

About IGCSE

The International General Certificate of Secondary Education exams are Grade X level exams conducted by many International Schools. The IGCSE consists of five groups of subjects and students take up a minimum of five subjects to qualify for the exam. Students can also take up seven subjects, for which they are awarded an additional International Certificate of Education (ICE) qualification.

- **SUBJECT GROUPS**

Group 1: English language, Hindi

Group 2: Economics, Geography, History, English literature.

Group 3: Physics, Chemistry, Biology

Group 4: Math, additional math

Group 5: Business studies, Information technology

Depending on the school and subjects they choose, students have the option of adding additional subjects to their combination. Hence, a student who wishes to pursue engineering can opt for a combination of English language, Hindi, Economics, Math, Physics, Chemistry and Business studies.

The Association of Indian Universities states that clearing five subjects (including English) at grades C or above in the IGCSE board is equivalent to a class X qualification hence making it possible for a student to migrate to the Indian board system. However, students who wish to study science must opt for math and science including physics, chemistry and/or biology.

With a plethora of options to choose from, students are now spoiled for choice. It is imperative, however, that students choose subjects keeping in mind their career choice. If a student is uncertain about a career but knows that engineering is something he/she will never do, then it is fine to do science subjects so long as math is retained. Finally, if a student is certain of career based in arts, dropping math and science both is a viable option.