

International Baccalaureate Subject Offerings

2025-2026



George C. Marshall High School
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	Course	Level	
<i>Group 1</i>	English A: Literature	HL	SL
	English A: Language and Literature		SL
	Spanish A: Language and Literature	HL	SL
<i>Group 2</i>	French B	HL	SL
	Chinese B (Mandarin)		SL
	Spanish B	HL	SL
	Arabic B		SL
<i>Group 3</i>	History	HL	SL***
	Business Management	HL	SL***
	Economics	HL	SL***
	Geography		SL***
	Psychology		SL***
	Social and Cultural Anthropology		SL***
<i>Group 4</i>	Biology	HL	
	Chemistry	HL	SL
	Design Technology		SL***
	Environmental Systems and Societies	HL	SL***
	Physics	HL	SL
<i>Group 5</i>	Math Analysis and Approaches	HL	SL
	Math Applications and Interpretation		SL
<i>Group 6</i>	Music (testing 2026, every other year)		SL***
	Theater	HL	SL
	Visual Arts	HL	SL

***These IB Courses are offered as one year at the end of which students take the SL Exam

Some International Baccalaureate terms to know at GCM...

Courses candidate: a student taking one or more IB subjects on an individual basis; not required to take the TOK course, perform CAS or write the Extended Essay. **EVERY STUDENT FITS INTO THIS CATEGORY.**

Diploma candidate: a student taking six IB subjects,, plus the Theory of Knowledge course, CAS project and Extended Essay. **SOME STUDENTS CHOOSE THIS CATEGORY.**

HL or Higher Level: an exam taken at the end of the senior year following a minimum of 240 hours of IB classroom instruction during the final two years of high school. (Note: the 240 hours does not include preparatory work done prior to grade 11.) **Diploma Candidates must take 3 HL COURSES.**

SL or Standard Level: an exam taken at the end of either the junior or senior year following a minimum of 150 hours of IB classroom study (one or two years).



CAS: the Creativity/Activity/Service component of the IB Diploma program – **on-going, meaningful** experiences/projects during grades 11 and 12.

TOK: the Theory of Knowledge course; required of all Diploma Candidates. At Marshall, this class is taken during the 2nd semester of the 11th grade year and the 1st semester of the 12th grade year.

Extended Essay: an independent research and inquiry essay of 3,500 – 4,000 words prepared during the second half of grade 11 and first half of grade 12. It is required of Diploma Candidates and normally based upon one of the IB courses being studied.

Interested in the IB Diploma?

Come to a session with your counselor and IB Coordinators during Learn (below) to learn more. You must attend one session

Last Name	Counselor	Meeting Day	Meeting Location
A-HAR	George, Wess, Sawitzky	Monday, 1/27	C113
HAS-RED	Terry, Tsoi, Kirtner	Thursday, 1/30	C113
REE-Z	Burton, Mollura	Friday, 1/31	C113