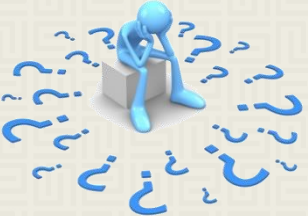




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# S4 SUBJECTS SELECTION & ALLOCATION 2024/25

(30 November 2023)

## NEW MEASURES OF EDB TO OPTIMISE THE FOUR SENIOR SECONDARY CORE SUBJECTS (FROM SEPTEMBER 2021)

The release of lesson time from optimising the four SS core subjects is as follows:

| <b>Subject</b>  | <b>Lesson time to be released (notional)</b> |
|---|--|
| Chinese Language  | About 50 hours                               |
| English Language  | About 50 hours                               |
| Mathematics   | About 50 hours                               |
| Citizenship and Social Development in lieu of Liberal Studies | About 100 hours                              |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>About 250 hours</b>                       |

# NEW MEASURES OF EDB TO OPTIMISE THE FOUR SENIOR SECONDARY CORE SUBJECTS (FROM SEPTEMBER 2021)

*Lesson time  
will be  
released  
for students  
to...*

take an additional elective subject in Key Learning Areas (KLAs) or Applied Learning (ApL)

engage in more in-depth study of subjects

study the Extended Part (Module 1 / Module 2) (M1 / M2) in parallel with the Compulsory Part of Mathematics

participate more actively in Other Learning Experiences (OLE) / life-wide learning activities

engage in other personal pursuits to cater for the different interests, abilities and aspirations of students

# HO FUNG S4 CURRICULUM (2024-25)

## S4 Curriculum

- All the students have to study 4 Core subjects (Chinese, English, Mathematics, Citizenship and Social Development), as well as PE, Moral and Other Learning Experience Course.
- Students have to study 3 Category A Subjects (Electives)
- Part of the students may choose to study Mathematics Extended Part (Calculus and Statistics M1 / Algebra and Calculus M2)
- Part of the students may choose to study certain Category B Subjects (Applied Learning Subjects), with **course fee subsidised by the Diversity Learning Grant (students are required to commit to completing the course)**
- Part of the students may choose to study **Japanese Language** (Category C Subject: Other Language Subject), with **course fee subsidised by the Diversity Learning Grant (students are required to commit to completing the course)**

# Available Category A Subjects (Electives)

## Structured Lessons at School (10 Subjects)

BIO (生物)

CHEM (化學)

PHY (物理)

IC (資訊及通訊科技)

BAFS (企業、會計與財務概論)

ECON (經濟)

HIST (歷史)

CHIST (中國歷史)

CLIT (中學文學)

GEOG (地理)

Tutoring at  
School

VA (視覺藝術)

Study at External  
Organisation

MUSIC (音樂)

# ELECTIVE SUBJECTS IN S4 (2024-25)

|     |      |      |      |      |      |     |      |      |      |    |     |
|-----|------|------|------|------|------|-----|------|------|------|----|-----|
| 1   | 2    | 3    | 4    | 5    | 6    | 7   | 8    | 9    | 10   | 11 | 12  |
| BIO | CHEM | PHYS | ECON | GEOG | BAFS | ICT | CHIS | CLIT | HIST | VA | MUS |

|    | 4A   | 4B   | 4C   | 4D   |      |     |
|----|--|------|------|------|------|-----|
|    | CHI  | CHI  | CHI  | CHI  |      |     |
|    | ENG  | ENG  | ENG  | ENG  |      |     |
|    | MATH                                       | MATH | MATH | MATH |      |     |
|    | M1 (4A, 4B & 4C only) or M2 (4D only)      |      |      |      |      |     |
|    | CSD ( Citizenship and Social Development ) |      |      |      |      |     |
| X1 | BAFS                                       | ECON | BIO  | PHYS | VA   | MUS |
| X2 | CHEM                                       | PHYS | ECON | CHIS | GEOG |     |
| X3 | BIO  | CHEM | ICT  | CLIT | HIST |     |

Note : Part of the students may choose to study certain [Category B](#) Subjects ([APL subjects](#)), or Category C subject (Japanese Language), with course fee subsidised by the Diversity Learning Grant.

## UNIVERSITY ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FROM 2024 ACCORDING TO THE CURRICULUM CHANGE

M1 (Calculus and Statistics) and M2 (Algebra and Calculus) will be counted as one elective subject in JUPAS by the 8 local UGC funded universities and other tertiary institutions.

The 8 local UGC funded universities will consider “Other Language” subject as one elective subject.

- Different university will have different minimum admission requirement.
- Some universities list out that ONLY one of M1/M2 and Other Language subject will be counted in the admission requirement as elective subject if candidates take both subjects in HKDSE.

# SCHOOL POLICY ON STUDY OF ELECTIVE SUBJECTS (2024-25)

## S4

- Apart from the 4 core subjects, all students have to choose 3 Category A subjects to study as Electives (3X).
- Students of order of merit within the last 30 may opt to choose 2 Category A subjects to study as Electives (2X).

## S5

- Top 60% of students are required to study 3X. Except those studying M1 or M2, students are not allowed to drop an elective subject.
- Other students may opt to drop 1 Elective and/or Mathematics Extended Part to study at least 2X.



# CRITERIA FOR ALLOCATION OF S4 ELECTIVE SUBJECTS (2024-25)

Electives are allocated according to students' Academic Performance and Preference / Interest

Maximum quota (including repeaters) for each X1 elective is **32**

Reference quota (including repeaters) for each X2 and X3 is **27** with feasible allowance of at most 3

- Popular X2 and X3 subjects may be allocated to students having high priority on the subjects AND high ranking in the subjects (top 50%) up to the ceiling of 30.

## POINTS TO BE NOTED FOR CHOOSING M1 OR M2

Treated as a “preferred subject” by certain departments of local tertiary institutions, such as departments of science, engineering and business.

Usually treated as a “required component in Mathematics” by overseas tertiary institutions.

### Criteria for Allocation of M1 or M2 (2024-25):

- Preferably with score of 50 or above in the S3 annual result of Mathematics
- M1 : Students of 4A, 4B & 4C may study, with quota to be 32
- M2 : Students of 4D need to study

# POLICY AND ARRANGEMENT OF STUDYING VA AND MUSIC (2024-25)

Students have to show clearly their rationale and objective(s) of studying VA / Music in the application form.

## Criteria of allocation:

- Only students with talent and ability are allowed to study VA or Music.
- S4 Quota:
  - VA: 5
  - Music: 3 (students are required to commit to completing the course)

## Lesson time arrangement:

- VA : Tutoring at X1 session at school (Mr. Hsu KK)
- Music : Studying at external organization (course fee subsidised by the Diversity Learning Grant); tutoring at X1 session at school (Ms Yeung SK)

## POLICY AND ARRANGEMENT OF STUDYING JAPANESE (2024-25)

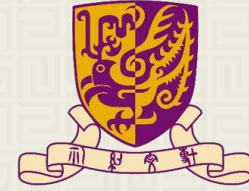
Students have to show clearly their rationale and objective(s) of studying Japanese Language in the application form.

### Criteria of allocation:

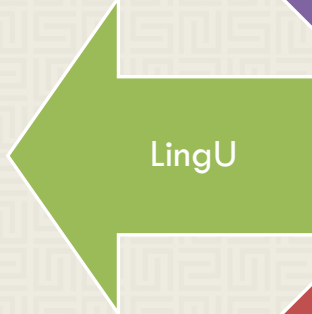
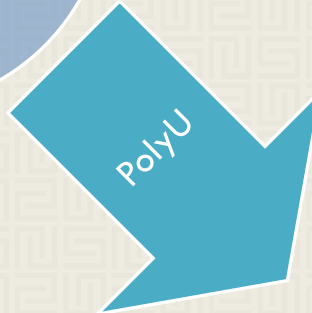
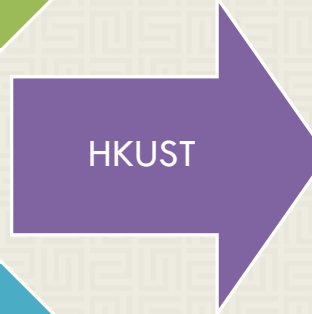
- Students are required to commit to completing the course.
- Students taking M1 and M2 in S4 are not recommended to study Japanese Language.

### Lesson time arrangement:

- Studying at external organization (course fee subsidised by the Diversity Learning Grant).
- **Coordinator: Ms Wong HW**



JUPAS  
Admission  
requirements  
and subject  
weighting



HKU

CUHK

HKUST

PolyU

CityU

HKBU

LingU

EdUHK

# CONSIDERATIONS IN CHOOSING ELECTIVE SUBJECTS IN S4

| 1   | 2    | 3    | 4    | 5    | 6    | 7   | 8    | 9    | 10   |
|-----|------|------|------|------|------|-----|------|------|------|
| BIO | CHEM | PHYS | ECON | GEOG | BAFS | ICT | CHIS | CLIT | HIST |

2 groups

M1 or M2

1 group

VA or Music

Japanese

Base on personal interests and abilities

Match with personal strengths and weaknesses

Consider future study in tertiary institutions

Consider future career

Seek advice from teachers

Avoid peer influence



# INFORMATION TO BE ENTERED IN THE APPLICATION FORM

## Order of preference in studying

- 10 structured elective subjects and 2 non-structured subjects (Visual Arts/Music)
- M1 / M2 (if any)

## Optional choices:

- Intention for studying 2 elective subjects
- Intention for studying Japanese

Application form

# REFERENCE DATA:

## ALLOCATION OF S4 ELECTIVE SUBJECTS IN 2023/24 SCHOOL YEAR

| X1   | No. | X2   | No. | X3   | No. |
|------|-----|------|-----|------|-----|
| BAFS | 22  | CHEM | 29  | BIO  | 28  |
| ECON | 30  | PHYS | 20  | CHEM | 27  |
| BIO  | 33  | ECON | 28  | ICT  | 28  |
| PHYS | 34  | CHIS | 22  | CLIT | 25  |
| VA   | 6   | GEOG | 28  | HIST | 21  |
| MUS  | 1   |      |     |      |     |

| Class | M1  | M2 |
|-------|-----|----|
|       | ABC | D  |
| A     | 13  | 0  |
| B     | 6   | 0  |
| C     | 15  | 0  |
| D     | 0   | 34 |
|       | 34  | 34 |

Total no. of S3 students promoted to S4 = 128

|   |   | Number of students |    |    |    |       | Percentage |
|---|---|--------------------|----|----|----|-------|------------|
|   |   | 4A                 | 4B | 4C | 4D | Total |            |
|   | S3 students allocated with top 3 preference | 21                 | 21 | 31 | 29 | 102   | 80%        |
| 1 | S3 students' 1st preference allocated       | 27                 | 27 | 32 | 32 | 118   | 92%        |
| 2 | S3 students' 2nd preference allocated       | 27                 | 26 | 32 | 32 | 117   | 91%        |
| 3 | S3 students' 3rd preference allocated       | 21                 | 22 | 31 | 29 | 103   | 81%        |



## REFERENCE DATA:

### SURVEY OF STUDENTS' PREFERENCE IN CHOOSING S4 ELECTIVE SUBJECTS (NOVEMBER 2023)

| Rank | BAFS | BIO | CHEM | CHIS | CLIT | ECON | GEOG | HIST | ICT | PHYS | MUS | VA |
|------|------|-----|------|------|------|------|------|------|-----|------|-----|----|
| 1    | 7    | 16  | 25   | 4    | 6    | 11   | 2    | 3    | 1   | 25   | 4   | 2  |
| 2    | 9    | 17  | 23   | 2    | 3    | 15   | 6    | 2    | 8   | 17   | 2   | 1  |
| 3    | 17   | 14  | 10   | 3    | 4    | 22   | 7    | 5    | 11  | 6    | 4   | 4  |
| 4    | 14   | 11  | 14   | 2    | 1    | 16   | 10   | 3    | 7   | 16   | 3   | 6  |
| 5    | 15   | 13  | 13   | 8    | 4    | 11   | 13   | 6    | 10  | 7    | 4   | 2  |
| 6    | 17   | 11  | 8    | 6    | 3    | 9    | 14   | 7    | 13  | 8    | 5   | 4  |
| 7    | 7    | 5   | 3    | 9    | 12   | 9    | 22   | 6    | 11  | 7    | 4   | 8  |
| 8    | 9    | 4   | 2    | 17   | 14   | 7    | 13   | 13   | 6   | 3    | 9   | 10 |
| 9    | 7    | 4   | 2    | 14   | 15   | 4    | 10   | 16   | 7   | 5    | 11  | 8  |
| 10   | 1    | 4   | 1    | 19   | 20   | 1    | 2    | 18   | 10  | 6    | 11  | 12 |
| 11   | 1    | 2   | 4    | 11   | 14   | 0    | 5    | 12   | 5   | 0    | 22  | 28 |
| 12   | 1    | 4   | 0    | 10   | 9    | 0    | 1    | 14   | 16  | 5    | 26  | 20 |

|       | BAFS | BIO | CHEM | CHIS | CLIT | ECON | GEOG | HIST | ICT | PHYS | MUS | VA |
|-------|------|-----|------|------|------|------|------|------|-----|------|-----|----|
| Top 3 | 33   | 47  | 58   | 9    | 13   | 48   | 15   | 10   | 20  | 48   | 10  | 7  |
| Top 4 | 47   | 58  | 72   | 11   | 14   | 64   | 25   | 13   | 27  | 64   | 13  | 13 |
| Top 5 | 62   | 71  | 85   | 19   | 18   | 75   | 38   | 19   | 37  | 71   | 17  | 15 |



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