

Commerce vs Science vs Arts: Comparison Sheet

A printable reference summarising core subjects, best-fit traits, and career paths for all three streams.

Stream	Typical Core Subjects	Best Fit For	Common Career Paths
Science (PCM)	Physics, Chemistry, Maths, English + elective	Strong in maths/logic, enjoys problem-solving	Engineering, architecture, data science, defence, research
Science (PCB)	Physics, Chemistry, Biology, English + elective	Curious about the human body and living systems	Medicine, nursing, biotechnology, pharmacy, allied health
Commerce	Accountancy, Business Studies, Economics, English + elective	Interested in money, business, and how organisations run	CA/CS/CMA, banking, business management, entrepreneurship
Arts / Humanities	History, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology, Economics, English + elective	Enjoys reading, discussion, and understanding people and society	Law, civil services, journalism, psychology, design, teaching

Reminder: under NEP 2020, many CBSE schools now allow mixing subjects across these traditional groupings (for example, Economics with Biology). Confirm what your specific school offers before finalising your combination.