

Overview of the Subject Options Exercise (SOE) for Sec 3 Express

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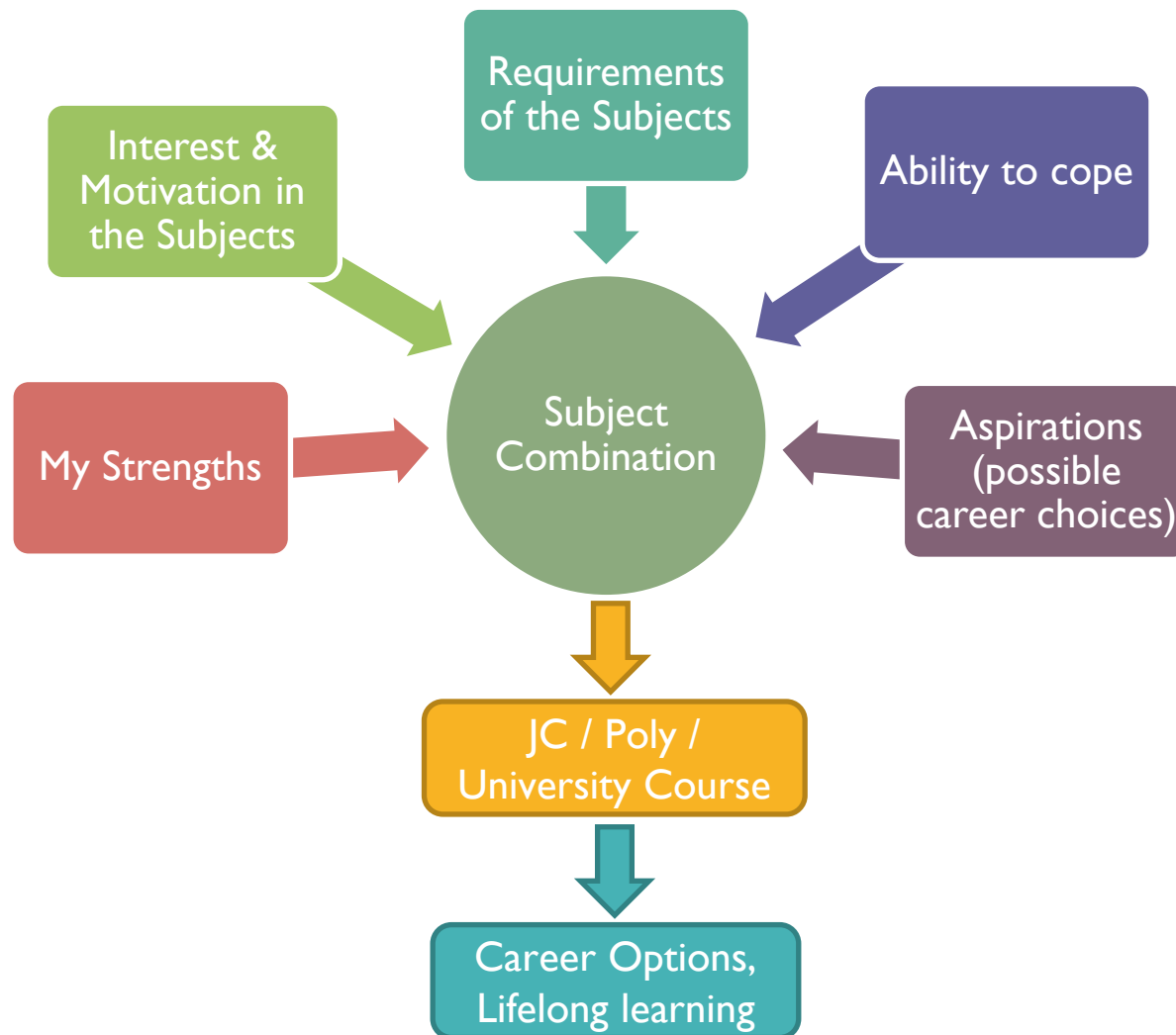


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1. Requirements for JC / MI / Polytechnic

Considerations for Subject Combination



Admission Eligibility

	JC	MI	Polytechnic
Duration of course	2 years	3 years	3 years
Aggregate score required	$L1R5 \leq 20$	$L1R4 \leq 20$	$L1R2B2 \leq 26$

Information for entry to JC / MI / Polytechnic

JC / MI

Admission matters

(L1R5 / L1R4 calculation)

- <https://www.moe.gov.sg/post-secondary/admissions/jae/junior-colleges-and-millennia-institute>

SchoolFinder

- go.gov.sg/sf-jcmi

Polytechnic

Admission matters (L1R2B2 calculation)

- <https://www.moe.gov.sg/post-secondary/admissions/jae/polytechnics>

CourseFinder

- go.gov.sg/cf
- go.gov.sg/apply-np
- go.gov.sg/apply-nyp
- go.gov.sg/apply-rp
- go.gov.sg/apply-sp
- go.gov.sg/apply-tp

Calculation of L1R5 Aggregate Score (JC)

	No.	L1R5	Subject Category
First Language	1	L1	English Language / Higher Mother Tongue Language
Relevant Subjects	2	R1	Humanities
	3	R2	Mathematics / Science
	4	R3	Humanities / Mathematics / Science
	5	R4	Any subject (e.g. Mother Tongue Language, Principles of Accounts, Computing, Music)
	6	R5	Any subject

Calculation of ELR2B2 Score (Polytechnic)

No.	L1R2B2	Subject Category (Mass Comm, Design, Social Work, Early Childhood, Psychology)	Subject Category (All other courses)
1	EL	English Language	English Language
2	R2 1st Group of Relevant Subjects	Humanities / Higher Music / Music	Mathematics / Additional Mathematics
3	R2 2nd Group of Relevant Subjects	Mathematics / Humanities / Science / Nutrition and Food Science / Principles of Accounts / Mother Tongue	Humanities / Science / Nutrition and Food Science / Computing / Principles of Accounts / Higher Music / Music
4 & 5	B2	Best 2 other subjects	Best 2 other subjects

2. Subject Combinations

2025 Sec 3E Subjects Offered

Languages

- English Language
- Mother Tongue Language
- Higher Mother Tongue Language

Mathematics

- Mathematics
- Additional Mathematics

Humanities

- Social Studies (SS) with either:
- Elective Geography (EG)
- Elective History (EH)
- Elective Literature in English (E.Lit)
- Geography (Geog)
- Literature in Chinese (Chinese Lit)

Sciences

- Chemistry (Chem)
- Biology (Bio)
- Physics (Phy)
- Science (Chemistry / Biology) [Sci(C/B)]
- Science (Physics / Chemistry) [Sci(P/C)]

Applied Studies

- **Nutrition and Food Science (NFS)**

Others

- Computing (Comp)
- Principles of Accounts (POA)

2025 Sec 3 Subject Combinations

8 subjects

Pure Sciences

- For students who enjoy deep disciplinary learning *and* rigorous interdisciplinary learning

7 subjects

Pure Sciences

- For students who are passionate about deep disciplinary learning in Sciences/Mathematics, keen on strengthening learning in Humanities

Combined Science

- For students who are passionate about deep disciplinary learning in Humanities, keen on strengthening learning in Sciences/Mathematics

2025 3E Subject Combinations (8 Subjects)

No.	8 subjects				
1	English Language				
2	Mother Tongue Language				
3	Mathematics				
4	Additional Mathematics				
5	Chemistry				
6	SS / EG		SS / EH		SS / E.Lit
7	Phy			Bio	
8	Geog	Chinese Lit	Comp	Bio	Phy

Legend: White = compulsory subjects; Green = subject options; Yellow = Triple Science options

2025 3E Subject Combinations (7 Subjects)

No.	7 subjects (Pure Sciences)			7 subjects (Combined Sciences)				
1	English Language			English Language				
2	Mother Tongue Language			Mother Tongue Language				
3	Mathematics			Mathematics				
4	Additional Mathematics			Additional Mathematics				
5	Chemistry			Sci(C/B)		Sci(P/C)		
6	SS / EG	SS / EH	SS / E.Lit	SS / EG	SS / EH		SS / E.Lit	
7	Phy	Bio		Geog	Chinese Lit	Comp	POA	NFS

Legend: White = compulsory subjects; Green = subject options

3. Subjects Allocation Criteria

2025 Sec 3 Subjects Requirements

The following subjects require a strong foundation in Secondary 2:

Upper Secondary Subject	Strong Foundation in Sec 2 Subject/s
Geography	Geography
Elective Literature in English	English Literature & English Language
Literature in Chinese	Chinese Language
Computing	Math and English Language
Double Science	Science
Triple Science	A1 in Science and top 25% of cohort
Nutrition and Food Science	Food and Consumer Education

Please refer to the respective department slides for specific details.

2025 Sec 3 Subjects Requirements

Your child's / ward's subject combination will depend on the following:

- marks of the required subject(s)
- overall academic performance
- attitude and aptitude for the subject (feedback from subject teachers)
- class sizes and timetabling constraints
- availability of teachers

4. Subjects Options Exercise (SOE) Timeline

Timeline for the Subject Options Exercise (SOE)

Date	Activity
25 Oct (Fri) 8am	Parent-Teacher Conference SOE Opens (fill in the online All Ears Form)
28 Oct (Mon) 9am	SOE Closes (All Ears Form will be locked)
6 Nov (Wed) After 9am	Results of the SOE will be released on the online All Ears Platform (scan the QR code in the October PN)
8 Nov (Fri) By 12pm	Queries about your child's / ward's Subject combination <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete an All Ears Form to send in your query (addressed to Mr Traven Loh)
Late Nov	Form Class Allocation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do note that your child's / ward's sec 3 class allocation may be updated before new academic year begins. Do check the updated class just before school re-opens.