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- **Understanding that your subject choices will lead to a specific career**

Choosing your list of subjects can be a daunting process, so we would like to offer you some website resources where you can do some research and get useful tips to make things easier.

You might have a couple of careers in mind, but you are not sure which programme you will have to study one day (in less than four years' time) to realise your dream! You can make use of the wonderful resources on offer on the PACE Careers and GoStudy websites to look at various careers, what it will entail, how long you will need to study, where you can study and which subjects are required to gain entry.

PACE Careers: <http://www.pacecareers.com/resources.html>

GoStudy: <https://www.gostudy.net/occupations>

Educational resource companies also have wonderful material that you can download to assist in this process. We like EduConnect:

<https://educonnect.co.za/subject-choice>

<https://educonnect.co.za/useful-resources>

- **Some questions that often arise during our grade 9 interactions**

*Please keep in mind that these answers are based on the current minimum admission requirements of Stellenbosch University (SU) and are therefore subject to change. Check on requirements on an annual basis and also note that this may differ for the various institutions.*

- Do I need Accounting to become a CA?

No, for the BAccounting programme we look at your 1) overall academic average; 2) language and 3) Mathematics mark. If you have Accounting up to grade 12 it will make the first semester of Financial Accounting easier, but you will not be disadvantaged if you chose not to take it.

- Do I need to take History to do Law?

No, you do not need to take History in school to be eligible to study Law at SU. Depending on whichever one of the four Law programmes you are considering, you need to be strong in Languages. For the BCom and BAcc Law options, which are offered in the Economic and Management Sciences faculty, you also need Mathematics.

- Which students perform better in Law, the ones who took Maths Lit, or the ones who took Pure Maths?

Normally, students who had Pure Mathematics in school perform better than those who had Mathematical Literacy.

- Can I do a BCom with Maths Lit?  
All the degree programmes on offer in the Economic and Management Sciences (Business) faculty require various levels of Mathematics from a student. You will not be considered with Mathematical Literacy.

To see the programmes the faculty offers, visit [www.maties.com](http://www.maties.com) > What can I study > Undergraduate > Economic and Management Sciences

- How about the combination of Mathematics, Physical Sciences and Life Sciences?  
In terms of Mathematics versus Mathematical Literacy, learners should always try to do Mathematics if they can. The tricky thing is that all institutions' requirements differ, and you will have to do proper research to ensure that you have the right combination that allows you access.

It is important for you to explore potential areas of interest and study in order to make an informed decision about whether to take Mathematics or Mathematical Literacy. There are certain subjects that are useful and which will open doors to several options. We often see learners who have a study idea and then cannot apply for it, because they do not have the correct subjects. The key subjects here are Mathematics, Physical Sciences and Life Sciences. One or all of these subjects are required for many options in the faculties of Engineering, Science, AgriSciences, Economic and Management Sciences and Health Sciences.

However, if you are weak in these subjects and hate them, you will probably not enjoy the higher education options and careers that those subjects lead to. One should exercise some wisdom here, aiming to find a balance between gateway subjects and a learner's interests. The danger is that learners may be overloaded with the above subjects, but then perform poorly in them, which will in turn jeopardise their chances of doing well academically. This will decrease their average so much that their chances of studying at a tertiary institution become limited.

- **Do you still have questions?**

Why not book a grade 9 subject choice assessment?

- I. Grade 9 subject choice assessment

**Cost of the psychometric assessment:**

The cost is R 2 350 per client (Mondays to Fridays) or R 2 900 per client (Saturdays), payable within 48 hours after booking. This fee applies to in-office as well as online assessments.

**For bookings please contact us:**

Email: [csr@sun.ac.za](mailto:csr@sun.ac.za)

Telephone: 021 808 4709

<http://www.sun.ac.za/english/maties/Pages/Career-Grade9SubjectChoices.aspx>

**NOTE: WE ARE CURRENTLY UNABLE TO MAKE OFFICE BOOKINGS DUE TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS.** An announcement will be placed on this page as soon as office bookings open again.

*Please note:*

- We are open during school holidays.
- Assessments are done by appointment only.
- Other services (e.g. career counselling in schools, or special projects and/or workshops) can also be delivered. Costs will be determined by the nature of the project.
- We only assess students aged 15 to 21 years of age.