

IB Diploma Programme and IB Career-related Programme

May 2024 examination schedule
FINAL VERSION
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

Week 1

Wednesday 24 April			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
--- No exams ---		Language A Literature HL paper 1	2h 15m
		Language A Literature SL paper 1	1h 15m
		Language A Language & Literature HL paper 1	2h 15m
		Language A Language & Literature SL paper 1	1h 15m
		* Except: English, French & Spanish	

Thursday 25 April			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
Language A Literature HL/SL paper 2	1h 45m	Nature of science SL paper 1	1h 30m
Language A Language & Literature HL/SL paper 2	1h 45m	Physics HL paper 1	1h
* Except: English, French & Spanish		Physics HL paper 3	1h 15m
		Physics SL paper 1	45m
		Physics SL paper 3	1h
		Sports, exercise & health science HL paper 1	1h
		Sports, exercise & health science HL paper 3	1h 15m
		Sports, exercise & health science SL paper 1	45m
		Sports, exercise & health science SL paper 3	1h

Friday 26 April			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
Nature of science SL paper 2	1h	Business management HL/SL paper 1	1h 30m
Physics HL paper 2	2h 15m	Business management HL paper 3	1h 15m
Physics SL paper 2	1h 15m	Global politics HL/SL paper 1	1h 15m
Sports, exercise & health science HL paper 2	2h 15m	Philosophy HL paper 1	2h 30m
Sports, exercise & health science SL paper 2	1h 15m	Philosophy SL paper 1	1h 45m

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	
Business management HL paper 2	1h 45m	Mathematics: analysis and approaches HL paper 1	2h
Business management SL paper 2	1h 30m	Mathematics: analysis and approaches SL paper 1	1h 30m
Global politics HL paper 2	2h 45m	Mathematics: applications and interpretation HL paper 1	2h
Global politics SL paper 2	1h 45m	Mathematics: applications and interpretation SL paper 1	1h 30m
Philosophy HL/SL paper 2	1h		
Philosophy HL paper 3	1h 15m		

Thursday 2 May			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
Mathematics: analysis and approaches HL paper 2	2h	Computer science HL paper 1	2h 10m
Mathematics: analysis and approaches SL paper 2	1h 30m	Computer science SL paper 1	1h 30m
Mathematics: applications and interpretation HL paper 2	2h	Environmental systems & societies SL paper 1	1h
Mathematics: applications and interpretation SL paper 2	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	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
Environmental systems & societies SL paper 2	2h	Mathematics: analysis and approaches HL paper 3 Mathematics: applications and interpretation HL paper 3	1h 15m
			1h
			1h
			1h
			2h
			1h 30m

Tuesday 7 May			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
Language B HL paper 2 - Listening comprehension Language B SL paper 2 - Listening comprehension Language ab initio SL paper 2 - Listening comprehension * Except: English, French & Spanish Latin HL paper 2 Latin SL paper 2	1h	History HL/SL paper 1 History HL/SL paper 2	1h
	45m		1h 30m
	45m		
	1h 30m		
	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 Design technology HL paper 1 Design technology SL paper 1 Design technology HL/SL paper 2	1h
			1h 15m
			45m
			1h
			1h
			45m
			1h 30m

Thursday 9 May			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
Chemistry HL paper 2	2h 15m	English A Literature HL paper 1	2h 15m
Chemistry SL paper 2	1h 15m	English A Literature SL paper 1	1h 15m
Design technology HL paper 3	1h 30m	English A Language & Literature HL paper 1	2h 15m
		English A Language & Literature SL paper 1	1h 15m
		English B HL paper 1	1h 30m
		English B HL paper 2	
		- Reading comprehension	1h
		English B SL paper 1	1h 15m
		English B SL paper 2	
		- Reading comprehension	1h
		English ab initio SL paper 1	1h
		English ab initio SL paper 2	
		- Reading comprehension	1h

Friday 10 May			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
English A Literature HL/SL paper 2	1h 45m	Digital Society HL paper 1	2h 15m
English A Language & Literature HL/SL paper 2	1h 45m	Digital Society SL paper 1	1h 30m
English B HL paper 2		Geography HL paper 1	2h 15m
- Listening comprehension	1h	Geography SL paper 1	1h 30m
English B SL paper 2			
- Listening comprehension	45m	Psychology HL paper 1	2h
English ab initio SL paper 2		Psychology SL paper 1	2h
- Listening comprehension	45m		
Literature & performance SL paper 1	1h 45m	Social & cultural anthropology HL paper 1	2h
		Social & cultural anthropology SL paper 1	1h 30m

Week 4

Monday 13 May			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
Digital Society HL/SL paper 2	1h 15m	Biology HL paper 1	1h
Digital Society HL paper 3	1h 15m	Biology HL paper 3	1h 15m
Geography HL/SL paper 2	1h 15m	Biology SL paper 1	45m
Geography HL paper 3	1h	Biology SL paper 3	1h
Psychology HL paper 2	2h		
Psychology HL paper 3	1h		
Psychology SL paper 2	1h		
Social & cultural anthropology HL paper 2	2h 30m		
Social & cultural anthropology SL paper 2	1h 30m		

Tuesday 14 May

Morning session		Afternoon session	
Biology HL paper 2	2h 15m	Classical Greek HL paper 1	2h
Biology SL paper 2	1h 15m	Classical Greek SL paper 1	1h 30m
		Spanish A Literature HL paper 1	2h 15m
		Spanish A Literature SL paper 1	1h 15m
		Spanish A Language & Literature HL paper 1	2h 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	1h
		Spanish ab initio SL paper 2	
		- Reading comprehension	1h

Wednesday 15 May

Morning session		Afternoon session	
Classical Greek HL paper 2	1h 30m	Economics HL/SL paper 2	1h 45m
Classical Greek SL paper 2	1h 30m	World religions SL paper 1	1h 15m
Spanish A Literature HL/SL paper 2	1h 45m		
Spanish A Language & Literature HL/SL paper 2	1h 45m		
Spanish B HL paper 2			
- Listening comprehension	1h		
Spanish B SL paper 2			
- Listening comprehension	45m		
Spanish ab initio SL paper 2			
- Listening comprehension	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
World religions SL paper 2	1h 30m	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	1h
		French ab initio SL paper 2	
		- Reading comprehension	1h
		School-based syllabus SL paper 1	

Friday 17 May			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
	French A Literature HL/SL paper 2 French A Language & Literature HL/SL paper 2	1h 45m 1h 45m	--- No exams ---
	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	
SBS	School-based syllabus SL paper 2		

Local start times for the May 2024 examination session

- Schools must ensure that they are aware of their allocated exam zone, which will 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	10.00	14.00
A	11	10.00	14.00
A	10 (includes 9.5)	09.30	13.30
A	9	09.00	13.00
A	8	09.00	13.00
A	7	09.00	13.00
A	6 (includes 6.5)	09.00	13.00
A	5 (includes 5.5 + 5.75)	09.00	13.00
A	4	09.00	13.00
A	3 (includes 3.5)	10.00	14.00
B	3	10.00	14.00
B	2	09.30	13.30
B	1	09.00	13.00
B	0	09.00	13.00
C	-3	10.00	14.00
C	-4 (includes -3.5)	09.30	13.30
C	-5	09.00	13.00
C	-6	09.00	13.00
C	-7	09.00	13.00
C	-8	09.00	13.00
C	-9	09.00	13.00
C	-10	09.00	13.00

Please note, schools that were allocated an exam zone with a decimal in the May 2023 examination session (shown in parenthesis above), will now be under a whole number from the May 2024 examination session. The individual schedules for the following will no longer exist:

- A, 9.5 (now A, 10)
- A, 6.5 (now A, 6)
- A, 5.5 and A, 5.75 (now A, 5)
- A, 3.5 (now A, 3)
- C, -3.5 (now C, -4)

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, subject to confirmation in 2024.