

IB Diploma Programme and IB Career-related Programme

May 2022 examination schedule

Updated July 2021

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

Friday 29 April			
	Morning session		Afternoon session
SBS	School-based syllabus SL paper 2		Business management HL paper 1 Business management SL paper 1 Social & cultural anthropology HL paper 1 Social & cultural anthropology SL paper 1 World religions SL paper 1
			1h 15m 1h 2h 1h 45m

Week 1

Monday 2 May			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
	Business management HL paper 2 Business management SL paper 2	1h 45m 1h 15m	
	Social & cultural anthropology HL paper 2 Social & cultural anthropology SL paper 2	1h 45m	
	World religions SL paper 2	45m	
			Computer science HL paper 1 Computer science SL paper 1
			Design technology HL/SL paper 2
			Nature of science SL paper 1
			2h 10m 1h 30m 1h 30m 1h 30m

Tuesday 3 May			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
	Computer science HL paper 3	1h	
	Design technology HL paper 3	1h 30m	
	Nature of science SL paper 2	1h	
			History HL/SL paper 1 History HL/SL paper 2
			1h 45m

Wednesday 4 May			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
	History HL paper 3	1h 45m	
			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 5 May			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
	Physics HL paper 1 Physics HL paper 2 Physics SL paper 1 Physics SL paper 2	1h 2h 15m 45m 1h 15m	
			Environmental systems & societies SL paper 1
			1h

Friday 6 May			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
	Environmental systems & societies SL paper 2	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 13 May			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
English B HL paper 2 - Listening comprehension	1h	Geography HL paper 1	45m
English B SL paper 2 - Listening comprehension	45m	Geography SL paper 1	45m
English ab initio SL paper 2 - Listening comprehension	45m	Global politics HL paper 2	1h 45m
		Global politics SL paper 2	1h 45m
		Philosophy HL paper 1	1h
		Philosophy SL paper 1	1h

Week 3

Monday 16 May			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
Geography HL/SL paper 2	1h	Spanish A Literature HL paper 1	2h 15m
Geography HL paper 3	1h	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
		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
		Classical Greek HL paper 2	2h
		Classical Greek SL paper 2	1h 30m

Tuesday 17 May			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
Spanish B HL paper 2 - Listening comprehension	1h	ITGS HL paper 1	2h 15m
Spanish B SL paper 2 - Listening comprehension	45m	ITGS SL paper 1	1h 30m
Spanish ab initio SL paper 2 - Listening comprehension	45m	Psychology HL paper 1	2h
		Psychology SL paper 1	2h

Wednesday 18 May			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
ITGS HL paper 3	1h 15m	Chemistry HL paper 1	1h
Psychology HL paper 2	1h	Chemistry HL paper 2	2h 15m
		Chemistry SL paper 1	45m
		Chemistry SL paper 2	1h 15m

Thursday 19 May

Morning session		Afternoon session	
Sports, exercise & health science HL paper 1	1h	French A Literature HL paper 1	2h 15m
Sports, exercise & health science HL paper 2	2h 15m	French A Literature SL paper 1	1h 15m
Sports, exercise & health science SL paper 1	45m	French A Language & Literature HL paper 1	2h 15m
Sports, exercise & health science SL paper 2	1h 15m	French A Language & Literature SL paper 1	1h 15m
		French B HL paper 1	1h 30m
		French B HL paper 2	
		- Reading comprehension	1h
		French B SL paper 1	1h 15m
		French B SL paper 2	
		- Reading comprehension	1h
		French ab initio SL paper 1	45m
		French ab initio SL paper 2	
		- Reading comprehension	1h

Friday 20 May

Morning session		Afternoon session	
French B HL paper 2		Keep available for examinations as contingency during the May 2022 session, awaiting instruction from IB	
- Listening comprehension	1h		
French B SL paper 2			
- Listening comprehension	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)

2023 Examination Schedule

- The exam schedule in 2023 will start on Thursday 27 April, and end on Friday 19 May, subject to confirmation in 2022.