

IB Diploma Programme and IB Career-related Programme

May 2024 examination schedule
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All exam zones (A, B, C)

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

Friday 19 April			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
SBS	School-based syllabus SL paper 1		--- No exams ---
	Business management HL/SL paper 1	1h 30m	
	Business management HL paper 3	1h 15m	
	Social & cultural anthropology HL paper 1	2h	
	Social & cultural anthropology SL paper 1	1h 30m	

Week 1

Monday 22 April			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
--- No exams ---		--- No exams ---	

Tuesday 23 April			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
--- No exams ---		--- No exams ---	

Wednesday 24 April			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
SBS	School-based syllabus SL paper 2		
	Business management HL paper 2 Business management SL paper 2	1h 45m 1h 30m	
	Social & cultural anthropology HL paper 2 Social & cultural anthropology SL paper 2	2h 30m 1h 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 25 April			
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		
			Nature of science SL paper 1 Physics HL paper 1 Physics HL paper 3 Physics SL paper 1 Physics SL paper 3 Sports, exercise & health science HL paper 1 Sports, exercise & health science HL paper 3 Sports, exercise & health science SL paper 1 Sports, exercise & health science SL paper 3 1h 30m 1h 1h 15m 45m 1h 1h 1h 15m 45m 1h

Friday 26 April			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
	Nature of science SL paper 2	1h	
	Physics HL paper 2 Physics SL paper 2	2h 15m 1h 15m	
	Sports, exercise & health science HL paper 2 Sports, exercise & health science SL paper 2	2h 15m 1h 15m	
			Psychology HL paper 1 Psychology SL paper 1 Digital Society HL paper 1 Digital Society SL paper 1 2h 2h 2h 15m 1h 30m

Week 2

Monday 29 April			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
--- No exams ---		--- No exams ---	

Tuesday 30 April			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
--- No exams ---		--- No exams ---	

Wednesday 1 May			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
Psychology HL paper 2 Psychology HL paper 3 Psychology SL paper 2	2h	Mathematics: analysis and approaches HL paper 1 analysis and approaches SL paper 1	2h
	1h 1h		1h 30m
Digital Society HL/SL paper 2 Digital Society HL paper 3	1h 15m 1h 15m	Mathematics: applications and interpretation HL paper 1 applications and interpretation SL paper 1	2h 1h 30m

Thursday 2 May			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
Mathematics: analysis and approaches HL paper 2 analysis and approaches SL paper 2	2h 1h 30m	Computer science HL paper 1 Computer science SL paper 1	2h 10m 1h 30m
	Mathematics: applications and interpretation HL paper 2 applications and interpretation SL paper 2		2h 1h 30m

Friday 3 May			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
--- No exams ---		--- No exams ---	

Week 3

Monday 6 May			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
Computer science HL paper 2 Computer science HL paper 3 Computer science SL paper 2	1h 20m 1h 1h	Language B HL paper 1 Language B HL paper 2 - Reading comprehension Language B SL paper 1 Language B SL paper 2 - Reading comprehension Language ab initio SL paper 1 Language ab initio SL paper 2 - Reading comprehension * Except: English, French & Spanish Latin HL paper 1 Latin SL paper 1	1h 30m 1h 1h 15m 1h 1h 1h
	Environmental systems & societies SL paper 2		2h

Tuesday 7 May			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
Language B HL paper 2 - Listening comprehension	1h		History HL/SL paper 1 History HL/SL paper 2
Language B SL paper 2 - Listening comprehension	45m		1h 1h 30m
Language ab initio SL paper 2 - Listening comprehension	45m		
* Except: English, French & Spanish			
Latin HL paper 2	1h 30m		
Latin SL paper 2	1h 30m		

Wednesday 8 May			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
History HL paper 3	2h 30m		Chemistry HL paper 1 Chemistry HL paper 3 Chemistry SL paper 1 Chemistry SL paper 3
			1h 1h 15m 45m 1h
			Design technology HL paper 1 Design technology SL paper 1 Design technology HL/SL paper 2
			1h 45m 1h 30m

Thursday 9 May			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
	Chemistry HL paper 2	2h 15m	
	Chemistry SL paper 2	1h 15m	
	Design technology HL paper 3	1h 30m	
		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	
		2h 15m 1h 15m 2h 15m 1h 15m	
		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	1h 30m 1h 1h 15m 1h 1h 1h

Friday 10 May			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
	English A Literature HL/SL paper 2	1h 45m	
	English A Language & Literature HL/SL paper 2	1h 45m	
English B HL paper 2 - Listening comprehension	1h	Geography HL paper 1 Geography SL paper 1	
English B SL paper 2 - Listening comprehension	45m	2h 15m 1h 30m	
English ab initio SL paper 2 - Listening comprehension	45m	Global politics HL/SL paper 1	
		Philosophy HL paper 1 Philosophy SL paper 1	1h 15m 2h 30m 1h 45m
	Literature & performance SL paper 1	1h 45m	

Thursday 16 May			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
Economics HL paper 1	1h 15m	French A Literature HL paper 1	2h 15m
Economics HL paper 3	1h 45m	French A Literature SL paper 1	1h 15m
Economics SL paper 1	1h 15m	French A Language & Literature HL paper 1	2h 15m
		French A Language & Literature SL paper 1	1h 15m
World religions SL paper 2	1h 30m	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	1h
		French ab initio SL paper 2	
		- Reading comprehension	1h

Friday 17 May			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
French A Literature HL/SL paper 2	1h 45m	---	No exams
French A Language & Literature HL/SL paper 2	1h 45m		
French B HL paper 2			
- Listening comprehension	1h		
French B SL paper 2			
- Listening comprehension	45m		
French ab initio SL paper 2			
- Listening comprehension	45m		

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Local start times for the May 2024 examination session

- Schools must ensure that they are aware of their allocated exam zone, which does not change between examination sessions.
- The local start times for all zones are detailed in the table below. There is no variance in start times within morning or afternoon sessions.
- The local start times indicated are based on the local time and do not need to be adjusted for daylight saving.

Exam zone		Morning session start time	Afternoon session start time
A	12	10.30	14.00
A	11	10.30	14.00
A	10	09.30	13.00
A	9.5	09.30	13.00
A	9	09.00	12.30
A	8	09.00	12.30
A	7	09.00	12.30
A	6.5	09.00	12.30
A	6	09.00	12.30
A	5.75	09.00	12.30
A	5.5	09.00	12.30
A	5	09.00	12.30
A	4	09.00	12.30
A	3.5	10.30	14.00
B	3	10.30	14.00
B	2	09.30	13.00
B	1	09.00	12.30
B	0	09.00	12.30
C	-3	10.30	14.00
C	-3.5	09.30	13.00
C	-4	09.30	13.00
C	-5	09.00	12.30
C	-6	09.00	12.30
C	-7	09.00	12.30
C	-8	09.00	12.30
C	-9	09.00	12.30
C	-10	09.00	12.30

Principles used in creating the IB Examination Schedule:

- It is not possible to take into account public, national or school holidays because of the number of countries in which the IB Diploma Programme is offered.
- Registration data has been used to ensure that the minimum number of students globally are impacted by subject timetable clashes.
- Where there are subjects with particular regional or cultural links the IB will endeavour to take these into account, for example Arabic literature/language examinations will not be scheduled on a Friday.
- Almost all subjects are scheduled on consecutive days. This is to minimise the impact of absence on any given day, whilst maintaining continuity for students.
- Subjects with the highest candidature are not scheduled consecutively and are spread as evenly as possible over 4 weeks to try and distribute the workload for students. Language examinations and science examinations are scheduled on each of the 4 weeks for the same reason.
- The examination schedule is as short as possible to maintain an acceptable balance between the number of conflicts in the schedule.

Rescheduling Policy

- Rescheduling of an exam for a student requires approval from IB.
- The criteria and the process for applying for a reschedule can be found in the Diploma Programme/Career-related Programme *Assessment procedures*.

2025 Examination Schedule

- The exam schedule in 2025 will start on Wednesday 23 April 2025, and end on Friday 16 May 2025 (with no exams on 12 May), subject to confirmation in 2024.