

IB Diploma Programme and IB Career-related Programme

November 2021 examination schedule

Morning examinations must start after 0700 hours and finish by 1300 hours local time.
Afternoon examinations must start after 1200 hours and finish by 1800 hours local time.

An examination cannot be rescheduled without authorization from the Assessment Division, IB Global Centre, Cardiff

Legend of Subject Groups:

	Interdisciplinary subjects		Sciences
	Studies in language and literature and Language acquisition		Mathematics
	Individuals and societies		The arts

Please note that for Studies in language and literature and Language acquisition, English and Spanish are scheduled individually from all other languages.

Examination Schedule

Friday 22 October			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
SBS	--- No Exams ---	SBS	School-based syllabus SL paper 1

Week 1

Monday 25 October			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
SBS	School-based syllabus SL paper 2		Business management HL paper 1 Business management SL paper 1 1h 15m 1h

Tuesday 26 October

Morning session		Afternoon session	
Business management HL paper 2	1h 45m	Language B HL paper 1	1h 30m
Business management SL paper 2	1h 15m	Language B HL paper 2 - Reading comprehension	1h
Global politics HL paper 2	1h 45m	Language B SL paper 1	1h 15m
Global politics SL paper 2	1h 45m	Language B SL paper 2 - Reading comprehension	1h 45m
		Language ab initio SL paper 1	
		Language ab initio SL paper 2 - Reading comprehension	1h
		* Except: English & Spanish	
		Latin HL paper 2	2h
		Latin SL paper 2	1h 30m

Wednesday 27 October

Morning session		Afternoon session	
Biology HL paper 1	1h	Economics HL paper 1	1h 30m
Biology HL paper 2	2h 15m	Economics SL paper 1	1h 30m
Biology SL paper 1	45m	Social & cultural anthropology HL paper 1	2h
Biology SL paper 2	1h 15m	Social & cultural anthropology SL paper 1	1h

Thursday 28 October

Morning session		Afternoon session	
Economics HL paper 2	45m	Language A Literature HL paper 1	2h 15m
Economics HL paper 3	1h	Language A Literature SL paper 1	1h 15m
Economics SL paper 2	45m	Language A Language & Literature HL paper 1	2h 15m
Social & cultural anthropology HL paper 2	1h	Language A Language & Literature SL paper 1	1h 15m
Social & cultural anthropology SL paper 2	45m	* Except: English & Spanish	

Friday 29 October

Morning session		Afternoon session	
--- No Exams ---		Computer science HL paper 1	2h 10m
		Computer science SL paper 1	1h 30m
		Environmental systems & societies SL paper 1	1h

Week 2

Monday 1 November			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
	Computer science HL paper 3	1h	
	Environmental systems & societies SL paper 2	2h	
		Mathematics: analysis and approaches HL paper 1 2h analysis and approaches SL paper 1 1h 30m Mathematics: applications and interpretation HL paper 1 2h applications and interpretation SL paper 1 1h 30m	

Tuesday 2 November			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
	Mathematics: analysis and approaches HL paper 2 2h analysis and approaches SL paper 2 1h 30m Mathematics: applications and interpretation HL paper 2 2h applications and interpretation SL paper 2 1h 30m		
		Spanish A Literature HL paper 1 2h 15m Spanish A Literature SL paper 1 1h 15m Spanish A Language & Literature HL paper 1 2h 15m Spanish A Language & Literature SL paper 1 1h 15m Spanish B HL paper 1 1h 30m Spanish B HL paper 2 - Reading comprehension 1h Spanish B SL paper 1 1h 15m Spanish B SL paper 2 - Reading comprehension 1h Spanish ab initio SL paper 1 45m Spanish ab initio SL paper 2 - Reading comprehension 1h	

Wednesday 3 November			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
	Sports, exercise & health science HL paper 1 1h Sports, exercise & health science HL paper 2 2h 15m Sports, exercise & health science SL paper 1 45m Sports, exercise & health science SL paper 2 1h 15m		
		History HL/SL paper 1 1h History HL/SL paper 2 45m	

Thursday 4 November			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
	History HL paper 3		
		Physics HL paper 1 1h Physics HL paper 2 2h 15m Physics SL paper 1 45m Physics SL paper 2 1h 15m	

Friday 5 November			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
	--- No Exams ---		
		Geography HL paper 1 45m Geography SL paper 1 45m ITGS HL paper 1 2h 15m ITGS SL paper 1 1h 30m Philosophy HL paper 1 1h Philosophy SL paper 1 1h	

Week 3

Monday 8 November			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
Geography HL/SL paper 2 Geography HL paper 3 ITGS HL paper 3 Philosophy HL/SL paper 2 Philosophy HL paper 3	1h	English A Literature HL paper 1 English A Literature SL paper 1 English A Language & Literature HL paper 1 English A Language & Literature SL paper 1 English B HL paper 1 English B HL paper 2 - Reading comprehension English B SL paper 1 English B SL paper 2 - Reading comprehension English ab initio SL paper 1 English ab initio SL paper 2 - Reading comprehension	2h 15m
	1h		1h 15m
	1h 15m		2h 15m
	1h		1h 15m
	1h 15m		1h 30m
	1h 15m		1h
		Literature & performance SL paper 2	1h 30m

Tuesday 9 November			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
Mathematics: analysis and approaches HL paper 3 Mathematics: applications and interpretation HL paper 3	1h	Psychology HL paper 1 Psychology SL paper 1	2h
	1h		2h

Wednesday 10 November			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
Psychology HL paper 2	1h	Chemistry HL paper 1 Chemistry HL paper 2 Chemistry SL paper 1 Chemistry SL paper 2 Design technology HL/SL paper 2 Design technology HL paper 3	1h
			2h 15m
			45m
			1h 15m
			1h 30m
			1h 30m

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Principles used in creating the IB Examination Schedule

1. It is not possible to take into account public, national or school holidays, or religious festivals because of the number of countries in which the IB Diploma Programme is offered.
2. Registration data has been used to ensure that the minimum number of candidates globally are impacted by subject timetable clashes.
3. Studies in language and literature and Language acquisition subjects are not scheduled on the same day so a candidate does not have to be examined in two different language subjects on the same day.
4. Arabic examinations in either Studies in language and literature or Language acquisition will not be scheduled on a Friday out of respect for candidates of the Islamic faith.
5. Almost all subjects are scheduled in an afternoon and morning pattern on consecutive days. This is to minimise the impact of absence on any given day, whilst maintaining continuity for candidates.
6. Subjects with the highest candidature are not scheduled consecutively and are spread as evenly as possible over 3 weeks to try and distribute the workload for candidates. Language examinations and science examinations are scheduled on each of the 3 weeks for the same reason.
7. Except for English and Spanish, Language A examinations are scheduled separately from Language B.
8. The examination period remains three weeks long. This is to maintain an acceptable balance between the number of conflicts in the schedule, the school overheads in running an examination schedule, the time available to teach, and the IB's responsibility to get the marking done on time to the required quality.

Rescheduling Policy

- Rescheduling of an exam for a candidate requires approval from IB.
- The criteria and the process for applying for a reschedule can be found in the Diploma Programme Assessment procedures (formerly Handbook of procedures).

2022 Examination Schedule

- The exam schedule in 2022 will start on Friday 21 October, and end on Friday 11 November, subject to confirmation in 2021.