

This Riverstone International School Course Catalog will support the decision making process in course selection. It is separated by groups, and further separated by [elective options](#). Please reference the [graduation requirements](#).

Group 1 - English

Required Courses - *Students are required to take 8 credits of English*

| Class Name | Credits | Grades |
|--|---------|--------|
| English 1 | 2 | 9 |
| English 2 | 2 | 10 |
| DP English Language & Literature HL/SL | 4 | 11,12 |
| School Supported Self Taught (Native Language Literature A) SL | 4 | 11, 12 |

Elective Courses - *count toward 8 credits of elective requirements*

| Class Name | Credits | Approval required | Grades |
|------------------------------|---------|-------------------|------------|
| Journalism and Media Writing | 2 | no | 9,10,11 |
| Otter News Broadcasting | 2 | no | 9,10,11,12 |
| Speech (IDLA) | 1 | yes | 9,10,11,12 |

Group 2 - Language Acquisition

Students must take a minimum of 4 credits toward a language for the Diploma Program and RIS graduation requirements.

| Course Name | Requirements | Grades |
|---------------------------------|--|---------------|
| Intro to Spanish 1 (Ab Initio) | No prior Spanish experience. Must go on to Spanish B SL yr 1 after Spanish Ab 2 in gr 11. | 9*,10*,11,12 |
| Intro to Spanish 2 (Ab Initio) | Take Spanish Ab year 1. Must go on to Spanish B SL yr 1 of Diploma Program in gr 11. | 9, 10*,11,12 |
| Intermediate Spanish 2 | | 9,10 |
| Advanced Spanish 3 | Take SL yr 1 & 2 in the Diploma Program. | 9,10 |
| DP Spanish B HL/SL year 1 | | 9,10,11 |
| DP Spanish B HL/SL year 2 | | 12 |
| Intro to Mandarin 1 (Ab Initio) | No prior Mandarin experience. Must go on to Mandarin B SL yr 1 after Mandarin Ab 2 in gr 11. | 9, 10 |
| Intro to Mandarin 2 (Ab Initio) | Take Mandarin Ab year 1. Must go on to Mandarin B SL yr 1 of Diploma Program in gr 11. | 9, 10 |
| Intermediate Mandarin 2 | | 9, 10, 11 |
| DP Mandarin B HL/SL year 1 | | 9, 10, 11, 12 |

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| DP Mandarin B HL/SL year 2 | | 9, 10, 11, 12 |
| DP English B 1 | English is not native language TOEFL: 101-115 | 9, 10, 11 |
| DP English B 2 | English is not native language TOEFL: 115+ | 10, 11, 12 |

Electives/Virtual Options

| Course Name | Requirements | Grades |
|--------------------------------------|---|--------|
| French Ab Initio Pamoja year 1SL | No prior experience Application to DP Coordinator for approval | 11 |
| French Ab Initio Pamoja Year 2 SL | Year 1 French Ab Initio | 12 |
| American Sign Language year 1 (IDLA) | No prior experience Application to DP Coordinator for approval | 9, 10 |
| American Sign Language year 2 (IDLA) | One year ASL | 10 |
| German 1 (IDLA) | No prior experience Application to DP Coordinator for approval | 9,10 |

Group 3 - Humanities

Students are required to take 8 credits of humanities.

| Course Name | Credits | Grades | |
|--------------------------|---------|--------|---------|
| US History* | 2 | 9,10 | |
| Asian History | 2 | 9,10 | |
| World History | 2 | 9,10 | |
| Psychology | 2 | no | 9,10 |
| Sociology | 2 | no | 9,10,11 |
| The Big History Project | 2 | no | 9,10,11 |
| DP Global Politics HL/SL | 4 | 11,12 | |
| DP World Religions SL | 4 | 11,12 | |
| DP Psychology HL/SL | 4 | 11,12 | |
| DP Geography HL/SL | 4 | 11,12 | |

Humanities Elective Options - count toward 8 credits of elective requirements

| Course Name | Credits | Approval Required | Grades |
|--|---------|-------------------|------------|
| Student Council | 2 | yes | 9,10,11,12 |
| Dual Credit Government and Politics (IDLA) | 1 | yes | 9,10,11 |
| Dual Credit Microeconomics (IDLA) | 1 | yes | 9,10,11 |

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| World Geography (IDLA) | 1 | yes | 9,10,11 |
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Group 4 - Sciences Requirements: 8 credits

Students must select 3 courses from this table - Students are required to take 8 credits of science

| Course Name | Credits | Grades |
|---------------------|---------|--------|
| Biology* | 2 | 9,10 |
| Physics | 2 | 9,10 |
| Chemistry | 2 | 9,10 |
| DP Biology SL/HL+ | 4 | 11, 12 |
| DP Chemistry SL/HL+ | 4 | 11, 12 |
| DP Physics SL/HL+ | 4 | 11,12 |

+students are able to test in the DP subjects as an anticipated candidate in SL at the end of Junior year. Those that want to take HL will go on for the 2nd year during their 12th grade year.

Required - Students are required to have 4 credits of physical education during freshman and sophomore year

| Course Name | Credits | Grades |
|--------------------|---------|--------|
| Physical Education | 2 | 9,10 |

Elective options count toward 8 credits of electives

| Course Name | Credits | Approval Required | Grades |
|---|---------|-------------------|---------|
| Computer Science 1 | 2 | no | 9,10,11 |
| Computer Science 2 | 2 | yes | 9,10,11 |
| Advanced PE | 2 | no | 11 |
| Outdoor Education | 2 | no | 9,10,11 |
| Dual Credit Medical Terminology (IDLA)* | 1 | yes | 9,10,11 |
| Forensic Science (IDLA)* | 1 | yes | 9,10,11 |
| Zoology (IDLA)* | 1 | yes | 9,10,11 |

Group 5 - Mathematics

Students are placed in math courses according to their performance on math placement tests.

Students are required to take 8 credits of Mathematics

| Course Name | Credits | Grades |
|--------------------|---------|--------|
| Math 1 Foundations | 2 | 9,10 |

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| Math 1 SL | 2 | 9,10 |
| Math 2 SL | 2 | 9,10 |
| Math 2 HL | 2 | 9,10 |
| Math AI SL Year 1* | 2 | 10,11 |
| Math AI HL Year 2 | 2 | 10,11,12 |
| Math AA SL Year 1* | 2 | 10,11 |
| Math AA HL Year 2 | 2 | 12 |

*students in Math AA/AI SL are able to test for IB credit at the end of Junior year.

Group 6 - The Arts

Students are required to take 4 credits of fine arts

| Course Name | Credits | Grades |
|--|---------|-------------|
| Intro to Visual Arts 1 (no experience) | 2 | 9,10 |
| Intermediate Visual Arts 2 | 2 | 9,10 |
| Advanced Visual Arts 3 | 2 | 9,10 |
| Painting | 2 | 9,10,11, 12 |
| Intro to Music 1 (no experience) | 2 | 9,10 |
| Intermediate Music 2 | 2 | 9,10 |
| Advanced Music 3 | 2 | 9,10 |
| DP Visual Arts | 4 | 11, 12 |
| DP Music | 4 | 11, 12 |

Elective options count toward 8 credits of electives

| Course Name | Credits | Grades |
|--------------------|---------|---------|
| Digital Art | 2 | 9,10,11 |
| Photography (IDLA) | 2 | 9,10,11 |

DP CORE

| Course Name | Credits | Grades |
|---------------------|---------|--------|
| Theory of Knowledge | 1 | 11 |
| Theory of Knowledge | 1 | 12 |
| DP CORE | 1 | 11 |



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| DP CORE | 1 | 12 |
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