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C1.6 Availability of subjects for 2025 and 2026 examination sessions

C1.6.1 Language A: literature—availability

The following language A: literature subjects are automatically available at SL and HL.

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	May session	November session
Afrikaans	X	√*
Albanian	√	X
Amharic	√	X
Arabic	√	X
Armenian	√	X
Azerbaijani	√	X
Bengali	√	X
Bosnian	√	X
Bulgarian	√	X
Catalan	√	X
Chinese	√	√
Croatian	√	X
Czech	√	X
Danish	√	X
Dutch	√	X
English	√	√
Estonian	√	X

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Filipino	√	X
Finnish	√	X
French	√	√
Georgian	√	X
German	√	√
Hebrew	√	X
Hindi	√	X
Hungarian	√	X
Icelandic	√	X
Indonesian	√	√
Italian	√	X
Japanese	√	√
Khmer	√	X
Kiswahili	√	X
Korean	√	√
Latvian	√	X
Lithuanian	√	X
Macedonian	√	X
Malay	√	X

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Modern Greek	√	X
Mongolian	√	X
Nepali	√	X
Norwegian	√	X
Persian	√	X
Polish	√	X
Portuguese	√	√
Romanian	√	X
Russian	√	X
Serbian	√	X
Sesotho	√	X
Siswati	X	√
Slovak	√	X
Slovene	√	X
Spanish	√	√
Swedish	√	X
Thai	√	X
Turkish	√	√
Ukrainian	√	X

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Urdu	√	X
Vietnamese	√	X

* Afrikaans SL/HL and Siswati SL/HL are only available in the November session. (They are not special request subjects.) Therefore, any May 2025 student wishing to take Afrikaans SL/HL or Siswati SL/HL must be registered for the November 2024 session and take all assessment components (HL essay, IA, paper 1 and paper 2) in that session.

C1.6.2 Language A: literature—special request

Examinations for language A: literature subjects not listed in section “C1.6.1” can sometimes be prepared, but a request and justification must be submitted on IBIS 18 months ahead of the examinations. All such special requests for language A: literature must be submitted on IBIS whenever possible, using the form *Special request language A: literature* located under the “Candidate” tab (**Candidate registration > Pre-registration > Advance notice requirements—available forms**).

Languages that are not written in Roman script can also be entered on IBIS, depending on the specification of the computer being used by the coordinator. However, if the online version of the form cannot be completed for any non-Roman script language, the coordinator must print a copy of the form, complete it on paper and submit a scanned copy to the Assessment Division, IB Global Centre, Cardiff, at support@ibo.org.

Language A: literature is not available on special request in the November session.

All special requests for May 2025 language A: literature have now been processed at the Assessment Division, IB Global Centre, Cardiff, and the schools concerned have been notified.

C1.6.3 Language A: language and literature—availability

Language A: language and literature is automatically available at SL and HL as follows, unless otherwise indicated.

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	May session	November session
Arabic	√	X
Chinese	√	√
Dutch	√	X
English	√	√
French	√	√
German	√	√
Indonesian	√	X
Italian	√	X
Japanese	√	√
Korean	√	√
Modern Greek	√	X
Norwegian	√	X
Portuguese	√	√
Russian	√	X
Spanish	√	√
Swedish	√	X
Thai	√	X

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Vietnamese	√	X
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There is no special request service for language A: language and literature.

C1.6.4 Literature and performance—availability

Literature and performance is an interdisciplinary subject that fully meets the aims of the studies in language and literature, and the arts subject groups. Literature and performance is available at SL only.

	May session			November session		
	English	French	Spanish	English	French	Spanish
Literature and performance	√	Special	√	√	X	Special

C1.6.5 Language B—availability

Language B is automatically available at SL and HL as follows, unless otherwise indicated.

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	May session	November session
Arabic	√	X
Chinese—Cantonese	√	X
Chinese—Mandarin	√	√
Danish	√	X
Dutch	√	X
English	√	√
Finnish	√	X
French	√	√
German	√	√
Hebrew	√ (SL only)	X
Hindi	√	X
Indonesian	√	√
Italian	√	X
Japanese	√	√
Kiswahili	√	X
Korean	√	X
Malay	X	√ (SL only)*

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Norwegian	√	X
Portuguese	√	X
Russian	√	X
Spanish	√	√
Swedish	√	X
Tamil	X	√ (SL only)*

* Malay SL and Tamil SL are only available in the November session. Therefore, any student registered for a May session wishing to take Malay SL or Tamil SL must be additionally registered for a November session (usually, but not necessarily, in the preceding year) and take all assessment components (IA, paper 1 and paper 2) in that session.

Note: The Chinese B—Cantonese (May session only) and Chinese B—Mandarin (both May and November sessions) examination papers will continue to be produced in both traditional and simplified characters.

There is no special request service for language B.

C1.6.6 Language ab initio—availability

Language ab initio is automatically available at SL only as follows, unless otherwise indicated.

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	May session	November session
Arabic	√	X
Danish	√	X
Dutch	√	X
English	√	√
French	√	√
German	√	X
Indonesian	X	√
Italian	√	X
Japanese	√	√
Kiswahili	√	X
Mandarin	√	√
Russian	√	X
Spanish	√	√
Swedish	√	X

Indonesian is only available in the November session. Therefore, any student registered for a May session wishing to take Indonesian must be additionally registered for a November session (usually, but not necessarily, in the preceding year) and take all assessment components (IA, paper 1 and paper 2) in that session.

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There is no special request service for language ab initio.

C1.6.7 Classical languages—availability

The following classical languages are automatically available at SL and HL in the response language specified, unless otherwise indicated.

	May session			November session	
	English	French	Spanish	English	Spanish
Classical Greek	√	Special	Special	X	X
Latin	√	Special	√	√	Special

C1.6.8 Individuals and societies—availability

The following subjects are automatically available at SL and HL in the response language specified, unless otherwise indicated.

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	May session				November session			
	English	French	Spanish	German	English	Spanish	German	Japanese
Business management	√	√	√	X	√	√	X	X
Digital society	√	Special	√	X	√	√	X	X
Economics	√	√	√	X	√	√	X	Special
Environmental systems and societies SL†		√	√	X	√	√	X	X
Geography	√	√	√	X	√	√	X	Special
Global politics	√	√	√	X	√	√	X	X
History SL	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	Special
History HL: Africa and the Middle East	√	Special	Special	Special	√	Special	Special	X
	√	√	√	Special	√	√	Special	X

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History HL: Americas								
History HL: Asia/ Oceania	√	Special	Special	Special	√	Special	Special	Special
History HL: Europe	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	Special
Philosophy	√	√	√	X	√	√	X	X
Psychology	√	√	√	X	√	√	X	X
Social and cultural anthropology	√	Special	√	X	√	√	X	X
World religions SL	√	√	√	X	See note below.	See note below.	See note below.	X

† Environmental systems and societies is available at both SL and HL from first assessment 2026.

Note: World religions is not available in any language in the November sessions.

Following a review of subject registrations for special request subjects since 2016, a significant number of subjects from the individuals and societies and sciences groups have now become automatically available in both French and Spanish. This move is intended to reduce the

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administrative burden on schools. Not all of these subjects are fully supported by guides and teacher support materials.

C1.6.9 Sciences—availability

The following subjects are automatically available at SL and HL in the response language specified, unless otherwise indicated.

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	May session				November session			
	English	French	Spanish	German	English	Spanish	German	Japanese
Biology	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	Special
Chemistry	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	Special
Computer science	√	√	√	X	√	√	X	X
Design technology	√	Special*	√	X	√	√	X	X
Environmental systems and societies SL†	√	√	√	X	√	√	X	X
Physics	√	√	√	X	√	√	X	Special
Sports, exercise and health science SL	√	√	√	X	√	√	X	X
Sports, exercise and health	√	Special	Special	X	√	Special	X	X

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*If a school wishes to offer design technology in French, they must contact IB Answers—before beginning the teaching of the course—so that any issues arising can be addressed. Schools should be aware that the subject guide is not available in French.

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C1.6.10 Mathematics—availability

The following subjects are automatically available in the response language specified, unless otherwise indicated.

	May session				November session			
	English	French	Spanish	German	English	Spanish	German	Japanese
Mathematics: analysis and approaches	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	Special
Mathematics: applications and interpretation	√	√	√	x	√	√	x	Special

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C1.6.11 The arts—availability

The following subjects are automatically available at SL and HL in the response language specified, unless otherwise indicated.

	May session			November session		
	English	French	Spanish	English	Spanish	Japanese
Dance	√	Special	Special	√	Special	X
Film	√	Special	√	√	√	X
Literature and performance SL	√	Special	Special	√	Special	X
Music	√	√	√	√	√	Special
Theatre	√	Special	√	√	√	X
Visual arts	√	√	√	√	√	Special

