

IB Diploma Programme and IB Career-related Programme

May 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, French and Spanish are scheduled individually from all other languages.

Examination Schedule

Thursday 29 April			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
	--- No exams ---	SBS	School-based syllabus SL paper 1

Friday 30 April			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
SBS	School-based syllabus SL paper 2		Business management HL paper 1 Business management SL paper 1 World religions SL paper 1
			2h 15m 1h 15m 1h 15m

Week 1

Monday 3 May			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
	Business management HL paper 2 Business management SL paper 2	2h 15m 1h 45m	
	World religions SL paper 2	1h 30m	
			Physics HL paper 1 Physics HL paper 2 Physics SL paper 1 Physics SL paper 2
			Sports, exercise & health science HL paper 1 Sports, exercise & health science HL paper 2 Sports, exercise & health science SL paper 1 Sports, exercise & health science SL paper 2
			1h 2h 15m 45m 1h 15m 1h 2h 15m 45m 1h 15m

Tuesday 4 May			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
	Physics HL paper 3 Physics SL paper 3	1h 15m 1h	
	Sports, exercise & health science HL paper 3 Sports, exercise & health science SL paper 3	1h 15m 1h	
			History HL/SL paper 1 History HL/SL paper 2
			1h 1h 30m

Wednesday 5 May			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
	History HL paper 3	2h 30m	
			Language A Literature HL paper 1 Language A Literature SL paper 1 Language A Language & Literature HL paper 1 Language A Language & Literature SL paper 1
			2h 15m 1h 15m 2h 15m 1h 15m
			* Except: English, French & Spanish

Thursday 6 May			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
	Language A Literature HL/SL paper 2 Language A Language & Literature HL/SL paper 2	1h 45m 1h 45m	
	* Except: English, French & Spanish		
	Music HL paper 1 Music SL paper 1	2h 30m 2h	Mathematics: analysis and approaches HL paper 1 analysis and approaches SL paper 1
			2h 1h 30m
			Mathematics: applications and interpretation HL paper 1 applications and interpretation SL paper 1
			2h 1h 30m

Friday 7 May			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
	Mathematics: analysis and approaches HL paper 2 analysis and approaches SL paper 2	2h 1h 30m	
	Mathematics: applications and interpretation HL paper 2 applications and interpretation SL paper 2	2h 1h 30m	
			Economics HL paper 1 Economics SL paper 1
			1h 30m 1h 30m

Thursday 13 May

Morning session		Afternoon session	
Geography HL/SL paper 2	1h 15m	Classical Greek HL paper 1	1h 30m
Geography HL paper 3	1h	Classical Greek SL paper 1	1h 15m
Global politics HL paper 2	2h 45m	Spanish A Literature HL paper 1	2h 15m
Global politics SL paper 2	1h 45m	Spanish A Literature SL paper 1	1h 15m
Philosophy HL/SL paper 2	1h	Spanish A Language & Literature HL paper 1	2h 15m
Philosophy HL paper 3	1h 15m	Spanish A Language & Literature SL paper 1	1h 15m
Social & cultural anthropology HL paper 2	2h 30m	Spanish B HL paper 1	1h 30m
Social & cultural anthropology SL paper 2	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	1h
		Spanish ab initio SL paper 2	
		- Reading comprehension	1h

Friday 14 May

Morning session		Afternoon session	
Classical Greek HL paper 2	2h	Computer science HL paper 1	2h 10m
Classical Greek SL paper 2	1h 30m	Computer science SL paper 1	1h 30m
Spanish A Literature HL/SL paper 2	1h 45m		
Spanish A Language & Literature HL/SL paper 2	1h 45m		
Spanish B HL paper 2	1h	Environmental systems & societies SL paper 1	1h
- Listening comprehension			
Spanish B SL paper 2	45m		
- Listening comprehension			
Spanish ab initio SL paper 2	45m		
- Listening comprehension			

Week 3
Monday 17 May

Morning session		Afternoon session	
Computer science HL paper 2	1h 20m	Language B HL paper 1	1h 30m
Computer science HL paper 3	1h	Language B HL paper 2	
Computer science SL paper 2	1h	- Reading comprehension	1h
		Language B SL paper 1	1h 15m
		Language B SL paper 2	
		- Reading comprehension	1h
		Language ab initio SL paper 1	1h
		Language ab initio SL paper 2	
		- Reading comprehension	1h
Environmental systems & societies SL paper 2	2h		
		* Except: English, French & Spanish	
		Latin HL paper 1	1h 30m
		Latin SL paper 1	1h 15m

Tuesday 18 May				
Morning session		Afternoon session		
Language B HL paper 2 - Listening comprehension	1h		Biology HL paper 1 Biology HL paper 2 Biology SL paper 1 Biology SL paper 2	1h 2h 15m 45m 1h 15m
Language B SL paper 2 - Listening comprehension	45m		Nature of science SL paper 1	1h 30m
Language ab initio SL paper 2 - Listening comprehension	45m			
* Except: English, French & Spanish				
Latin HL paper 2 Latin SL paper 2	2h 1h 30m			
Mathematics: analysis and approaches HL paper 3	1h			
Mathematics: applications and interpretation HL paper 3	1h			

Wednesday 19 May				
Morning session		Afternoon session		
Biology HL paper 3 Biology SL paper 3	1h 15m 1h		Psychology HL paper 1 Psychology SL paper 1	2h 2h
Nature of science SL paper 2	1h		ITGS HL paper 1 ITGS SL paper 1	2h 15m 1h 30m

Thursday 20 May				
Morning session		Afternoon session		
Psychology HL paper 2 Psychology HL paper 3 Psychology SL paper 2	2h 1h 1h		French A Literature HL paper 1 French A Literature SL paper 1 French A Language & Literature HL paper 1 French A Language & Literature SL paper 1	2h 15m 1h 15m 2h 15m 1h 15m
ITGS HL/SL paper 2 ITGS HL paper 3	1h 15m 1h 15m		French B HL paper 1 French B HL paper 2 - Reading comprehension French B SL paper 1 French B SL paper 2 - Reading comprehension French ab initio SL paper 1 French ab initio SL paper 2 - Reading comprehension	1h 30m 1h 1h 15m 1h 1h 1h

Friday 21 May			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
French A Literature HL/SL paper 2 French A Language & Literature HL/SL paper 2	1h 45m 1h 45m	Keep available for examinations as contingency during the May 2021 session, awaiting instruction from IB	
French B HL paper 2 - Listening comprehension French B SL paper 2 - Listening comprehension	1h 45m		
French ab initio SL paper 2 - Listening comprehension	45m		

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. Where there are subjects with particular regional or cultural links we will endeavour to take these into account, for example Arabic literature/language examinations will not be scheduled on a Friday.
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, Spanish and French, 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 Thursday 28 April 2022, and end on Friday 20 May 2022, subject to confirmation in 2021.