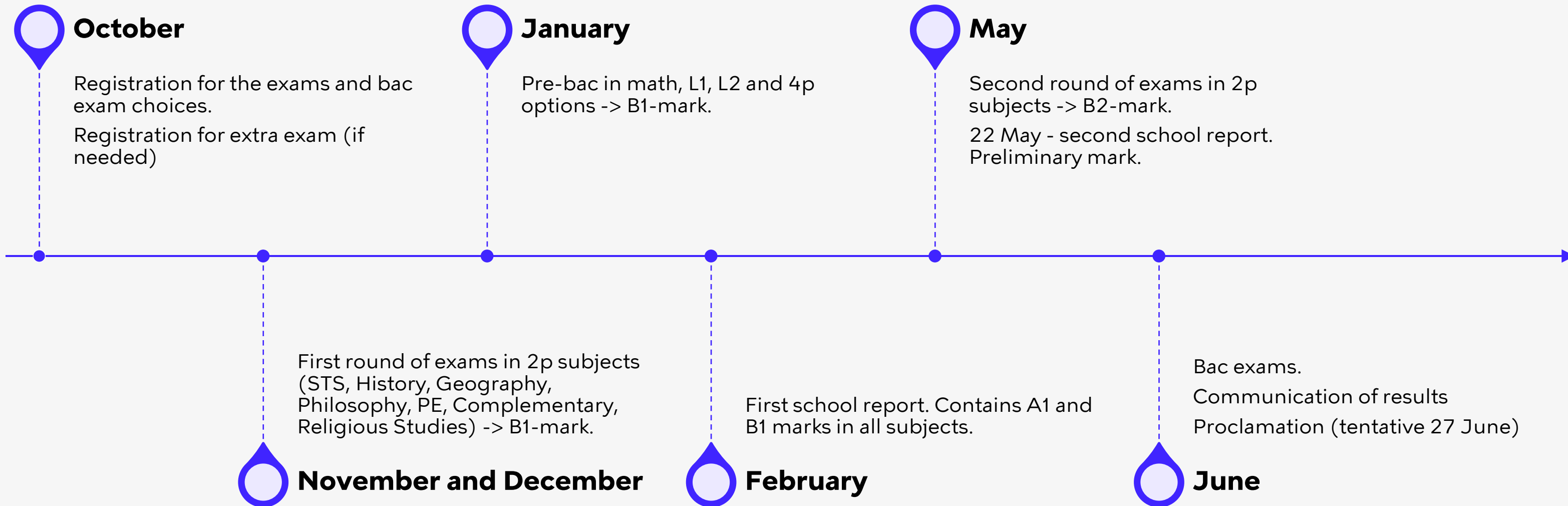


# Bac info session

# The S7 year





European School Copenhagen

# Choosing the exams

- 5 written exams
- 3 oral exams

# Written exams

- You need to sit written exams in L1, L2 and math.
- The final two exams are in 4p optional subjects.
- No 2p-subjects can be chosen for the written exam.

## CHOICES OF EXAMINATIONS IN THE 20.... EUROPEAN BACCALAUREATE S

| Written : 5 Examinations |                                  | Examination | Language of Examination | Extra Language (art. 6.4.6.8) |
|--------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1.                       | L1/L1 Adv. (compulsory)          |             |                         |                               |
| 2.                       | L2/L2 Adv. (compulsory)          |             |                         |                               |
| 3.                       | Mathematics 3p or 5p             |             |                         |                               |
| 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.

# Oral exams

- You need to sit the oral exam in
  - L1
  - L2, History or Geography
  - Philosophy 2p/4p, Chemistry, Physics, Biology, STS, L3, L4
- Only L2 can be chosen at both the written and the oral exam.
- 20 minutes preparation + 20 minutes examination + 5 minutes for the rest.

| Oral : 3 Examinations                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Examination | Language of Examination |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------|
| 1.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | L1 or L1 Adv. (compulsory)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |             |                         |
| 2.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | L2 or L2 Adv., or<br>History 2p or 4p (if not chosen as written examination), or<br>Geography 2p or 4p (if not chosen as written examination)                                                                                                                                              |             |                         |
| 3.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Advanced mathematics (compulsory), or<br>Biology 4p*, or<br>Philosophy 2p or 4p*, or<br>Chemistry*, or<br>Physics*, or<br>Science, Technology and Society, or<br>Language 3*, or<br>Language 4*, or<br>ONL*<br><br>* only if the 4p option has not been chosen for the written examination |             |                         |
| <p><u>Restrictions:</u></p> <p>1. <u>Examination 1:</u> Language 1 or Language 1 Advanced<br/>Candidates who have followed the advanced course will be compulsorily examined on that course and not on the basic course.</p> <p>2. <u>Examination 2:</u> Language 2 or Language 2 Advanced or Geography or History<br/>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.<br/>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.</p> <p>3. <u>Examination 3:</u><br/>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.</p> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |             |                         |

# Two or three forms

- Registration
- Choices for the exam.
- Additional written exam (if needed)
  
- Deadline is 24/9, and all forms must be handed in **IN PERSON** to Hans
- Mocks will be arranged in your 2nd choice of oral exam on 6 and 7 October.
- After this, the choices can be changed until **Thursday 8/10 at 12.50**
- If I do not hear anything by 8/10 at 12.50, your choices from 25/9 will go into the system. When the choices have been entered on Thursday afternoon, they **cannot** be changed (including by the school).
- Mocks in L1 will be arranged in March
- Mocks will be arranged in the 3rd oral choice in May or June

# Extra language

A candidate who has followed in a foreign language a course normally taught in his/her Language 1 (or language of the section for SWALS pupils) but not organised in this language in the school attended may use, upon request, a bilingual dictionary (Language 1 / Language of the section ↔ Language of the course) during the written examination. The dictionary will be provided by the school.

# Additional written exam

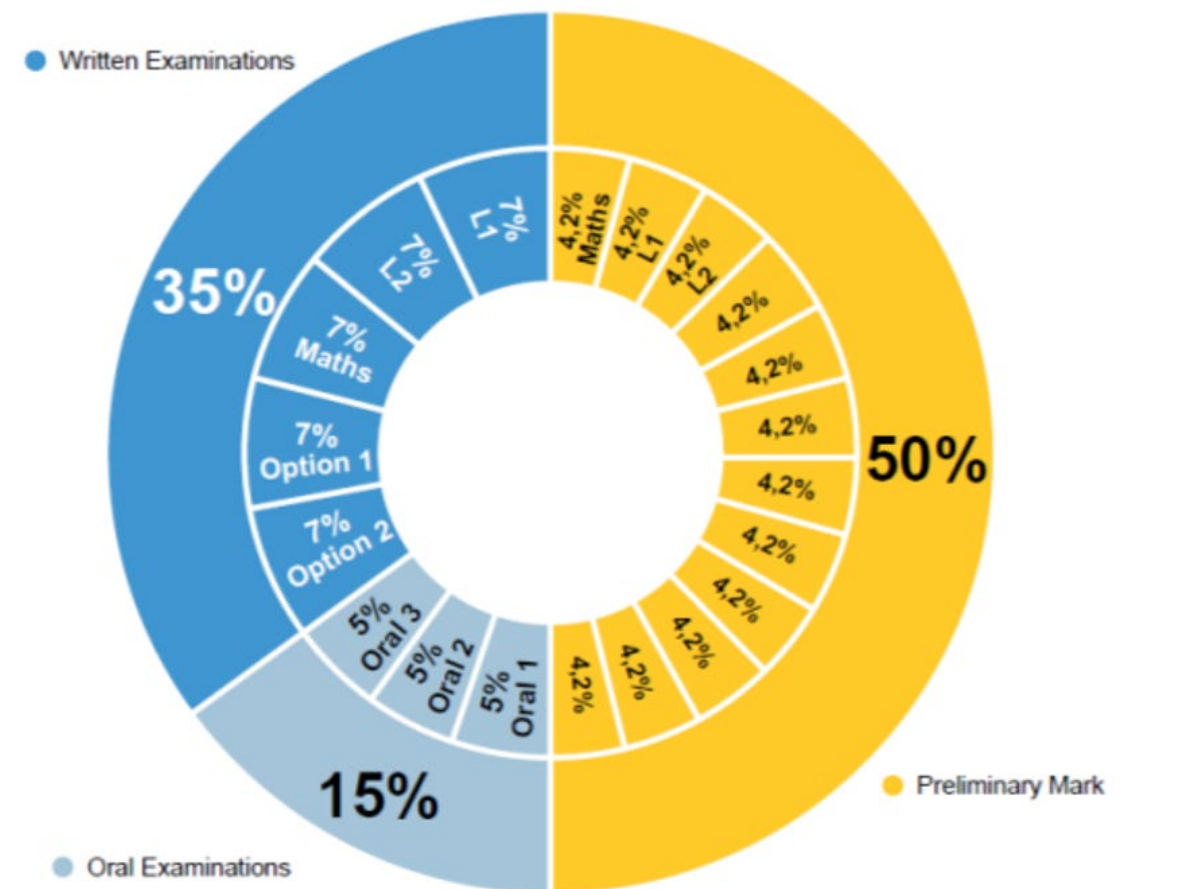
- In particular cases, European School pupils in the final school year may register for the European Baccalaureate in an additional option subject, whether or not they have attended lessons in the subject in question at the School.
- However, in the case of Music and Art, due to specific syllabus requirements, an additional exam can only be applied for if the pupil has followed the subject or if s/he provides evidence of the prescribed work done during s6 and s7 so as to ensure that the syllabus requirements are met.
- Additional European Baccalaureate examinations will be authorized by the Secretary-General of the European Schools only if documentation is provided to show that an examination in the subject is part of the conditions for admission to the higher education studies on which the pupil wishes to embark.
- This does not concern the linguistic competence required to be admitted in an institution of further education. For certification of language competences, candidates should address official centers of language competence certification.

# Calculating your preliminary and final mark

- The overall preliminary mark is based on A- and B-marks and is calculated with 1 decimal.
- The final mark is calculated with two decimal figures.
- Final mark =  $0.5 \times \text{average preliminary mark} + 0.35 \times \text{average written mark} + 0.15 \times \text{average oral mark}$ .
- The final mark is a score between 0 and 100.

## Marking in European Baccalaureate Examinations

### Visual Representation of mark weighting



**Note:** The overall preliminary mark's weight is 40% for the A mark and 60% for the B mark. The preliminary mark accounts for 50% of the final mark of the European Baccalaureate. The weight of formative assessment is significant.

# Calculating the preliminary mark

- 40% from A-marks and 60% from B-marks
- You will receive two A-marks (Feb and June). The average will be used for calculating the preliminary mark.
- In some subjects, you will receive one B-mark, in others two.
  - History 2p: you will receive two B-marks. The average will be used for calculating your preliminary mark.
  - L2: you will only receive one B-mark (from the pre-bac). This mark will be used to calculate the preliminary mark.

# Calculating the preliminary mark in each subject

- History 2p
  - $0.4 * \frac{A1+A2}{2} + 0.6 * \frac{B1+B2}{2}$
- Language 2
  - $0.4 * \frac{A1+A2}{2} + 0.6 * B1$

The average of all your preliminary marks will be multiplied by 10 to obtain your final preliminary mark as a score between 0 and 100 (abbreviated C).

# Calculating the final mark

- The average of your oral exam marks will be multiplied by 10 (abbreviated O).
- The average of your final written marks will also be multiplied by 10 (abbreviated W).
- Finally, your overall final mark will be found as:  $0.5 \times C + 0.35 \times W + 0.15 \times O$

# **ANNEX IV — MARKING IN SECONDARY YEAR 7 AND CALCULATION OF THE EUROPEAN BACCALAUREATE MARK (Calculation can be changed; marks could be subject to moderation)**

|     |                | Class marks (A)  |                                     |                               | Part examination marks (B) |                                                                  |                                                     | Preliminary mark (C)               | Examination                                       |                 | Final mark                                                             | By subject taken |
|-----|----------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
|     |                | Sem1<br>a'       | Sem2<br>a''                         | Average                       | Sem1<br>b'                 | Sem2<br>b''                                                      | Average                                             |                                    | Written<br>2 marks                                | Oral<br>2 marks |                                                                        |                  |
| Max |                | /10<br>1 decimal | /10<br>1 decimal                    | 2 decimals                    | /10<br>1 decimal           | /10<br>1 decimal                                                 | 2 decimals                                          |                                    | /10                                               | /10             | /10                                                                    |                  |
|     |                |                  |                                     |                               |                            |                                                                  |                                                     |                                    | 2 decimals                                        | 2 decimals      | 2 decimals                                                             |                  |
|     | a'1            | a''1             | $\frac{(a'_1 + a''_1)}{2} = A^1$    | b'1                           | b''1                       | $\frac{(b'_1 + b''_1)}{2} = B^1$<br><br>If long then<br>b'' = b' |                                                     |                                    | w                                                 | o               | $(c \times 0.50) + (w \times 0.35 + o \times 0.15)$                    |                  |
|     | a'2            | a''2             |                                     | b'2                           | b''2                       |                                                                  |                                                     |                                    | w                                                 |                 | $\frac{(c \times 0.50) + (w \times 0.35)}{0.85}$                       |                  |
|     | a'3            | a''3             |                                     | b'3                           | b''3                       |                                                                  |                                                     |                                    |                                                   | o               | $\frac{(c \times 0.50) + (o \times 0.15)}{0.65}$                       |                  |
|     | a'n            | a''n             |                                     | b'n                           | b''n                       |                                                                  |                                                     |                                    |                                                   |                 | c                                                                      |                  |
|     |                |                  | 2 decimals                          |                               |                            | 2 decimals                                                       |                                                     | 1 decimal                          | 1 decimal                                         | 1 decimal       | 2 decimals                                                             |                  |
|     | $\sum a' = A'$ | $\sum a'' = A''$ | $\frac{A' + A''}{2n} \times 10 = A$ | $\left[ \sum b' = B' \right]$ | $\sum b'' = B''$           | $\frac{B' + B''}{2n} \times 10 = B$                              | $\frac{(A \times 20) + (B \times 30)}{(20+30)} = C$ | $\sum_w \frac{x}{n} \times 10 = W$ | $\sum_o \left[ \frac{x}{n} \times 10 = O \right]$ |                 |                                                                        |                  |
|     |                |                  |                                     |                               |                            |                                                                  |                                                     |                                    |                                                   |                 | /100                                                                   | BAC              |
|     |                |                  |                                     |                               |                            |                                                                  |                                                     |                                    |                                                   |                 | $\frac{(C \times 50) + (W \times 35) + (O \times 15)}{(50 + 35 + 15)}$ |                  |

Comments:

- The preliminary (C), written (W) and oral (O) marks are expressed out of 100, accurate to one decimal place. They are rounded off automatically in accordance with the tradition (to the nearest unit).
- The a', a'', b' and b'' marks are expressed out of 10, accurate to one decimal place, unrestrictedly.
- The A and B marks are expressed out of 100, accurate to two decimal places.
- The different parts of the examination count towards the final mark in the following proportions:  
 50 per cent for the average preliminary mark C.  
 35 per cent for the average written examinations mark W.  
 15 per cent for the average oral examinations mark O.  
 Final result (mark) = 0.50 C + 0.35 W + 0.15 O. The final result is expressed out of one hundred (100) and is accurate to two decimal places.

## Baccalaureate marks calculator - 2014+

|                     | SUBJECTS           | Notes de classe |      |       | Notes de composition |     |       | Preliminary mark | Written papers | Oral exams | Final mark |
|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|------|-------|----------------------|-----|-------|------------------|----------------|------------|------------|
|                     |                    | A1              | A2   | A     | B1                   | B2  | B     |                  |                |            |            |
| Compulsory subjects | Language 1         | 7,5             | 8,5  | 8,00  | 8,0                  |     | 8,00  | 8,00             | 7,50           | 9,00       | 7,98       |
|                     | Language 2         | 8,5             | 9,0  | 8,75  | 9,0                  |     | 9,00  | 8,90             | 7,50           | 8,00       | 8,28       |
|                     | Mathematics 3 or 5 | 7,5             | 8,5  | 8,00  | 7,5                  |     | 7,50  | 7,70             | 7,50           |            | 7,62       |
|                     | History 2 or 4     | 7,5             | 8,0  | 7,75  | 7,5                  |     | 7,50  | 7,60             | 8,50           |            | 7,97       |
|                     | Geography 2 or 4   | 7,5             | 10,0 | 8,75  | 7,5                  | 9,0 | 8,25  | 8,45             |                |            | 8,45       |
|                     | Physical education | 7,5             | 8,0  | 7,75  | 7,5                  | 7,0 | 7,25  | 7,45             |                |            | 7,45       |
|                     | Philosophy 2 or 4  | 7,5             | 7,5  | 7,50  | 7,5                  | 9,0 | 8,25  | 7,95             |                | 8,00       | 7,96       |
| Optional subjects   | Art                | 8,5             | 8,5  | 8,50  | 9,0                  |     | 9,00  | 8,80             | 9,00           |            | 8,88       |
|                     | Physics            | 8,0             | 8,0  | 8,00  | 7,5                  |     | 7,50  | 7,70             |                |            | 7,70       |
|                     |                    |                 |      |       |                      |     |       |                  |                |            |            |
|                     |                    |                 |      |       |                      |     |       |                  |                |            |            |
|                     |                    |                 |      |       |                      |     |       |                  |                |            |            |
| AVERAGE:            |                    |                 |      | 81,11 |                      |     | 80,28 | 80,6             | 80,0           | 83,3       | 80,80      |

**Notes:** Enter your optional subjects and all of your marks (either those you have achieved or your predictions) in the white cells - these are the only cells which you can change

You must enter subject name in column B and at least one A mark & one B mark for each subject to obtain a mark calculation - when you have your S1 marks you can predict your S2 marks, or leave them blank

For subjects with a written exam in Semester 1 ('pre-bac' or 'partielle'), the B2 mark is the same as the B1 mark

Where there is no written paper or oral exam leave the cell blank, do not enter a zero

Do not enter Ethics/Religion in the table

# Calculating single marks for each subject

- C: preliminary mark
- W: written exam
- O: oral exam

The mark for each subject in the school report will thus be calculated as follows:

- $C \times 0.5 + W \times 0.35 + O \times 0.15$
  - $(C \times 0.5 + W \times 0.35) / 0.85$
  - $(C \times 0.5 + O \times 0.15) / 0.65$
  - $C$
- } as the case may be

# External and internal examiners

- All exams throughout the year are made by the subject groups at ESCPH and corrected by the subject teachers based on a common mark scheme in each subject group.
- The written exams in June are made centrally and are the same all over Europe. The responses from students are scanned, anonymized and corrected by the teacher and an external examiner. The final mark of the student will be the average of the two.
- The teacher and an external examiner will be present at the oral exams and will both assess the performance of the student. The average of the two marks will be the final mark of the student.

# Religious studies

- The marks from Religious Studies will not be considered in the calculation of the preliminary mark.
- We will issue a diploma to all students.

# This is all very confusing!

- Important take-aways are:

- The preliminary mark is important – you can get a less stressful start to the exam period, if you have worked hard during the school year.
- The exams, including the pre-bac in January, are very important. Prioritize them and make a plan for how to study and when over the (fortunately long) Christmas break.
- Planning is key – if you are finding this difficult, seek help, and use the revision plans supplied by your teachers..
- You do not need to sit all your subjects at the exam, and there is no extra bonus for choosing a 4p subject instead of a 2p subject at the orals. Unless the dream educational institution of your choice requires you to sit a certain subject, choose the ones where you will score the highest marks.
- You have exams in 2p subjects in May, so you will automatically revise for the 2nd semester anyway. Consider this when choosing your oral exams.

# Conversions

- Link to Eksamenshåndbogen (conversion to average from stx) (choose European Baccalaureate from the drop-down menu)
- Eksamenshåndbogen — Uddannelses- og Forskningsministeriet (ufm.dk)

# Conversion of final mark to Danish avg. and distribution of marks of 2026-cohort at ESCPH

| Points | Conversion 2026 |
|--------|-----------------|
| 60     | 3,0             |
| 70     | 4,9             |
| 80     | 7,4             |
| 90     | 10,4            |
| 96,11  | 12,0            |
| 100    | 12,7            |

| Points        | Percentage of students |
|---------------|------------------------|
| 50,00 – 50,99 | 5,3%                   |
| 60,00 – 69,99 | 7,0%                   |
| 70,00 – 79,99 | 26,3%                  |
| 80,00 – 89,99 | 42,1%                  |
| 90,00 – 96,11 | 15,8%                  |
| 96,12 – 100   | 3,5%                   |

Average of 2026-cohort: 81,5 (not official), which converts to 7,9

# Applying for Danish universities

- You need to apply no later than 15 March at 12.00 irrespective of whether you are applying on Kvote 1 or Kvote 2.
- If you are applying on [www.optagelse.dk](http://www.optagelse.dk), you can then add a copy of your diploma to your application up to 5 July, as it is possible to add annexes to your application up to that date.
- Remember: Studievalg DK is here to help you

# Checklist

- You have clearly written your names and section on the forms
  - Registration
  - Choice of exams
  - Possibly additional exams form
- All the necessary information are written on the registration form, with clear writing (!!!) and in blue or black pen (no pencil!).
- All the choices have been clearly indicated on the choices form in blue or black pen.
- Signatures – Make sure all your forms have been signed
  - If you are under 18, your parent(s)/guardian(s) need to sign the documents.
- Hand them in in person and bring your passport or birth certificate.

# Absences

- Candidates who are absent without a valid reason from one or more pre-bac exams will not be allowed to sit the EB exams.
- Candidates who are absent from a written or oral exam without a valid reason will not be allowed to sit it.
- A medical certificate is compulsory if absence is due to illness.
- Resits for pre-bac exams and 2p exams from before Christmas in week 8 – students can sit up to two tests per day.
- Resits for oral and written exams in June, if possible, or, if not, in August.
- If you are ill, you **MUST** call the school, and it **MUST** be done before the start of the exam. Writing a Lectio message to a (random) teacher or calling in sick after the start of the exam counts as absence without a valid reason.



European School Copenhagen



**European School Copenhagen**