

IB Diploma Programme and IB Career-related Programme

November 2020 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 23 October			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
--- No Exams ---		SBS	School-based syllabus SL paper 1
			Further mathematics HL paper 1
			2h 30m

Week 1

Monday 26 October			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
SBS	School-based syllabus SL paper 2		Business management HL paper 1
			Business management SL paper 1
			2h 15m
	Further mathematics HL paper 2		Global politics HL/SL paper 1
	2h 30m		1h 15m

Tuesday 27 October

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

Wednesday 28 October

Morning session		Afternoon session	
Language B HL paper 2		Physics HL paper 1	1h
- Reading comprehension	1h	Physics HL paper 2	2h 15m
Language B SL paper 2		Physics SL paper 1	45m
- Reading comprehension	1h	Physics SL paper 2	1h 15m
Language ab initio SL paper 2			
- Reading comprehension	1h	Sports, exercise & health science HL paper 1	1h
* Except: English & Spanish		Sports, exercise & health science HL paper 2	2h 15m
Latin HL paper 2	2h	Sports, exercise & health science SL paper 1	45m
Latin SL paper 2	1h 30m	Sports, exercise & health science SL paper 2	1h 15m

Thursday 29 October

Morning session		Afternoon session	
Physics HL paper 3	1h 15m	Spanish A Literature HL paper 1	2h
Physics SL paper 3	1h	Spanish A Literature SL paper 1	1h 30m
Sports, exercise & health science HL paper 3	1h 15m	Spanish A Language & Literature HL paper 1	2h
Sports, exercise & health science SL paper 3	1h	Spanish A Language & Literature SL paper 1	1h 30m
		Spanish B HL paper 1	1h 30m
		Spanish B SL paper 1	1h 15m
		Spanish ab initio SL paper 1	1h

Friday 30 October

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

Week 2

Monday 2 November			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
	Computer science HL paper 2 Computer science HL paper 3 Computer science SL paper 2	1h 20m 1h 1h	
			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 * Except: English & Spanish
	Environmental systems & societies SL paper 2	2h	
			Music HL paper 1 Music SL paper 1

Tuesday 3 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 * Except: English & Spanish	2h 1h 30m 2h 1h 30m	
			Mathematical studies SL paper 1 Mathematics HL paper 1 Mathematics SL paper 1

Wednesday 4 November			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
	Mathematical studies SL paper 2 Mathematics HL paper 2 Mathematics SL paper 2	1h 30m 2h 1h 30m	
			History HL/SL paper 1 History HL/SL paper 2

Thursday 5 November			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
	History HL paper 3	2h 30m	
			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

Friday 6 November			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
	Chemistry HL paper 3 Chemistry SL paper 3 Design technology HL paper 3	1h 15m 1h 1h 30m	
			Geography HL paper 1 Geography SL paper 1 ITGS HL paper 1 ITGS SL paper 1 Philosophy HL paper 1 Philosophy SL paper 1

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).

2021 Examination Schedule

- The exam schedule in 2021 will start on Friday 22 October 2021, and end on Friday 12 November 2021, subject to confirmation in 2020.