



# LIFE AFTER GRADE 10

Options for your child



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# Overview

- Course Registration Process, Teacher Recommendations, Waivers
- Graduation Requirements
- Course Options (IB/AP/college-prep, Electives)
- College Pathway
- Looking Ahead
- Resources

# Course registration process & teacher recs

- Registration dates: **Monday, March 7th until Friday, March 25th**
- Based on your child's performance, teachers will recommend them for a class(es) via PowerSchool
- If aspirations do not align with the recommendation, the student will need to work on improving their performance and then complete a waiver form in June.
- At that time, the Guidance Committee will review the request to determine if the student can take the level of class they prefer.

# Be Mindful of Graduation Requirements

- English: 4 credits
- Science: 3 credits
- Social Studies: 3 credits
- Math: 3 credits
- Languages 3 credits : \*Students must take French in Grade 9 and 10. Grade 11 students must take at least one language course (French and/or Spanish). Grade 12 students are not required to take a foreign language if they have met the graduation requirements (3 years of a foreign language)
- Integrated Design Technology: ½ credit (1 Semester)
- Arts (one semester of performing arts, one semester of fine arts): 1 credit
- PE: 1 credit - ¼ per semester
- Additional Arts or DT: ½ credit (1 Semester)

# How to check for your graduation Requirements?

- Log in as you would usually do to your PowerSchool account
- On the lower left hand side, click on the 'Class Registration' Widget
- Once on the page, click on 'View Graduation Progress'

- Grades and Attendance
- Grade History
- Attendance History
- Email Notification
- Teacher Comments
- Report Cards
- School Bulletin
- Class Registration
- My Schedule
- School Information
- Account Preferences

View Graduation Progress

There are no course requests for this student.

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GXXQ

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### ASP Graduation Requirements 19

Subject Group	Action	Earned	Enrolled	Requested	Waived Credits	Applied Waiver Credits	Required	Progress
<b>ASP Graduation Requirements 19</b>		16	2		0	0	19	
ENG		2.5	0.5	0	0	0	4	
English Requirement		2.5	0.5	0	0	0	4	
MATH		3		0	0	0	3	
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MoLANG		2.5	0.5	0	0	0	3	
Language Requirement		2.5	0.5	0	0	0	3	
PE		1		0	0	0	1	
Physical Education Requirement		1		0	0	0	1	
SCI		2.5	0.5	0	0	0	3	
Science Requirement		2.5	0.5	0	0	0	3	
SS		2.5	0.5	0	0	0	3	
Social Studies Requirement		2.5	0.5	0	0	0	3	
DT		0.5		0	0	0	0.5	
Digital Technology Requirement		0.5		0	0	0	0.5	
EL FA		0.5		0	0	0	0.5	
Visual Art Requirement		0.5		0	0	0	0.5	
EL PA		0.5		0	0	0	0.5	
Performing Arts Requirement		0.5		0	0	0	0.5	
EL OTHER		0.5		0	0	0	0.5	
Elective PAAVADT		0.5		0	0	0	0.5	

Progress Bar Legend: ■ Completed Credits ■ Current Enrollments ■ Waived Credits ■ Requested Courses

# ELECTIVES

## 1st semester:

Coding the Web

Unity for Creators

Wearable Comp. & The Internet of Things

Drawing

Painting

Ceramics

Mixed Media

Digital Photography

Digital Filmmaking

Digital Music

Creative Writing

Teaching for Social Justice

Ethical Entrepreneurship

Music Matters

## 2nd semester:

3-D Modeling

Simulations & Game Design

Interactive Visual & Sonic Art

Ceramics

Street Art

Mixed Media

Digital Photography

Digital Filmmaking

Digital Music

Sculpture

Music, Lyrics, & Culture

Teaching for Social Justice

## Year-long:

Fitness for Life

Concert Choir

Concert Band

Yearbook

Ensemble Theater

Digital Filmmaking

Spanish (various levels)

AP Computer Science Principles

AP Computer Science A

AP Music Theory

Advanced Studio Art

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**There is no overall “right choice”.**

**There is the choice that is right for *your child*.**

With a wide variety of courses available, please keep in mind that non-Advanced Placement (AP) and non-International Baccalaureate (IB) courses can be part of an excellent college preparatory program of study.

# Questions for students when planning:

- What are your passions? What do you enjoy studying?
- In which country/continent are you planning to attend university?
  - US, UK, Canada, Continental Europe, Asia, etc.
- Do your interests align better with course offerings in one program or the other?
- How do you prefer to be assessed, multiple choice vs. free response questions?
- What are your academic strengths? Your academic challenges?



# High School Diploma: Non-AP/IB Options

## Science

- Environmental science
- Physics

## Math

- Various options depending on level, including **Geometry, Algebra 2, Adv. Algebra / Precalc and Functions/Stats/Trigonometry**

## Languages

- Various options depending on French or Spanish level, including **French Advanced I and French Advanced Langue et Culture**

## English

- Junior English
- Senior English

## Social Studies

- Human Geography 402
- Psychology 402

## Electives

- Extensive options including Theater, Visual Arts, Film, Music, Design Technology, and PE courses

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# **Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) course options**

# The Advanced Placement Program (AP)

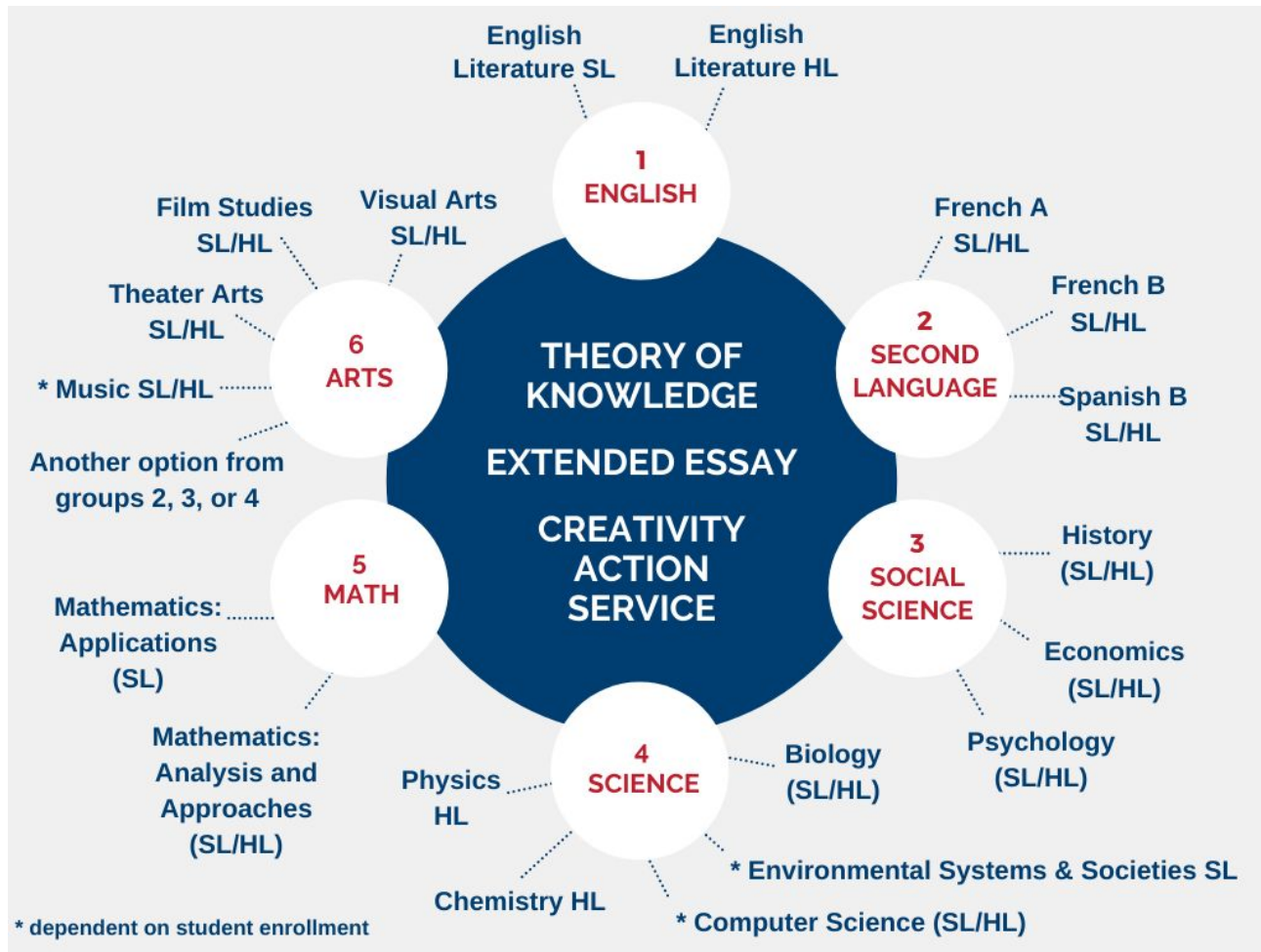
- Rigorous, multi-component tests that are administered each May
- Students can earn college credit for qualifying AP Exam grades
- Each AP Exam has a corresponding AP course, offered at ASP
- Each AP Exam is graded on a 1–5 scale
- Courses are all one year

# AP Courses at ASP

- United States Government & Politics (not offered 2022-2023)
  - Comparative Government & Politics
  - Economics (Micro & Macro)
  - United States History
  - World History: Modern\*
  - Environmental Science
  - Physics 1
  - French Language & Culture
  - Spanish Language & Culture
  - English Language & Composition
  - English Literature & Composition
  - Seminar (English)
  - Statistics
  - Calculus AB & Calculus BC
  - Computer Science Principles
  - Computer Science A
  - Music Theory\*
- \*dependent on enrollment

# The International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma

- This program of study is normally taught over two years, composed of six courses and additional elements of study which are **not** present in the AP track.
  - Theory of Knowledge course, a service-learning element, and a 4000-word Extended Essay.
- Each IB subject is graded on a 1–7 scale



# IB Diploma

The IB Diploma program consists of the following elements in Extended Essay, CAS hours, and Theory of Knowledge:

- Six subjects taken over two years, 3 HL & 3 SL
- The six subjects must contain:
  1. Language A: Literature (English at ASP)
  2. Second Language (French or Spanish)
  3. Social Science
  4. Science
  5. Mathematics
  6. Arts (Film, Theater, Music, or Visual Arts) or another subject from Groups 2, 3, or 4 above

# Comparing IB and AP

## IB Courses

- 20–30% based on Internal Assessment:  
Work assessed by teacher and moderated externally
- Mostly free response questions with partial credit (science has some multiple choice)
- Possible college credit given for Diploma and Higher Level certificates
- Diploma is entrance qualification in some European universities
- Most are two-year courses

## AP Courses

- No Internal Assessment
- 45% multiple choice questions
- All one-year courses
- Possible college credit given for grade 3 or higher
- Recognised by universities throughout the US and increasingly so in Europe
- No added extras



## Lesson 10 Activity 3

### Choosing your high school subjects

From your list of degree interests, narrow down your choices to **three** for further research.

Do these university courses have **subject requirements**? If so, what are they and does your school offer these subjects?

Now follow the **subject selection flow chart** to the right, and begin making choices about which subjects you will take in your final years of schooling.

Make sure that you discuss your subject selection with your teachers, parents and peers.

Once you have your final list of high school subjects, remember to double check that they will meet the **subject requirements** for entrance into your chosen university degrees.



Activity: Choose high school subjects

Format: Individual assignment

Duration: 30 minutes + finish at home



[www.bridge-u.com](http://www.bridge-u.com)

# Example 1: Roxane wants to study Psychology

Current courses in 10th grade:

- Algebra 2 SL
- Geometry
- Francophone 10
- English 201
- Life Science
- Social Studies 201 US History
- LL 10 and PE
- Digital Film

# Should Roxane take the Full IB or a mix of IB certificates and AP classes?

- Target: UK universities
- Example: Bath University (<https://www.bath.ac.uk>), for Bsc Psychology [LINK](#)
  - Full IB typical offer: 36 Points with scores of 7,6,6 in HL subjects
  - AP (Advanced Placement): 3 APs with AP Calculus as one of them and 5,5,5 as scores.  
You will also need to pass your High School Diploma and achieve an ACT score of 30 or SAT scores of 740 in Mathematics and 720 in Evidence based Reading and Writing.

# Possible subjects

FULL IB: IB HL Psychology, French A, Biology

IB SL English, Math Analysis, IB Film

APs (over 2 years, 11th and 12th grade): AP Calculus, AP French, AP English Literature, IB HL Psychology, IB HL (or SL) Biology, IB Film (SL or HL)

# Example 2: Jeanne is interested in studying Fashion/Management

Current courses in 10th grade:

- Francophone 10
- English 201
- Life Science
- Social Studies 201 US History
- Geometry
- LL 10 and PE
- Painting
- Street Art

## Example 2: Jeanne is interested in studying Fashion/Management

- Business and Luxury Brand Management at Regents University London. Conditions: Successfully completing your US style High School Diploma with a Cumulative GPA (grade point average) of 2.5 or above. The student will also need to complete 3 Advanced Placement (AP) exams with grades 4,4,3.
- Possible schedule:
  - In 11th grade: Algebra 2 SL, Junior English, AP French, Human Geography, Environmental Science, IB Visual Arts Year 1 SL/HL
  - In 12th grade: AP Statistics , AP Environmental Science, Senior English, Psychology, IB Visual Arts Year 2 SL

# Registration Procedure

If your child wishes to do the full IB Diploma program, please contact Alyssa Pierce ([apierce@asparis.fr](mailto:apierce@asparis.fr)) to set up a meeting to be held in March to discuss course options with your child.

Students not planning on doing the full IB program are encouraged to speak with Ms. Karam ([skaram@asparis.fr](mailto:skaram@asparis.fr)) about course options.

Student course registration through PowerSchool begins on March 7th.

# **The Pathway to College at ASP**

## **A Summary**



# Looking Ahead...

- PSAT - October of 11th grade
- SAT/ACT Preparations - typically taken in 11th grade second semester
- General College Information Sessions in the fall
- Summer Experiences - [Teen Life](#)
- Research universities and majors of study through the [College Counseling](#) portion of the ASP website
- [Guides to University Admissions Link](#)
- [Online University Research Link](#)

# TIMELINE TO UNIVERSITY

## THE AMERICAN SCHOOL OF PARIS

### SEMESTER 1 AND 2

#### GRADE 9

- Successfully transition to Upper School
- Develop study and organizational skills, identify key support staff, and build relationships with peers and faculty
- Commitment to academic growth
- Actively engage in enrichment activities such as sports, clubs, and the arts

### SEMESTER 2

#### GRADE 10

- **February:** Student and parent presentations about course options for Grades 11 and 12
- **March:** Individual meetings with guidance counselor and/or AP/IB coordinator to choose courses for Grades 11 and 12
- **May:** Take AP exams (if applicable)
- **May/June:** Consider taking SAT subject test corresponding to your AP classes, and in Math Level 2 if finishing Precalculus or AP Calculus
- **May/June:** Introduction to the college process in Leadership Lab

### SEMESTER 2

#### GRADE 11

- **January:** College counselor meetings begin with individual families
- Take SAT/ACT (if applicable)
- **May:** Take AP/IB exams
- **May/June:** Consider taking SAT subject test corresponding to your AP classes, and in Math Level 2 if finishing Precalculus or AP Calculus

### SEMESTER 1

#### GRADE 12

- On-going work with college counselors
- **September:** Group meeting with college counselors during Community Enrichment Day to review progress in the application process
- **September:** Senior parent evening for university application process
- **September/October:** Take SAT/ACT (if applicable)
- **October:** Register for AP/IB exams (if applicable)
- **November–January:** Send university applications

### SEMESTER 1

#### GRADE 10

- Commitment to academic growth
- Actively engage in enrichment activities such as sports, clubs, and the arts
- **October:** Take the PSAT (if applicable)
- **October:** If you are enrolled in an AP course, register for the corresponding AP exam

### SEMESTER 1

#### GRADE 11

- **September:** Introduction to the college process during Community Enrichment Day
- **September:** Grade 11 parent evening for university admission process
- **October:** Take the PSAT (if applicable)
- **October:** If you are enrolled in an AP course, register for the corresponding AP exam. This also applies for IB Economics, French, and Spanish.
- Consider preparing for spring SAT/ACT (if applicable)

### SUMMER

#### GRADE 11 AND 12

- Visit universities
- Fine-tune university list
- Revise college essay/personal statement
- Start university applications
- Invest in and explore practical experience that may align with career interests
- Explore some learning opportunities, especially those that allow students to further explore their passions

### SEMESTER 2

#### GRADE 12

- **March/April:** US university decisions, UK, Europe, and other conditional offers
- **May:** AP/IB exams
- **July:** IB and AP exam results

#### Glossary of terms and important information and websites

- **AP:** Advanced Placement
- **ACT:** American College Testing
- **IB:** International Baccalaureate
- **PSAT:** Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test. The PSAT is an initiation to a standardized testing environment, recommended for U.S. citizens and permanent residents who would like to compete for the National Merit scholarship. The PSAT is not included in university applications.
- **SAT:** Scholastic Aptitude Test. We recommend students take the SAT I exam if they would like to study in the United States, Canada (non-IB diploma students), the United Kingdom (non-IB diploma students), the Netherlands (non-IB diploma students), Europe, or Asia.
- Consult the [ASP Math Sequence](#) and [French Sequence](#).

- **SAT I/SAT Subject Test:** One-hour, [subject-specific exams](#) often required by highly selective U.S. universities and international universities. These tests cannot be taken on the same day as the SAT I, and are offered in multiple subjects.
- For the SAT and/or ACT, it is recommended that a student completes Algebra 2 before taking the exam, and that they take the exam a maximum of three times (ex: once in the spring of Grade 11, once in the fall of Grade 12).
- **IELTS/TOEFL/Duolingo English language proficiency exams:** Students whose first language is not English and who have not been educated in English language medium schools for the majority of their lives should sit one of these exams (IELTS preferred for UK universities) in spring of Grade 11, summer between Grades 11 and 12, or autumn of senior year. These exams are often required for university admission and/or student visas to enter a country to study.



# Links from the Timeline to College

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Consult the ASP Math Sequence and French Sequence.

- <https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1605254334/asp/v5obqowdyg5dfe6zjdl/MathPathways-Sheet1.pdf>
- [https://resources.finalsite.net/images/f\\_auto,q\\_auto/v1605196093/asp/u06cyltcop15vkbhnpj/FrenchSequence.png](https://resources.finalsite.net/images/f_auto,q_auto/v1605196093/asp/u06cyltcop15vkbhnpj/FrenchSequence.png)

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# RESOURCES

- [US HANDBOOK](#)
- [STUDENT RESOURCES PAGE](#) (located on the “extras” tab on PowerSchool Learning)

# Math Pathways

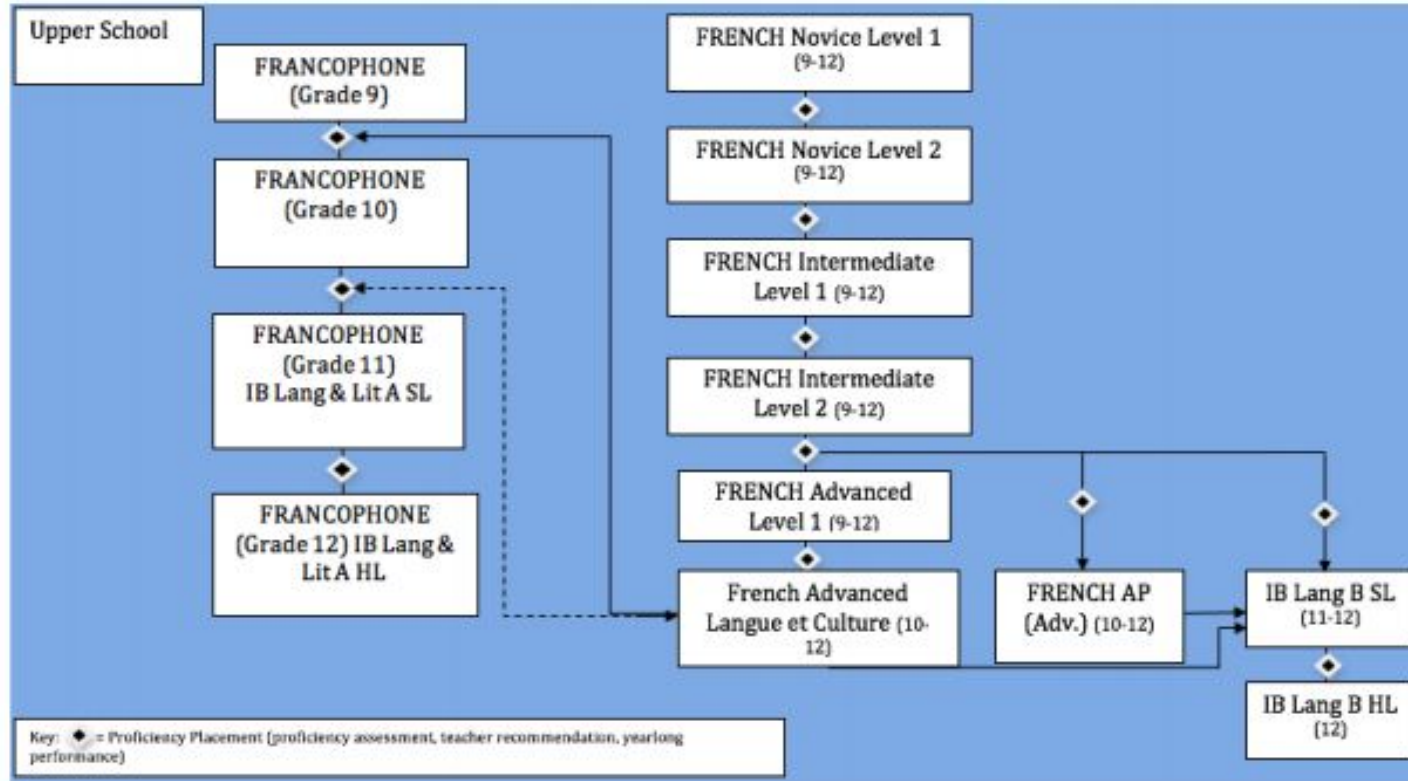
Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
Foundations of Algebra	Algebra I	Geometry	Algebra II SL Or Algebra II Studies
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		*Algebra II SL	
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Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
Geometry	Algebra II SL	IB Math Analysis SL Year 1 Or Adv. Algebra / Precalc	IB Math Analysis SL Year 2 Or AP Calculus
Geometry	Algebra II Studies	Functions, Stats, & Trig Or Algebra II SL	IB Math Applications SL (one-year course) Or AP Statistics
Geometry Honors Or Algebra II SL	Adv. Algebra / Precalc	IB Math Analysis HL Year 1 Or IB Math Analysis SL Year 1 Or AP Calculus	IB Math Analysis HL Year 2 Or IB Math Analysis SL Year 2 Or AP Statistics
Geometry Honors	Algebra II SL	IB Math Analysis SL Year 1 Or Adv. Algebra / Precalc	IB Math Analysis SL Year 2 Or AP Calculus Or AP Statistics
Adv. Algebra / Precalc	AP Calculus	IB Math Analysis HL Year 1	IB Math Analysis HL Year 2

Must have teacher recommendation to double up in math (B+ or better in Algebra I)  
highlighted path indicates the most common course sequence taken by students

For any questions, please discuss with  
your Math teacher

# French Pathways



For any questions, please discuss with your French teacher

# Learning Support

- Students with documented, special learning needs can benefit from individual arrangements.
- If you think your child might need this, you should contact Sonata Sardinha as soon as possible.
- Arrangements include:
  - Extra time
  - Rest periods
  - Information and communication technology
  - Amanuenses (or scribe)
  - Reader
- For more information please contact Sonata Sardinha ([ssardinha@asparis.fr](mailto:ssardinha@asparis.fr))