

## Language of Instruction & working language

English is the main language of instruction for all DP students and teachers at SMEF with the exception of the Group 1: Persian Literature class. The SMEF working languages in the DP section are both English and Persian.

### The curriculum of the DP offers two language related groups:

1. **Group 1:** Language learning in “**Studies in Language and Literature**,” while studying their best language, students are also exposed to a wide range of literature in translation that requires cross-cultural comparison.
2. **Group 2:** “**Language Acquisition**”; development of intercultural communicative competence, which focuses on developing the skills that enable learners to mediate between people from different societies and cultures (Byram 1997).

SMEF offers **Persian literature** as well as **English language and literature** from **group one** providing the students with the opportunity to earn a bilingual diploma for those students previously educated through Persian Language. **French/German (ab initio/B) and English B** are offered from **group 2** that develop students’ linguistic abilities through the development of receptive, productive and interactive skills by providing them opportunities to respond and interact appropriately in a defined range of everyday situations..

### Language instruction during one week

Subject	Number of sessions per week		Duration
Persian Literature	4 sessions (SL)	6 sessions (HL)	45 minutes
English Language and literature	4 sessions (SL)	6 sessions (HL)	45 minutes
French/German ab initio/ B	4 sessions (SL)	6 sessions (HL)	45 minutes
English B		6 sessions (HL)	45 minutes
Writing techniques	2 sessions		45 minutes
<b>Note:</b> All subject teachers allocate specific time to language development through providing <b>feedback</b> on the <b>students’ assignment</b> and <b>encourage them to identify and work on language features</b> in their subjects.			