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Subject choices s4-s5 Pre-Orientation Cycle



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Why do we do this?

- Raise your awareness about EB system

⇒ Better choices

⇒ Better results

⇒ Happier life 😊

⇒ Choice booklet: www.llis.lu/school-offer (or Teams)

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- Workshops for students: Options and choices, skills, University
- Orientation parents evenings
- Information to classteachers about orientation

Important dates in Orientation ESE

- S3 info evening: Wednesday 26.3.2025
- S3 deadline 4.4.2025 to submit choices by using an online <https://orga.llis.lu/>

After that the confirmation will be made and signed on a paper form



Decision-making moments in the European School System (ESE)

In the class	For the class	Subjects
Primary school	S1	L3
S1	S2/S3	Latin
S3	S4/S5	Maths 4 or 6 Latin, Luxembourgish, Economics, L4, Music, Art, ICT
S5	S6/S7	Complex choice of subjects
S7	BAC	Written and Oral Baccalaureate Subjects

Principle of modular subject choice in the ESE system:

- Individual school career for individual support
- Possibility to combine different interests instead of committing to one section

Subject	Periods
L1	4
L2 (EN/DE/FR)	3
L3 (EN/DE/FR/ES)	3
Mathematics	4/6
Biology (Studied L1)	2
Physics (Studied L1)	2
Chemistry (Studied L1)	2
History (Studied L2)	2
Geography (Studied L2)	2
Physical education	2
Vieso	1
Tutor lesson (In Demand)	1
	28/30
<i>Luxembourgish (base/avancé)</i>	2
<i>Art (May be taught in L2)</i>	2
<i>Music (May be taught in L2)</i>	2
<i>ICT (May be taught in L2)</i>	2
<i>Latin OR</i>	4
<i>L4 (DE/EN/Fr/ITA/ESP/POR) OR</i>	4
<i>Economics (Studied L2)</i>	4
	32(34)-36

S4-S5 subject choices

– Pre-Orientation cycle

Key points

- 4 or 6 period Maths
- Min 34 periods with Maths 6
- This is the last chance to change working language. (Subjects with L2)

Observations

- S5 may be the hardest year
 - Lots of subjects
 - More science
 - More subjects in L2
 - L3 is still compulsory
 - 9 compos
 - Harmonized compos

A typical timetable in S4-S5 (options might be in different days)

- **NEW!**
 - **Due the options, the school might start at 9.55**
 - **There might be lessons until 16.00 on Friday**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
P1	OPTION		OPTION		OPTION
P2					
P3					
P4					
P5	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
P6					
P7					
P8		OPTION		OPTION	OPTION
P9					

Restrictions on the choice

- **Latin – Economics(in L2) - L4** : choose only one
 - No obligation to choose a 4-hour option
- Options will be offered if there are enough enrolments
- **Changes in the timetable** are not possible during the S4-S5 cycle; only Maths 4 $\Leftrightarrow$ Maths 6

Maths 4/6 periods

- **With maths 6** at least 34 hours to have the possibility to go to Maths 4
- Maths 6 $\rightarrow$ 4 is possible after the semester
- Maths 4 $\rightarrow$ 6 is also possible but the level test is needed

Latin (4 periods)

- Only if already taken in S2-S3
- Possibility to continue in s6-s7 as a BAC exam subject

Economics (4 periods)

- Possibility to continue in s6-s7 as a BAC exam subject
- Taught in L2
- Starting in s6 requires a level test
- In s6 complementary intro economics (2 periods) is also possible

L4 (4 periods)

- Beginner level
- Talk with your language teachers about choosing a new language
- German, English, French, Italian, Portuguese or Spanish
- Starting in s6 requires a level test

Art and Music (2 periods)

- Possibility to continue in s6-s7 as a BAC exam subject
- Advanced level - talk to teachers before choosing
- Could be in L2 (or even L3)
- Starting in s6 requires a proof of skills

ICT (2 periods)

- Continues in s6 as an complementary subject
= No BAC exam
- Can be taught in L2 (or even L3)
- Starting in s6 is possible but requires skills

Luxembourgish (2 periods)

Two possibilities:-

- **Advanced course** with elements of history and culture
- **Basic course** continues from S3

**Native speakers can only choose the Advanced course as an option.*

The class council will check and confirm the choices.

Things to think

- You are making choices for the next 2 years!!
 - **Changes possible only until the end of the September**
 - The request needs to be made by an online form
 - **No changes are possible during the cycle**
- Think about workload
- Don't think about the teacher
- Don't think about your friends
- Listen to your parents but follow your own dreams, not theirs

Common questions

1. What should guide my choices?

Skills, interests, long-term goals, research (talking with teachers, Unifrog)

2. Who can help?

Teachers of specific subjects, Orientation Teachers, class teachers, parents. The S3 Class Council will also confirm some choices.

3. Can changes take place along the cycle (S4-S5)?

Only until end of September via official request, and then Mathematics can go from 6 to 4 periods or *vice versa*.

4. Should I be worried about Baccalaureate Choices at this point?

Not necessarily. S4-S5 is a strong academic cycle on its own merits, and in two years' time you will be guided to choose subjects for the Bac Cycle.

	1 st semester	2nd semester	
S4	<u>A1 Grade</u> Long/mini tests, assignments, projects, class/homework....	<u>A2 Grade</u> Long/mini tests, assignments, projects, class/homework....	<u>Annual grade/</u> <u>C grade</u> Between the highest and the lowest A and B grade
	<u>B1 Grade</u> 1 B-Test	<u>B2 Grade</u> 1 B-Test	
S5	<u>A1 Grade</u> Long/mini tests, assignments, projects, class/homework....	<u>A2 Grade</u> Long/mini tests, assignments, projects, class/homework....	<u>Annual grade/</u> <u>C grade</u> Between the highest and the lowest A and B grade
	<u>B1 Grade</u> 1 or 2 B-Tests	<u>B2 Grade</u> L1, L2, L3, Maths, Phy, Chi, Bio, His, Geo: ONLY HARMONIZED COMPO Other subjects: 1 or 2 long tests	

Language change

- 1) Contact asap your respective language teachers for a professional advice
- 2) Send a letter/email by the end of March to the cycle coordinator. (Note it in the online form as well.)
- 3) Language test in June

Languages - proficiency levels

	Maternelle	Primary	S3	S5	S7
L2	0	A2	B1	B2	C1
L3	0	0	A1+	A2+	B1+
L4 4h	0	0	0	A1	A2+
L5 2h	0	0	0	0	A1

Optional course

Languages - proficiency levels



Common European framework

On this level you can...

A1

- understand simple conversations.
- introduce yourself and others.
- ask and answer questions about personal details.
- interact in a simple way.

Breakthrough!

A2

- understand sentences related to areas of most immediate relevance.
- communicate in simple and routine tasks.
- describe in simple terms aspects of your background.

Waystage

B1

- understand the main points of regular situations.
- produce simple texts on topics which are familiar or of personal interest.
- describe experiences, events, dreams, and ambitions and briefly give explanations.

Threshold

B2

- understand the main ideas of complex text on both concrete and abstract topics.
- interact with a degree of fluency and spontaneity that makes regular interaction with native speakers.
- produce clear, detailed text on a wide range of subjects and explain a viewpoint on a topical issue.

Vantage

C1

- understand a wide range of demanding, longer texts, and recognize implicit meaning.
- express yourself fluently and spontaneously.
- use language flexibly and effectively for social, academic and professional purposes.
- produce clear, well-structured, detailed text on complex subjects.

**Effective
operational
proficiency**

C2

- understand with ease virtually everything heard or read.
- summarize information from different spoken and written sources, reconstructing arguments and accounts in a coherent presentation.
- express yourself spontaneously, very fluently and precisely, differentiating finer shades of meaning even in more complex situations.

Mastery!

Harmonized Compos

- S5 - In the end of 2nd semester
 - 5-10 days - 9 exams
 - L1, L2, Maths, Physics, Chemistry, Biology
 - L3, Geography and History

S6-S7 Subject choices

COMPULSORY SUBJECTS				OPTIONS				COMPLEMENTARY SUBJECTS	
Column 1		Column 2		Column 3		Column 4		Column 5	
L1	4p	Science, Technology & Society (STS) (L1)	2p	Latin	4p	Advanced L1	3p	Biology lab OR Chemistry lab OR Physics lab (Only if 4p subject is chosen)	2p
L2	3p	Geography (L2)	2p	Biology (L1)	4p	Advanced L2	3p		
Ma3 or Ma5	3/5p	History (L2)	2p	Chemistry (L1)	4p	Advanced Maths	3p		
Physical education	2p	Philosophy (L1)	2p	Physics (L1)	4p	Not a compulsory selection. Maximum of one subject 5p Maths is required to select Adv Maths		Electronics	2p
VieSo	1p	* Science, Technology and Society course (STS) can be replaced by Bio, Chi or Phy ** Compulsory if not chosen from column 3		Geography (L2)	4p			ICT	2p
	13/15p			History (L2)	4p			Art History	2p
				Philosophy (L1)	4p			Art (not with Art4)	2p
								Art Lab	2p
								Music (not with Mu4)	2p
								L5 (ES/IT/PT)	2p
								Sociology	2p
								Intro. Economics	2p
								Political Science	2p
				Music	4p			Drama	2p
		At least 2 subjects			Études Classiques(FR)			2p	
					Sport (Extra Sport)	2p			
At least 29 periods								Not compulsory to choose No BAC exams	
Total 31-35 periods									

BAC Option Choices

Written exams

1. L1(adv)
 2. L2(adv)
 3. Math(5p/3p)
 4. 4p option
 5. 4p option
- (6. can be requested if University demands. Doesn't have an impact on the final mark)
- 4 & 5 can't be as an oral

Oral exams

1. L1
2. L2 **OR** History **OR** Geography
3. 4 periods subject which is not written **OR** Philosophy **OR** STS
Maths Advanced (Compulsory if chosen)

Will be decided at the beginning of the S7

Final grade in s7 aka. BAC Mark

To pass: 50/100

Avg of A marks	Avg of B marks	Avg of written exams	Avg of oral exams
20%	30%	35%	15%

Marking Scale	Grade (S1-S3)	Numerical Mark (S4-S6)	Numerical mark 1 decimal S7 preliminary mark	Numerical mark 2 decimals S7 final mark	Performance Indicator
Excellent though not flawless performance entirely corresponding to the competences required by the subject	A	10 9.0-9.5	9.0-10	9.00-10	Excellent
Very good performance almost entirely corresponding to the competences required by the subject	B	8.0-8.5	8.0-8.9	8.00-8.99	Very good
Good performance corresponding overall to the competences required by the subject	C	7.0-7.5	7.0-7.9	7.00-7.99	Good
Satisfactory performance corresponding to the competences required by the subject	D	6.0-6.5	6.0-6.9	6.00-6.99	Satisfactory
Performance corresponding to the minimum of the competences required by the subject	E	5.0-5.5	5.0-5.9	5.00-5.99	Sufficient
Weak performance almost entirely failing to meet the competences required by the subject	F	3.0-4.5	3.0-4.9	3.00-4.99	Failed (Weak)
Very weak performance entirely failing to meet the competences required by the subject	FX	0-2.5	0-2.9	0.00-2.99	Failed (Very weak)

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