

# THE EUROPEAN BACCALAUREATE



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# SUMMARY

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- ASSESSMENT: how do we calculate the final mark of the Bac?
- MARKING: how do written and oral exams are marked?
- Possible CHOICES for BAC examinations
- European Baccalaureate Diploma
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# The European Baccalaureate cycle

- The two last years of secondary education (S6 and S7)
- **A comprehensive multilingual curriculum.**

Combination of language, humanities and scientific subjects taught in more than one language.

## The « 10% rule »

Absences during S7 (justified or not) cannot exceed **10%**.

*Strict application of this rule.*





# Assessment



## General explanation

- At the end of S7, the pupils obtain a preliminary mark (C Mark), which represents 50% of the final mark.
- The other 50 % = the BAC written and oral examinations.
- The **preliminary** mark (C Mark) reflects all the **formative** assessment and **summative** assessment (Pre-Baccalaureate examinations) carried out by the teachers during S7.



C Mark = preliminary mark

A Mark = Daily work = 40 % of the C Mark

B Mark = Prebac + B-Tests = 60 % of the C Mark

C Mark = A Mark + B Mark





## Final Mark

- C-mark = sum of each preliminary mark, except for religion and ethics.
- W-mark = sum of all written marks.
- O-mark = sum of all oral marks.

*All the sums (C, W, O) are expressed in %.*

–Final mark =  $0,5 * C + 0,35 * W + 0,15 * O$

The overall pass mark for the European Baccalaureate is **5 out 10 (50 out of 100).**





Course	Preliminary note = C MARK	Written exam = W	Oral exam = O
BIO 4	8,1		
PE	8,6		
GEO 4	8,6	7,3	
HIS 4	7,8	8,0	
L1	8	7,1	8
L2	7,8	7,4	6,50
MATHS	5,7	5,2	
PHILO 4	8,5		7
RELIGION	8,50		
SOCIO	9,1		
	9 marks ⇒ Sum of all marks x 100/90 ⇒ 72,2 x 100/90 <b>= 80,22 %</b>	5 marks ⇒ Sum of all marks x 100/50 ⇒ 35 x 100/50 <b>= 70 %</b>	3 marks ⇒ Sum of all marks x 100/30 ⇒ 21,5 x 100/30 <b>= 71,67 %</b>

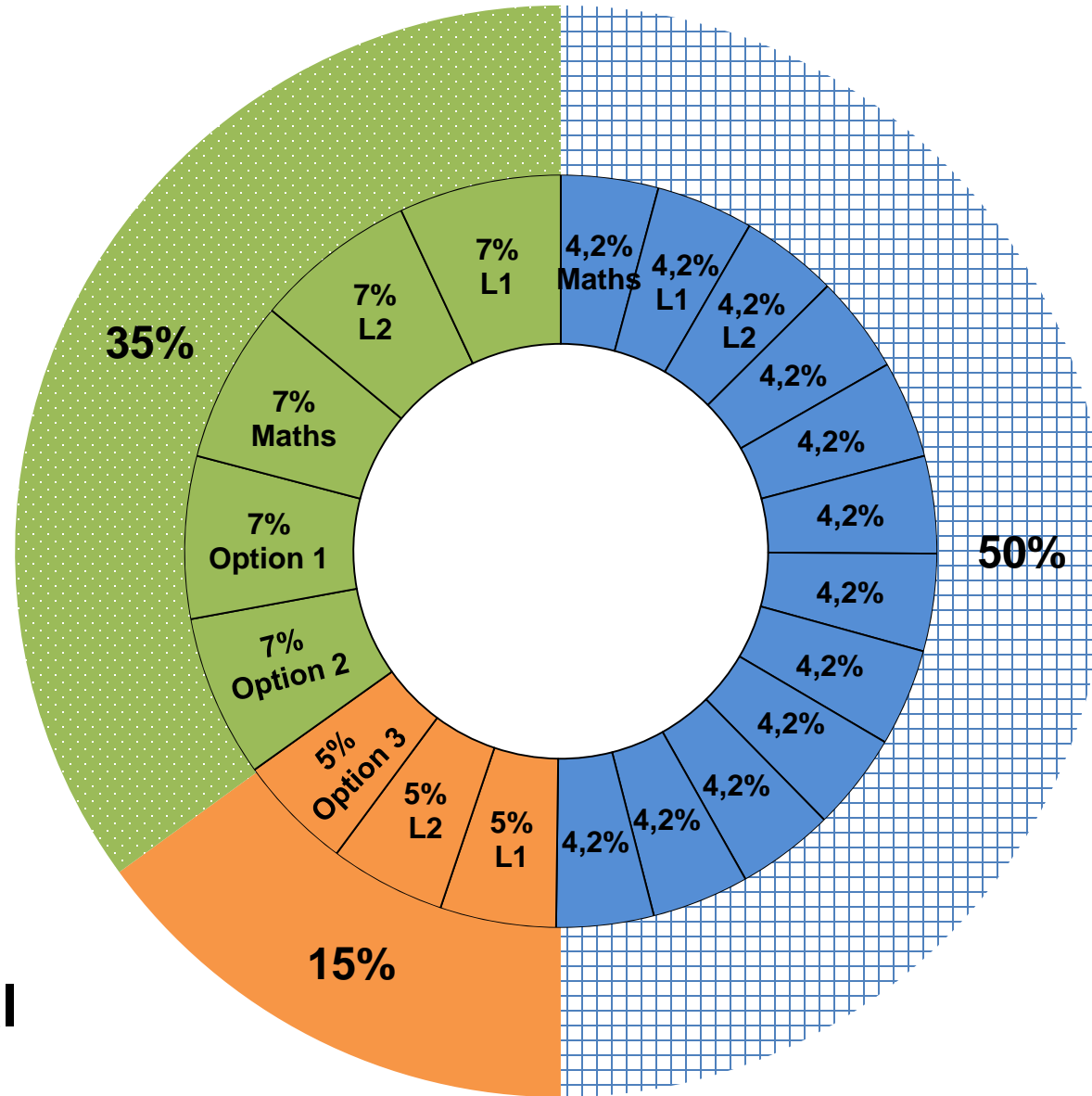
**FINAL MARK**

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= 0,5 * C + 0,35 * W + 0,15 * O \\
 &= 0,5 * 80,22 + 0,35 * 70 + 0,15 * 71,67 \\
 &= 40,11 + 24,5 + 10,75 \\
 &= 75,36 \%
 \end{aligned}$$



# Visual representation of mark weighting for a candidate with 12 subjects

Written



Preliminary marks  
A and B marks

Oral





# MARKING

Both written and oral examinations are subject to double correction and marking by both the candidates' teachers and external examiners.

The final mark will be the average of the two examiners' marks.

In the case of a mark-disagreement of **over two points**, a **third** external corrector will be brought in and will establish through a thorough analysis of the previous corrections a final mark between the highest and the lowest awarded by the two previous correctors.





**Possible choices for**

**BAC examinations**



ANNEX I	European School:	Language section:	Surname and first name:
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**CHOICES OF EXAMINATIONS IN THE 20.... EUROPEAN BACCALAUREATE SESSION**

Written : 5 Examinations		Examination	Language of Examination	Extra Language (art. 6.4.6.8)	Oral : 3 Examinations		Examination	Language of Examination	Extra Language (art. 6.5.1.3)
1.	L1/L1 Adv. (compulsory)				1.	L1 or L1 Adv. (compulsory)			
2.	L2/L2 Adv. (compulsory)				2.	L2 or L2 Adv., or History 2p or 4p (if not chosen as written examination), or Geography 2p or 4p (if not chosen as written examination)			
3.	Mathematics 3p or 5p				3.	Advanced mathematics (compulsory), or Biology 2p or 4p*, or Philosophy 2p or 4p*, or Chemistry*, or Physics*, or Language 3*, or Language 4*, or ONL*  * only if the 4p option has not been chosen for the written examination			
4.	Option 4p								
5.	Option 4p								
6.	Additional examination (art. 13)								

Restrictions:

- Written examinations 1 & 2  
Candidates who have chosen to follow an advanced course in Language 1 and/or in Language 2 will be compulsorily examined on the subject matter of those courses and not on the subject matter of the corresponding basic course.
- Written examinations 4 & 5 concern 4-period options.  
Possible options:  

Latin 4p	History 4p	Chemistry 4p
Ancient Greek 4p	Geography 4p	Biology 4p
Philosophy 4p	Economics 4p	Art 4p
L3 4p	Physics 4p	Music 4p
L4 4p	ONL 4p	
- An oral examination may not be taken in any of the subjects taken as one of written examinations 3, 4, 5.
- Candidates choosing the ONL may not choose L4.
- It is not permissible to be examined at two different levels in any one subject.

Restrictions:

- Examination 1: Language 1 or Language 1 Advanced  
Candidates who have followed the advanced course will be compulsorily examined on that course and not on the basic course.
- Examination 2: Language 2 or Language 2 Advanced or Geography or History  
Candidates who have followed the Language 2 Advanced course and who wish to choose L2 for their second oral examination will be required to sit an examination on that advanced course, and not on the basic course.  
Candidates who do not wish to sit an oral examination in L2 (basic or advanced course) will sit an examination in History (2 or 4 periods) or Geography (2 or 4 periods). It is possible for candidates to sit the History or Geography oral examination only provided that they have not chosen to sit the subject in question as a written examination.
- Examination 3:  
Candidates who have followed the advanced course in Mathematics will be compulsorily examined on that course. Candidates who have not followed the advanced course in Mathematics will be required to sit an examination from amongst the options listed above, which they may choose freely, provided that they have not already chosen to take the subject in question as a written examination.  
Candidates choosing the ONL may not choose L4.

Date and Signature of the legal representative(s) or of the pupil if not being a minor:

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2.	<b>L2/L2 Adv. (compulsory)</b>			
3.	<b>Mathematics 3p or 5p</b>			
4.	<b>Option 4p</b>			
5.	<b>Option 4p</b>			
6.	<b>Additional examination (art. 13)</b>			

Written 1 and 2:  
**If advanced L1 or L2, assessment on advanced syllabus**

Written 4 et 5 among:  
 HI4, GEO4, ECO,  
 CHI, PHY, BIO4,  
 ART, MUS,  
 L3, **L4/ONL**  
 LAT, Philo4,  
 Ancient Greek



<b>Oral : 3 Examinations</b>	
1.	<b>L1 or L1 Adv. (compulsory)</b>
2.	<b>L2 or L2 Adv., or History 2p or 4p (if not chosen as written examination), or Geography 2p or 4p (if not chosen as written examination)</b>
3.	<p><b>Advanced mathematics (compulsory), or Biology 2p or 4p*, or Philosophy 2p or 4p*, or Chemistry*, or Physics*, or Language 3*, or Language 4*, or ONL*</b></p> <p><b>* only if the 4p option has not been chosen for the written examination</b></p>

**Oral 1** : If L1 Advanced,  
assessment on **advanced** syllabus

**Oral 2** :  
If L2 Advanced and choose L2 as  
oral 2, then assessment on  
**advanced** syllabus

**Oral 3** :  
\*If Math advanced → mandatory  
\*If not a 2 period course or a 4  
period option not chosen as  
written exam.

**History**

**Geography**





# Summary:

## 5 written and 3 oral exams

### 5 written exams (35%)

1. L1 or Advanced L1 (mandatory)
2. L2 or Advanced L2 (mandatory)
3. Maths 3 or 5
4. A 4-period option
5. A 4-period option

### 3 oral exams (15%)

1. L1 or Advanced L1 (mandatory)
2. L2 or Advanced L2 or History or Geography (2 or 4 hour) – if not chosen as written examination
3. Advanced Maths (obligatory if taken as course) or a science (2 or 4) or Philosophy (2 or 4) or L3 or L4/ONL **only if the 4-p. option has not been chosen for the written examination**







Official texts:

[www.eursc.eu](http://www.eursc.eu)

Official texts/Basic  
texts/English/European Bacculaureate



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## Arrangements for Implementing the Regulations for the European Bacculaureate (Applicable for the Year 2024 European Bacculaureate session)

Approved by the Board of Governors of the European Schools at its meeting on  
12,13 and 14 April 2023



### 6.5.1.2 Restrictions for compulsory subjects and for options

- **Examination 1:** Language 1 or Language 1 Advanced

Candidates who have followed the advanced course will be required to sit an oral examination on that course, and not, therefore, on the basic course.

- **Examination 2:** Language 2 or Language 2 Advanced or Geography or History

Candidates who have followed the Advanced Language 2 course and who wish to choose L2 for their second oral examination will be required to sit an oral examination on that advanced course, and not on the basic course.

The candidates who do not wish to sit an oral examination in Language 2 (basic or advanced course) will sit an oral examination in History (2 or 4 periods) or Geography (2 or 4 periods). It is possible for candidates to sit the History or Geography oral examination provided that they have not chosen to sit the subject in question as a written examination.

- **Examination 3:**

Candidates who have followed the advanced course in Mathematics will be compulsorily examined on that course.

Candidates who have not followed the advanced course in Mathematics will be required to sit an examination in one of the options listed above, which they may choose freely, provided that they have not already chosen to take the subject in question as a written examination.

Candidates who choose the ONL cannot choose L4.



- **2-periods courses cannot be presented for the written Baccalaureate.**
- **Complementary courses cannot be presented either in writing or orally. (B-Tests only)**
- If the candidate only has two 4-period options, he must choose these two subjects in writing.



*Example:*

S6-S7

2022/2024

- L1
- L2
- Morale
- His 2p
- Geo 2p
- Philo 2p
- Math 5
- PE (*Sport*)
- Bio 4p
- Chimie 4p
- Physique 4p



Oral:

1. L1

2. L2 ou Geo2 ou His2

3. Phy4 ou Philo2

Written:

1. L1

2. L2

3. Math 5

4 et 5. : Bio4 ou Chi4 ou Phy4

**Choix 4 et 5: Bio4 et Chi4**



## Example 2 :

S6-S7

2022/2024

- L1
- L2
- L2 advanced
- Religion
- His 4p
- Géo 2p
- Philo 2p
- Bio 2p
- Math 3p
- PE (*Sport*)
- Eco 4p
- Political Sciences



## Ecrits:

1. L1
2. L2 appro
3. Math 3
4. His4
5. Eco4

## Oral:

1. L1
2. L2 appro ou Geo2
3. Bio2 ou Philo2





**DEADLINE: October, the 15th**

**Choice paper to hand in to Ms. Palmers (Annex 1)**

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# Registration Fee: 101.86 €

If you need to take an additional written exam for admission to the university of your choice:

**See Ms. PALMERS before October, the 15th.**

- You must provide a document proving the need for this test
- There are additional costs: **38.17€**
- The results of the test will be on a separate document and not on the Baccalaureate diploma
- Diplomas and reports are published in your language 1.





# European Baccalaureate Diploma





## The European Baccalaureate **Diploma**

- ❑ is awarded to successful candidates by the Secretary-General of the European Schools on behalf of the Board of Governors.
- ❑ certifies the **completion of secondary studies** in a European School or in a School Accredited by the Board of Governors.
- ❑ is officially recognised as an **entry qualification** for Higher Education in all the countries of the European Union, as well as in a number of others.



European Baccalaureate diploma holders enjoy **the same rights** and benefits as other holders of secondary school-leaving certificates in their countries...

... including the same right **as nationals** with equivalent qualifications to seek admission to any university or institution of tertiary education in the European Union.



# Questions?

