

IB Diploma Programme and IB Career-related Programme

November 2019 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 1 November			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
---	No Exams ---		School-based syllabus SL paper 1

Week 1

Monday 4 November			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
	School-based syllabus SL paper 2		Spanish A Literature HL paper 1 Spanish A Literature SL paper 1 Spanish A Language & Literature HL paper 1 Spanish A Language & Literature SL paper 1 Spanish B HL paper 1 Spanish B SL paper 1 Spanish ab initio SL paper 1
			2h 1h 30m 2h 1h 30m 1h 30m 1h 30m 1h 30m

Tuesday 5 November

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

Wednesday 6 November

Morning session		Afternoon session	
Physics HL paper 3	1h 15m	Economics HL paper 1	1h 30m
Physics SL paper 3	1h	Economics SL paper 1	1h 30m
Sports, exercise & health science HL paper 3	1h 15m	Social & cultural anthropology HL paper 1	2h
Sports, exercise & health science SL paper 3	1h	Social & cultural anthropology SL paper 1	1h 30m

Thursday 7 November

Morning session		Afternoon session	
Economics HL paper 2	1h 30m	English A Literature HL paper 1	2h
Economics HL paper 3	1h	English A Literature SL paper 1	1h 30m
Economics SL paper 2	1h 30m	English A Language & Literature HL paper 1	2h
Social & cultural anthropology HL paper 2	2h 30m	English A Language & Literature SL paper 1	1h 30m
Social & cultural anthropology SL paper 2	1h 30m	English B HL paper 1	1h 30m
		English B SL paper 1	1h 30m
		English ab initio SL paper 1	1h 30m
		Literature & performance SL paper 1	1h 30m

Friday 8 November

Morning session		Afternoon session	
English A Literature HL paper 2	2h	Computer science HL paper 1	2h 10m
English A Literature SL paper 2	1h 30m	Computer science SL paper 1	1h 30m
English A Language & Literature HL paper 2	2h		
English A Language & Literature SL paper 2	1h 30m	Environmental systems & societies SL paper 1	1h
English B HL paper 2	1h 30m		
English B SL paper 2	1h 30m		
English ab initio SL paper 2	1h		
Literature & performance SL paper 2	1h 30m		

Week 2

Monday 11 November			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
	Computer science HL paper 2 Computer science HL paper 3 Computer science SL paper 2	1h 20m 1h 1h	
	Environmental systems & societies SL paper 2	2h	
		* Except: English & Spanish	
			Language B HL paper 1 Language B SL paper 1 Language ab initio SL paper 1 Latin HL paper 1 Latin SL paper 1
			1h 30m 1h 30m 1h 30m 1h 30m 1h 15m

Tuesday 12 November			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
	Language B HL paper 2 Language B SL paper 2 Language ab initio SL paper 2	1h 30m 1h 30m 1h	
	Latin HL paper 2 Latin SL paper 2	2h 1h 30m	
		* Except: English & Spanish	
			History HL/SL paper 1 History HL/SL paper 2
			1h 1h 30m

Wednesday 13 November			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
	History HL paper 3	2h 30m	
		* Except: English & Spanish	
			Chemistry HL paper 1 Chemistry HL paper 2 Chemistry SL paper 1 Chemistry SL paper 2 Design technology HL paper 1 Design technology SL paper 1 Design technology HL/SL paper 2
			1h 2h 15m 45m 1h 15m 1h 45m 1h 30m

Thursday 14 November			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
	Chemistry HL paper 3 Chemistry SL paper 3	1h 15m 1h	
	Design technology HL paper 3	1h 30m	
		* Except: English & Spanish	
			Business management HL paper 1 Business management SL paper 1 Global politics HL/SL paper 1
			2h 15m 1h 15m 1h 15m

Friday 15 November			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
	Business management HL paper 2 Business management SL paper 2	2h 15m 1h 45m	
	Global politics HL paper 2 Global politics SL paper 2	2h 45m 1h 45m	
		* Except: English & Spanish	
			Geography HL paper 1 Geography SL paper 1 ITGS HL paper 1 ITGS SL paper 1 Philosophy HL paper 1 Philosophy SL paper 1
			2h 15m 1h 30m 2h 15m 1h 30m 2h 30m 1h 45m

Week 3

Monday 18 November			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
	Geography HL/SL paper 2 Geography HL paper 3	1h 15m 1h	
	ITGS HL/SL paper 2 ITGS HL paper 3	1h 15m 1h 15m	Mathematical studies SL paper 1 Mathematics HL paper 1
	Philosophy HL/SL paper 2 Philosophy HL paper 3	1h 1h 15m	1h 30m 2h 1h 30m

Tuesday 19 November			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
	Mathematical studies SL paper 2	1h 30m	
	Mathematics HL paper 2	2h	Language A Literature HL paper 1 Language A Literature SL paper 1
	Mathematics SL paper 2	1h 30m	Language A Language & Literature HL paper 1 Language A Language & Literature SL paper 1
			* Except: English & Spanish

Wednesday 20 November			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
	Language A Literature HL paper 2 Language A Literature SL paper 2 Language A Language & Literature HL paper 2 Language A Language & Literature SL paper 2	2h 1h 30m 2h 1h 30m	
	* Except: English & Spanish		Biology HL paper 1 Biology HL paper 2 Biology SL paper 1 Biology SL paper 2
	Music HL paper 1 Music SL paper 1	2h 30m 2h	1h 2h 15m 45m 1h 15m

Thursday 21 November			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
	Biology HL paper 3 Biology SL paper 3	1h 15m 1h	
			Psychology HL paper 1 Psychology SL paper 1
			World religions SL paper 1
			Mathematics HL paper 3

Friday 22 November			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
	Psychology HL paper 2 Psychology HL paper 3 Psychology SL paper 2	2h 1h 1h	Keep available for examinations as contingency during the November 2019 session, awaiting instruction from IB
	World religions SL paper 2	1h 30m	

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).

2020 Examination Schedule

- The exam schedule in 2020 will start on Friday 30 October 2020, and end on Friday 20 November 2020, subject to confirmation in 2019.