

SUBJECT CHOICE IN GRADE 9

Subject choice in Grade 9 is always a stressful time! Most learners (and their parents), find it difficult to choose subjects for grade 10.



There are so many questions. Which subjects will keep my options open for further study after school? Should I take Maths? What about the other subjects? With the introduction of the new curriculum, learners and parents need information about the new subject requirements and the entry requirements for tertiary study.

- Requirements to pass the new NSC
- Whether to take Maths or Math Literacy?
- Requirements for admission to tertiary study?
- Choose your subjects for grade 10 – print-out

The more a person knows, the **better** informed they are, the more likely a person makes the **best** possible decision.

In some cases there are regrets. Not everyone can be 100% sure. However, we can certainly reduce the risks by researching the subjects and the options available.

WHAT SUBJECTS DO I NEED TO PASS?

The subject requirements for grade 9 are as follows:

❖ Seven subjects ✓

The National Curriculum Statement requires all learners in Grades 10 to 12 to do seven subjects of which four are compulsory and three are of their own choice.

❖ Four compulsory subjects ✓

Two of these subjects must be South African languages. Of these, one must be the language of teaching and learning, referred to as the Home Language (HL), and the other, a first additional Language (Add Lang).

❖ Mathematics or Mathematical Literacy ✓

In addition to two languages, all learners must take either Mathematics or Mathematical Literacy and Life Orientation.

❖ Three further subjects ✓

In addition to choosing four compulsory subjects, learners must choose an additional three subjects from the approved subject list. Learners can take up to four languages as part of their seven-subject package. Some of the approved subjects have been classified as designated subjects, which are more suitable for tertiary study.

❖ Requirements for NSC ✓

Subjects	Minimum requirements
4 Compulsory subjects 2 Languages	Obtain at least 40% in the Home Language. Obtain at least 30% in the other required language.
Mathematics or Mathematical Lit Life Orientation	Obtain at least 30%
3 Additional choice subjects	Obtain at least 30%

MINIMUM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Higher Certificate, Diploma and Bachelor's Degree Programmes requiring a National Senior Certificate

In order to align the new school curriculum it has been necessary to revise the minimum entry requirements into certificate, diploma and degree courses.

The Higher Education Act, 1997 (Act No. 101 of 1997), sets out the new entry requirements. Below is a summary of these new requirements as in the Government Gazette, August 2005.

1. To pass a schools year

It is compulsory to pass

The language in which you are taught and one other language,
+
Mathematics or Mathematical Literacy
+
Life Orientation

2. To do a CERTIFICATE programme.....

You need a National Senior Certificate.

3. To do a DIPLOMA programme.....

You need a National Senior Certificate (NSC) with an achievement rating of **3** (**Moderate Achievement, 40-49%**) or better in four recognised NSC 20-credit subjects.

4. To do a DEGREE programme.....

You need a National Senior Certificate (NSC) with an achievement rating of **4** (**Adequate Achievement, 50-59%**) or better in four recognized 20-credit NSC subjects
Note that each university will have its own minimum entry requirements over and above these per faculty.

5. All subjects except Life Orientation carry 20 credits.....

Life orientation carries 10 credits

7. Certain certificate, diploma or degree programmes have additional requirements for example:

Engineering will require Mathematics + Physical Science
Commerce will require Mathematics
Art will require a portfolio
Etc.

CHOOSE YOUR 7 SUBJECTS FOR GRADE 10

(Print this form out and complete your subject choice)

Subject Group	Subject	Tick <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
LANGUAGE (Home Language level)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
LANGUAGE (First Additional level)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
PHYSICAL MATHEMATICAL COMPUTER & LIFE SCIENCES (Mathematics OR Mathematical Literacy is compulsory)	Life Sciences	
	Physical Sciences	
	Mathematical Literacy	
	Mathematics	
	Computer Applications	
	Information Technology	
HUMAN AND SOCIAL STUDIES	Geography	
	History	
	Life Orientation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Religious Studies	
BUSINESS COMMERCE & MANAGEMENT STUDIES	Accounting	
	Business Science	
	Economic	
SERVICES	Consumer Studies	
	Hospitality Studies	
	Tourism	
ARTS & CULTURE	Dance Studies	
	Design	
	Dramatic Arts	
	Visual Arts	
ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY	Civil Technology	
	Electrical Technology	
	Engineering and Graphic Design	
	Mechanical Technology	
AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE	Agricultural Sciences	
	Agricultural Management Practices	
	Agricultural Technology	