

Prerequisites for the ISC and AS / A Level Programs

Inventure Academy believes that every student is capable of achieving excellence and realizing their true potential if given the right environment and avenues for learning. We also believe that equal opportunity must be provided (and is indeed provided) to each and every student, in order to work towards maximizing individual potential.

At Inventure, two streams are offered in grades 11 and 12; namely, the ISC and the CIE AS/A Levels. Each of these syllabi have their unique strengths and to compare them to each other with an intent to say one is better or worse than the other, would be akin to comparing oranges to apples. It is commonly believed that the ISC prepares students for study in India and that the AS / A Levels prepares the student for studies overseas. This is a misconception. The AS/A Level credentials are as recognized and valued in India as the ISC credentials are valued overseas and vice-versa. The difference lies in the unique approaches to learning that can be ascribed to these two syllabi and how these approaches align to each student's learning styles.

A study of the college placement portfolio of the Class of 2016 (appended), shows that students qualify equally for study in colleges / universities in India or overseas, irrespective of whether they were ISC or AS/A Level graduates. Of course, the overarching deduction that one can make, is that excellence in either the ISC or AS/A Level program, is what ultimately qualifies students for entry into highly competitive institutions of higher learning globally.

At Inventure, we believe that each student is unique and that each has his/her own learning style that may be effectively complemented by the ISC or the AS / A Levels. It needs to be said at this juncture, that the 'jump' in content and rigor from grade 10 to grade 11 – whether from ICSE to ISC or from IGCSE to the AS/A Levels – is considerable. However, we have found that the jump from the IGCSE to the AS/A Level syllabus in particular, is quite formidable for students.

Since our fundamental aim is to prepare and nurture every student for success, we have developed prerequisite benchmarks for students to qualify for the AS/A Level or ISC programs in grades 11 and 12. Through our many years of experience teaching the IGCSE and AS/A Level programs, we believe that a 75% mark at the very minimum in either the IGCSE or ICSE, would serve as an appropriate benchmark for students to qualify for and succeed in opting for the AS/A Level or ISC syllabus in grades 11 and 12.

The individual learning styles and results of every grade 10 student in their board exams – whether the ICSE or the IGCSE – are carefully evaluated by the subject teachers and the Head of the Senior School before final approval is given for the appropriate program of study in grades 11 and 12. New candidates for admission in grade 11, who opt for either the AS/A Level or ISC program, undergo a similar evaluation of their board results and are interviewed during the admissions interaction to ascertain which curriculum would be suitable for them and whether the candidate meets our prerequisite requirements. Do note that students who have taken the Core Option in any subject at the IGCSE level will not qualify to do the AS Level / A Level in that particular subject. Students entering Grade 11 in either the ISC or AS / A Level stream will get guidance on course and subject selection from the School Head, senior teachers and the Career Guidance/ College Counsellor.

The marks in green below indicate prerequisite qualifying scores in the Grade 10 Board Exams for students to opt for either the AS/A Level or ISC program in grades 11 and 12:

Grade	A*	A	B	C	D	E	U
IGCSE	90-100	80-89	70-79	60-69	50-59	40-49	39 and below

Grade	A1	A2	B1	B2	C1	C2	F
ICSE	91-100	81-90	71-80	61-70	51-60	41-50	<40

The strengths and differences in approach of the ICSE and IGCSE syllabi are explained in detail at Orientation for parents and students during end of the 7th Grade and similarly, between the ISC and the AS / A Level syllabi, during the Orientation for parents and students at the end of the 10th grade.

Please be advised that eligibility for either the ISC or AS/Level programs in grades 11 and 12 is at the discretion of Inventure Academy, keeping in mind the most appropriate course of study for every Inventurer to achieve excellence.