

# The Career-related Programme (IBCP) at UWC Maastricht

## Why chose the IBCP?

The IB Careers-related programme is designed for students who want to acquire personal and professional skills in a chosen area.

While the Diploma Programme (**DP**) is very broad (6 subjects) and centred on academic skills and knowledge, the **CP** is more focused (fewer subjects) and centred on both academic *and* vocational skills and knowledge.

### IBDP

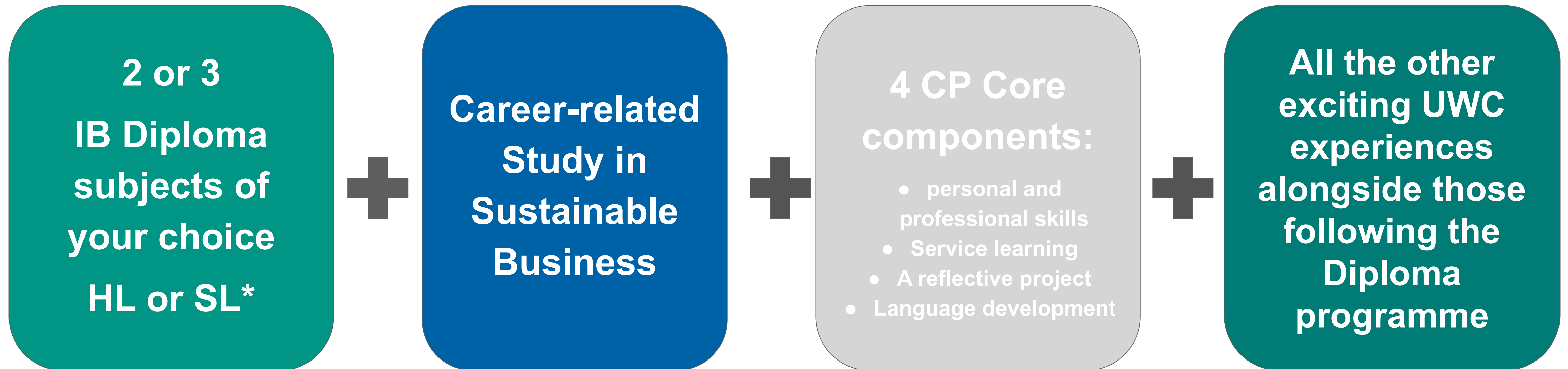
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**VS**

### IBCP

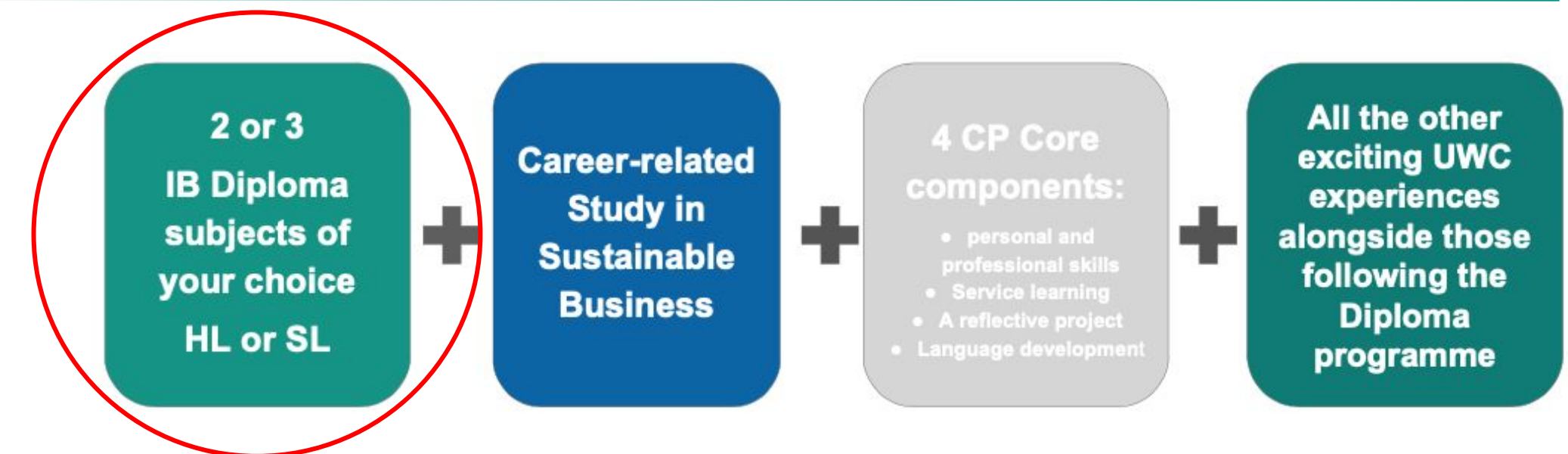
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# What is the IBCP?



\*HL = Higher Level, SL= Standard Level. Higher Level courses have more content and are taught for 4 lessons per week; Standard for 3 lessons.

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**2 or 3  
IB Diploma  
subjects of  
your choice  
HL or SL**

You can choose these based on your interests and strengths.

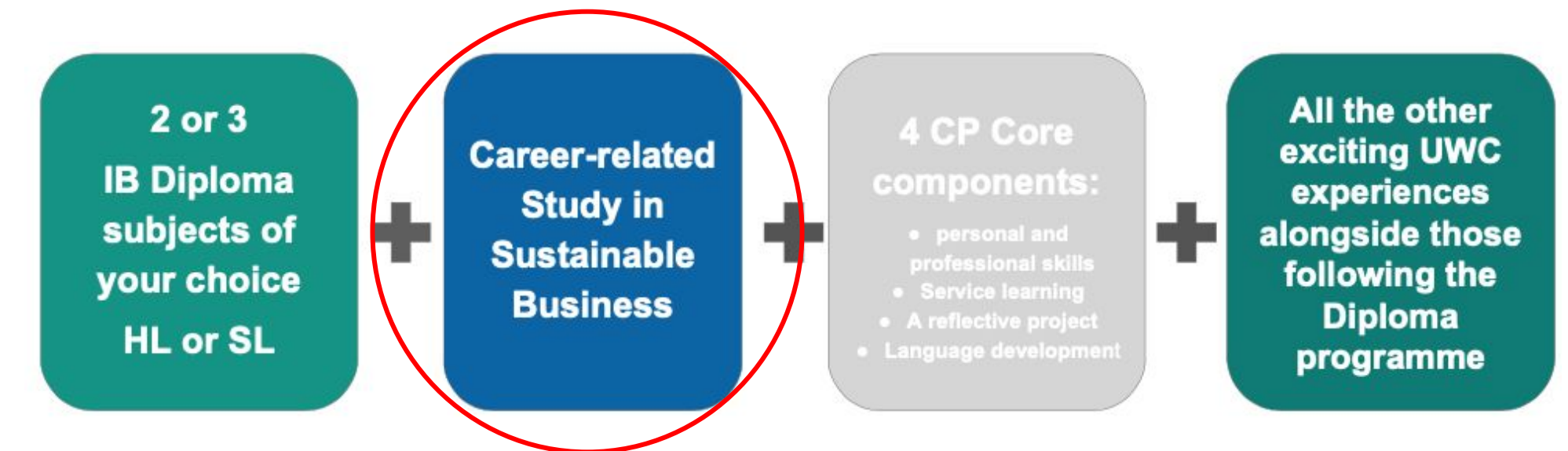
We may not be able to offer all DP subjects to all students, but the choice will be wide.

You will be assessed for these subjects in exactly the same way as DP students.

The IBCP is newest and fastest growing IB programme so is not yet recognized quite as widely as the IBDP by institutions of higher education. Students should check with their university counsellor to determine if their curriculum choice will support their individual goals for post-secondary study.

# What is the IBCP?

## Career-related Study in Sustainable Business



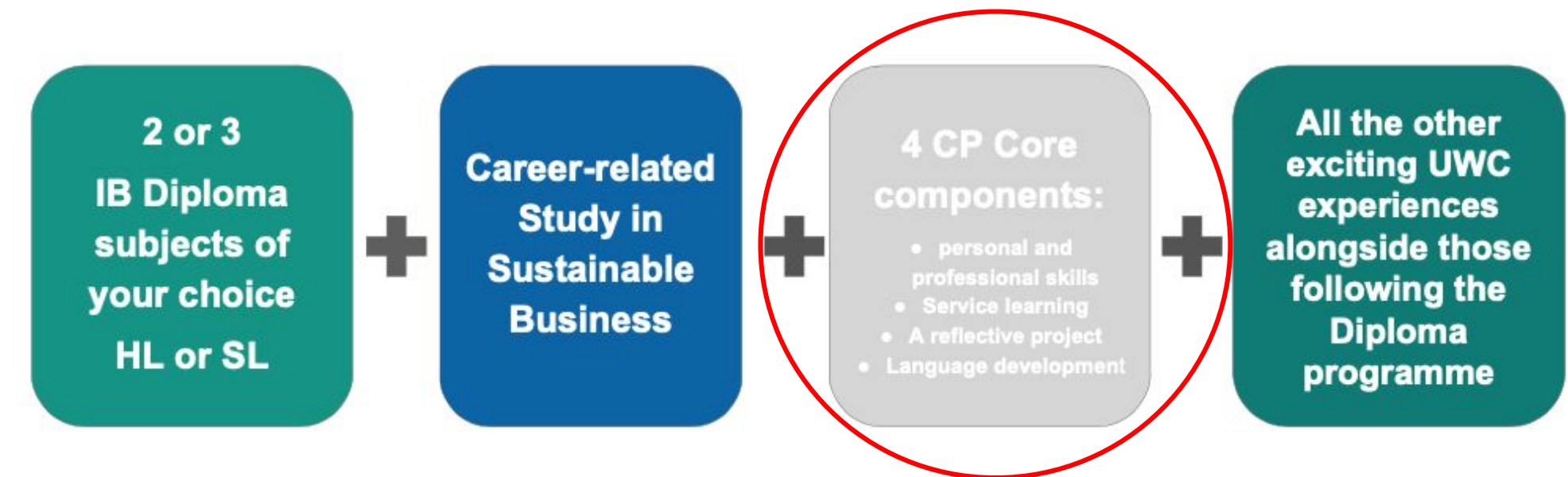
All CP students take this course over 2 years.

Designed and examined by SUMAS, an international Business School based in Switzerland. Accredited by the IB.

Combines taught units on Sustainability and Business Leadership with Project-Based Learning.

Possibility to specialise in:  
Sustainable Hospitality, Fashion, or Nature Conservation.

# What is the IBCP?



## 4 CP Core components:

- Personal and professional skills
- Service learning
- A reflective project
- Language development

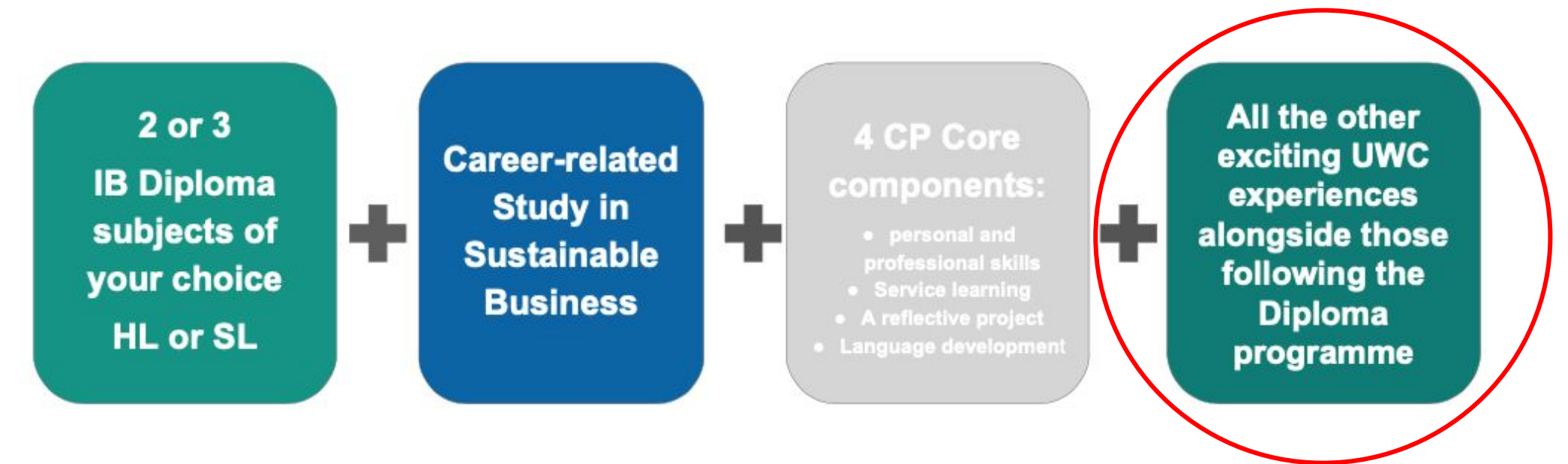
Studied by all students over 2 years

Tailored to individual needs and interests with focus on those skills suitable for business careers.

Mix of taught lessons plus self-managed learning with close supervision.

Opportunities to choose your own skills courses.

# What is the IBCP?



**All the other  
exciting UWC  
experiences  
alongside those  
following the  
Diploma  
programme**

You will be in tutor groups and classes with DP students and share many of the same experiences; eg Welcome Week, Youth Social Entrepreneurship, Critical Engagement, CAS, etc.

If a resident you will be living together with the DP students too.

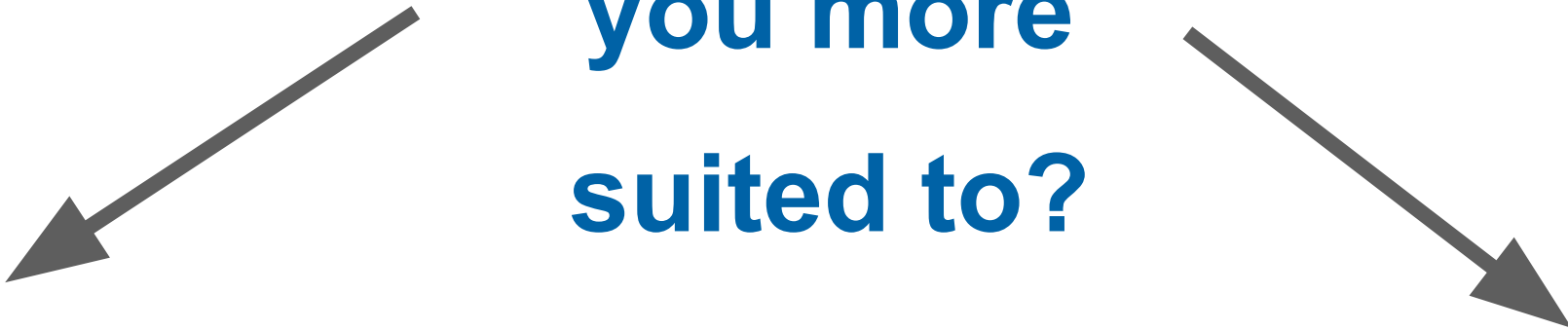
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Both the CP and the DP are very challenging courses for anyone.

## IBCP suits...

- Those with a more focused interest in Business and Sustainability
- Those who can manage their own time and learning very well.
- Those who want to dedicate more time to fewer subjects

Which one are  
you more  
suited to?



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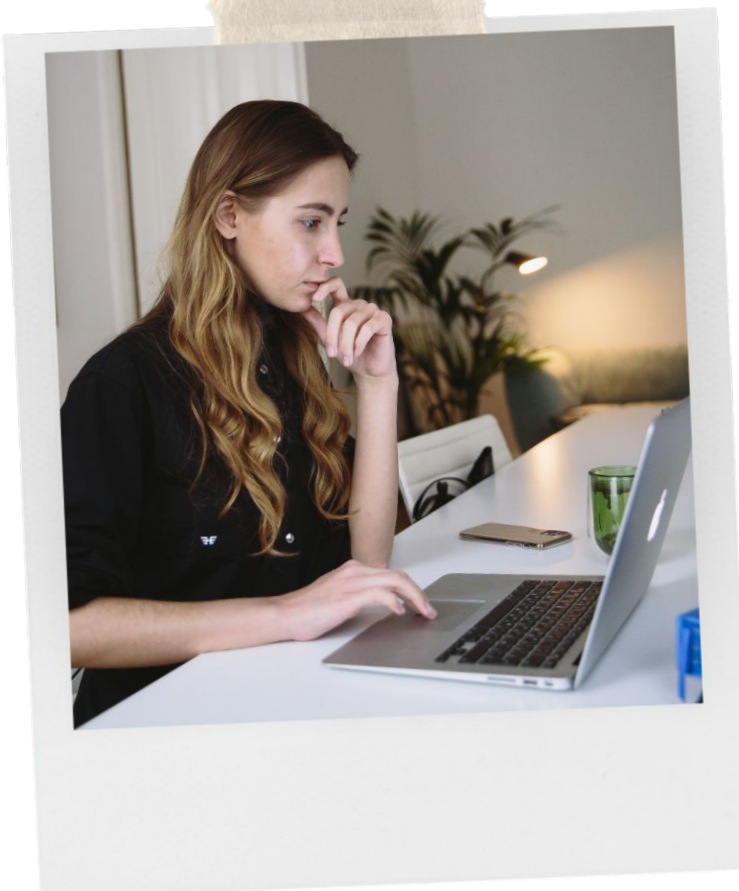
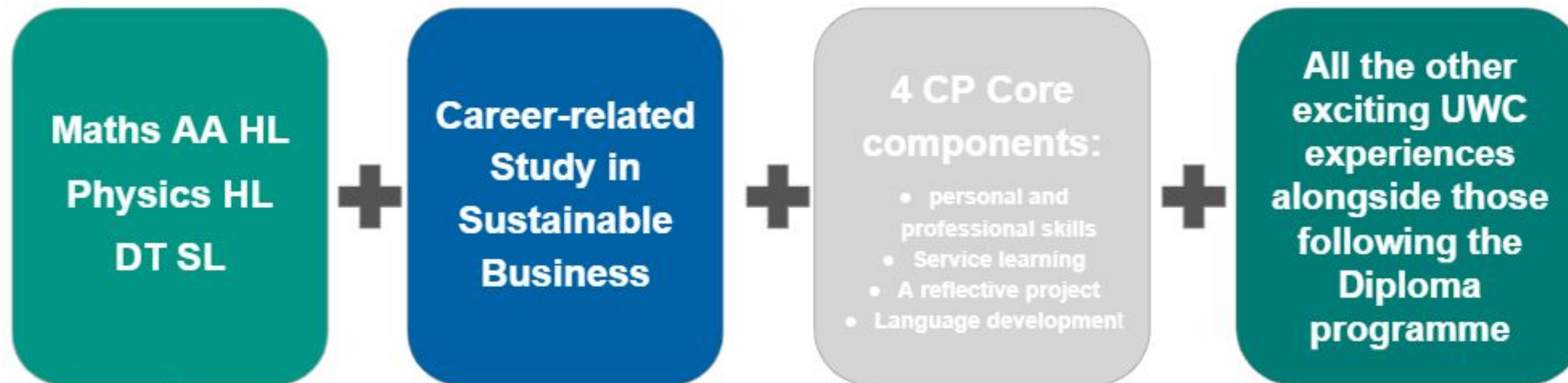
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## IBDP suits...

- Those who want a very broad education and are maybe unsure of their future career.
- ..or those who are already very sure - eg: aspiring Doctors, Lawyers, Engineers...

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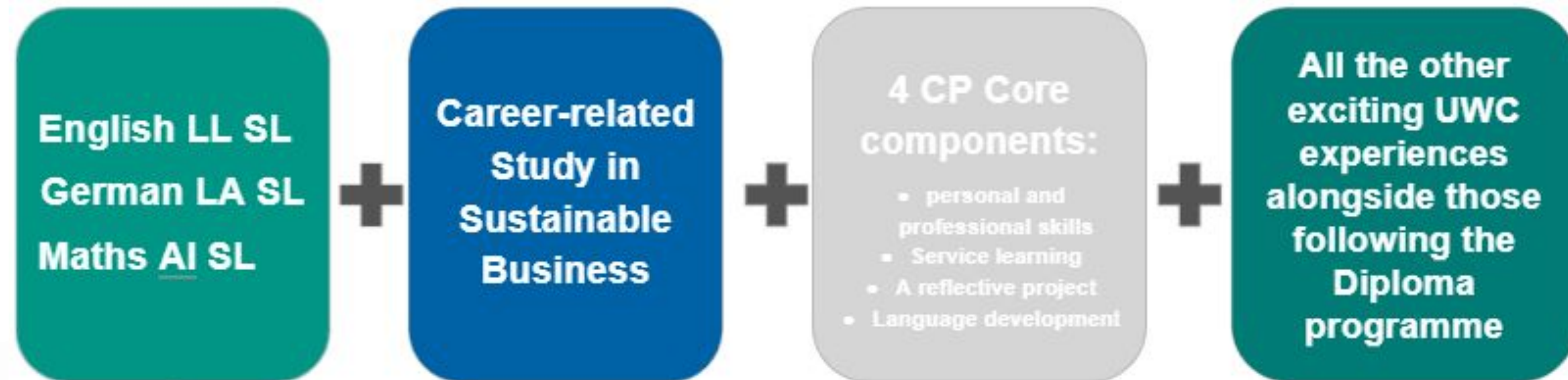


### Example 1: An *academic* CP pathway

Maya has a strong interest in Tech and Fashion and hopes to one day run her own start-up business creating solutions to reduce waste from the textile industry. She's sure she will go onto university first though, so, after checking with her Uni counsellor, she has chosen a very 'academic' CP with 2 Higher level subjects and 1 Standard Level in subjects relevant for her career. She's especially looking forward to the UWCM Youth Social Entrepreneurship programme.

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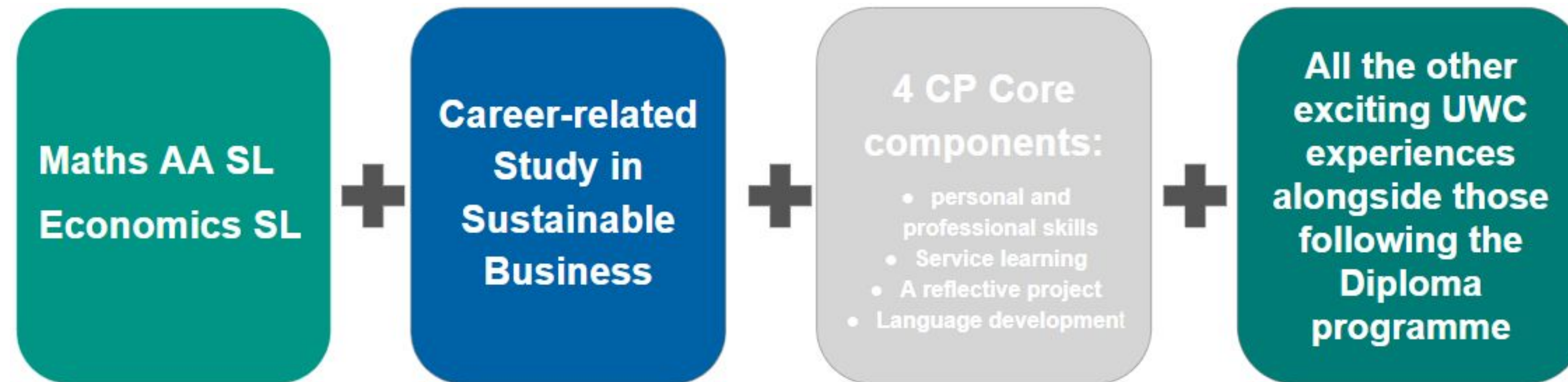
### Example 2: A *vocational* CP pathway

Leo is almost certain that he wants to go into a career in Sustainable Tourism, maybe managing a boutique eco-hotel. He knows languages are vital in this industry so he's ensuring his written English is completely fluent and he's learning German too, with a view to starting his career in Europe. His uni counsellor said that some Hotel Management courses require Maths also so he's made sure he has this in his package in case he wants to go onto one of the many schools in this region. His timetable is a little lighter than Maya's but still quite full.



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### Example 3: An *independent* CP pathway

Farah's used to help a Women's Co-operative marketing Fair-Trade clothes in her home country. She loved this so much she wants to start her own online business while still at school. She has chosen the lightest academic package with just two standard levels so she can spend more time setting up her website and take an online textile design course on one of her free mornings. Her uni counsellor said her package choice might still enable her to apply for financial aid for a course at some US colleges, in case she wants to apply to advance her business skills.



## Want to know more about the Career-related Programme (IBCP) at UWC Maastricht?

**There is more information on our website but you can also contact:**

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