



Lahore Grammar School

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FAQS for Class 8 Students and Parents

How many subjects are recommended in the O Levels?

Every student is required to take eight subjects. However, we encourage students to experiment with more than eight, with the option to drop extra subjects at the end of Class 9 or after the mid-year exams in Class 10.

What are the facilitating subjects?

Facilitating subjects are subjects that are considered higher in value than others because they are most commonly required or preferred by universities. They will help students keep their options open when choosing a major/degree. Some examples of facilitating subjects are English Literature, World History, Maths, Biology, Physics and Chemistry.

Why do we recommend a mix of the sciences and the humanities?

It is important to understand that studying a mix of both the humanities and sciences exposes students to different ways of thinking, analyzing and questioning. Learning to think critically and to write well are, specifically, by products of studying the humanities. The kind of adaptive problem-solving and perspective-taking that the world increasingly demands of us make a more varied intellectual toolkit essential.

Why doesn't our school offer subjects like commerce or business studies in the O levels?

Commerce and Business studies are not considered facilitating subjects.

Why are English Literature and Global Perspectives offered in Class 10 and not in Class 9?

The Class 9 syllabus for English is a mix of both language and literature.

Two academic years are considered sufficient to cover the syllabus for both O level English Literature and Global Perspectives.

What do universities feel about quantity over quality of subjects?

An O level result made up of fewer subjects but facilitating subjects is considered higher in value than a result with more subjects but the supposedly "easy scoring" subjects.

What is the IBCC Equivalence?

The IBCC Equivalence is an HEC requirement for students who take their O/A levels and are seeking admission to both private and public universities in Pakistan.

The O Level Equivalence is based on the final grades for five of the compulsory subjects: English, Maths, Urdu, Pakistan Studies and Islamiyat and any three electives.

What are the specific subject requirements in the O levels to be eligible to pursue medicine or engineering in Pakistan?

To pursue medicine in Pakistan, students must take Biology, Chemistry and Physics in both the O and A levels.

To pursue engineering in Pakistan, students must take Biology, Chemistry and Physics in the O levels and Maths, Physics and Chemistry in the A levels.

To pursue computer science, computer engineering or software engineering, students must take Biology, Chemistry and Physics in the O levels and Maths, Physics and Chemistry or Computer Science in the A levels.

If I didn't study a subject in the O Levels can I take the same subject in the A levels?

To study the A level sciences, students must have taken the O level sciences.

Students who did not take A level Art and Design, English Literature, Media Studies, Global Perspectives or ICT but wish to take it in the A levels will be required to take an assessment test upon admission into the A levels.

How important are the O level internal grades and final result when getting admissions to universities?

The internal Class 9 to 11 transcript and the final CAIE O level result are critical when being considered for admissions to universities across the world. An increasing number of local universities also require submission of the internal transcript.

If you have any more queries or concerns regarding subject choices, please email the advisers at educationadvising@lgs.edu.pk