2A, MATH)} \leq 1$
- $2 \leq \text{Number of Options} \leq 4$ (3 recommended)
- Minimum 1 Science
- History, Geography and Economics in L2 of S5 (even after changing L2)
- Science lab \leftrightarrow Science 4P and Advanced MAT \leftrightarrow MAT 5 P



Minimum number of students to open a course

- 4 period options: **5 students** minimum
- complementary courses: **7 students** minimum
- *Wednesday afternoon classes in S6 and S7*



NOT everything is possible.

- Timetable: **38** periods available per week
 - If all choices available: **100** periods per week!
- ➔ we have to create **blocks** of courses:

➔ **Some courses will be mutually exclusive.**

We will create the blocks based on the majority of subject choices so that the preferences of most students can be accommodated.

Example

22	L3	Geo EN	Art		
23	L3	Geo EN	Art		
24	L3	Geo EN	Art		
25	L3	Geo EN	Art		
26	L4	Philo	Chem	ONL	Geo FR/DE
27	L4	Philo	Chem	ONL	Geo FR/DE
28	L4	Philo	Chem	ONL	Geo FR/DE
29	L4	Philo	Chem	ONL	Geo FR/DE
30	Latin	Eco DE/EN/FR	Art	Bio	
31	Latin	Eco DE/EN/FR	Art	Bio	
32	Latin	Eco DE/EN/FR	Art	Bio	
33	Latin	Eco DE/EN/FR	Art	Bio	
34	Phys	Hist.	Music	Eco EN	
35	Phys	Hist.	Music	Eco EN	
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Suggested Order:

1. Fill in main subjects (L1, L2).

2. Choose Moral or RELIGION.

(If RELIGION, state which: Prot / Cath/ Isl / Orth / Jud)

3. Choose MA3 or MA5.

4. Choose PHI2 or PHI4.

5. Choose GE2 or GE4 and HI2 or HI4.

6. Check that at least one science is chosen.

7. Fill in other options.

8. Check (and modify) total amount to correct amount.

(Remember 2 EP is always added -do this last as in multiple places)





Information on S6-S7 courses

- **Orientation sessions** with information provided by teachers and older students (next orientation 27th Jan P7/P8)
- **Brochures / Booklets** with description or content of each course offered at EEB2

These brochures are for informational purposes only and do not replace the official texts issued by the Office of the Secretary-General of the European Schools.

- **The European Baccalaureate handbook**





https://www.eurisc.eu/Documents/Handbook%20EB%202025_EN.pdf





Timeline / Deadlines :

- **Final choices:** form to fill on extranet between January and **17th February 2025 (DEADLINE)**
- Determination of the groups that open or not (sufficient number of students) → adjustments
- Creation of timetables: March to August 2025
- Timetable adjustment: September 2025





Changes and special provisions

- Change of L2
- Change in maths: From S5 **short** Maths to S6 **long** Maths
- Option in S6 Eco or L3, L4 without having followed the course in S4-S5.

→ Email to **Mr Pedley**

Deadline for confirmation - 7th of May 2025

Attainment tests – 21st May 2025



Choice of languages: Changes to be authorised by the Management

A change of L2 in S6 doesn't impact the language of teaching in history, geography and economics (still the former L2)

CLASS COUNCIL
APPROVAL

L2

MANDATORY
TESTING

L3

CLASS COUNCIL
APPROVAL

MANDATORY
TESTING

L4

**BEGINNING OF A
NEW LANGUAGE**

=

**MANDATORY
TESTING**

(21 May 2025)

Wednesday afternoon)



Language Levels

	Nursery	Primary	S3	S5	S7
L2		A2	B1	B2	C1
L3			A1+	A2+	B1+
L4				A1	A2+
L5					A1
ONL	A1.1 oral	A1.2	A2	B1	B2

Pupils Without A Language Section ([SWALS](#)) are integrated in one of the vehicular language sections (EN, FR, DE) or in the section of the host country language (HCL) of a school (NL). However, they follow their own L1 and the L2 is the language of the section they have been integrated.





Request to change subject...

Requests from parents to be sent to Mr Pedley

Not all requests will be granted because:

- Grid of courses already created → some courses will be mutually exclusive
- Minimum number of periods for the student
- Minimum number of students in the course etc...

At the beginning of S6, **exceptional** requests for change:

- Allowed **only two weeks** after the back to school day
- And then, the **choices for S6/S7 are permanent*** : our system is not flexible in the Bac cycle.
- No request granted because the student doesn't like the teacher or want to chat with his/her friends

**some minor adjustments are allowed between S6 and S7*





If you need to take an additional written exam for admission to the university of your choice:

- You must provide a document proving the need for this test
- There are additional costs: **38.17€ (2024/25)**
- The results of the test will be on a separate document and not on the baccalaureate diploma
- Diplomas and reports are published in your language 1.





Summary

- All information to be found on the EEB2 website from Monday 13th January (Practical Info – Organisation of Studies in S6-S7).
- Paper copies of the choice are available via school website for drafting and planning purposes.
- Shortly, the Extranet system will go live for the official choices.
- The deadline for choices is 17th February 2025.
- If there is a modification needed to your choice, Mr Pedley will be in touch via email.
- Special assessments: 21st May 2025 (2pm 411). Apply before 5th May.
- Email: pedleyje@eursc.eu





Student questions?

Orientation teachers

or

Mr Pedley (room 411)

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