

IB Diploma Programme and IB Career-related Programme

November 2025 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 and Spanish are scheduled individually from all other languages.

Examination Schedule

Friday 24 October			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
--- No Exams ---		SBS	School-based syllabus SL paper 1

Week 1

Monday 27 October			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
SBS	School-based syllabus SL paper 2	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 & Spanish	

Tuesday 28 October			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
Language A Literature HL/SL paper 2	1h 45m	Biology HL paper 1 (1a and 1b) Biology SL paper 1 (1a and 1b)	2h 1h 30m
Language A Language & Literature HL/SL paper 2	1h 45m		
		* Except: English & Spanish	

Wednesday 29 October			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
Biology HL paper 2	2h 30m	Business management HL/SL paper 1	1h 30m
Biology SL paper 2	1h 30m	Business management HL paper 3	1h 15m

Thursday 30 October			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
Business management HL paper 2	1h 45m	Spanish A Literature HL paper 1	2h 15m
Business management SL paper 2	1h 30m	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

Friday 31 October			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
Spanish A Literature HL/SL paper 2	1h 45m	Chemistry HL paper 1 (1a and 1b)	2h
Spanish A Language & Literature HL/SL paper 2	1h 45m	Chemistry SL paper 1 (1a and 1b)	1h 30m
Spanish B HL paper 2		Design technology HL paper 1	1h
- Listening comprehension	1h	Design technology SL paper 1	45m
Spanish B SL paper 2		Design technology HL/SL paper 2	1h 30m
- Listening comprehension	45m		
Spanish ab initio SL paper 2			
- Listening comprehension	45m		

Week 2

Monday 3 November			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
Chemistry HL paper 2 Chemistry SL paper 2	2h 30m 1h 30m	History HL/SL paper 1 History HL/SL paper 2	1h 1h 30m
Design technology HL paper 3	1h 30m		

Tuesday 4 November			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
History HL paper 3	2h 30m	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	1h 30m 1h 1h 15m 1h 1h 1h
		* Except: English & Spanish	
		Latin HL paper 1 Latin SL paper 1	2h 1h 30m

Wednesday 5 November			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
Language B HL paper 2 - Listening comprehension	1h	Physics HL paper 1 (1a and 1b) Physics SL paper 1 (1a and 1b)	2h 1h 30m
Language B SL paper 2 - Listening comprehension	45m	Sports, exercise & health science HL paper 1	1h
Language ab initio SL paper 2 - Listening comprehension	45m	Sports, exercise & health science HL paper 3	1h 15m
* Except: English & Spanish		Sports, exercise & health science SL paper 1	45m
Latin HL paper 2	1h 30m	Sports, exercise & health science SL paper 3	1h
Latin SL paper 2	1h 30m		

Thursday 6 November			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
Physics HL paper 2 Physics SL paper 2	2h 30m 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
Sports, exercise & health science HL paper 2 Sports, exercise & health science SL paper 2	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 7 November			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
English A Literature HL/SL paper 2	1h 45m	Economics HL/SL paper 2	1h 45m
English A Language & Literature HL/SL paper 2	1h 45m		
English B HL paper 2			
- Listening comprehension	1h		
English B SL paper 2			
- Listening comprehension	45m		
English ab initio SL paper 2			
- Listening comprehension	45m		
Literature & performance SL paper 1	1h 45m		

Week 3

Monday 10 November			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
Economics HL paper 1	1h 15m	Mathematics: analysis and approaches HL paper 1	2h
Economics HL paper 3	1h 45m		
Economics SL paper 1	1h 15m	analysis and approaches SL paper 1	1h 30m
		Mathematics: applications and interpretation HL paper 1	2h
		applications and interpretation SL paper 1	1h 30m

Tuesday 11 November			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
Mathematics: analysis and approaches HL paper 2	2h	Digital Society HL paper 1	2h 15m
analysis and approaches SL paper 2	1h 30m		
Mathematics: applications and interpretation HL paper 2	2h	Digital Society SL paper 1	1h 30m
applications and interpretation SL paper 2	1h 30m	Geography HL paper 1	2h 15m
		Geography SL paper 1	1h 30m
		Global politics HL/SL paper 1	1h 15m
		Social & cultural anthropology HL paper 1	2h
		Social & cultural anthropology SL paper 1	1h 30m

Wednesday 12 November			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
Digital Society HL/SL paper 2	1h 15m	Computer science HL paper 1	2h 10m
Digital Society HL paper 3	1h 15m		
Geography HL/SL paper 2	1h 15m	Computer science SL paper 1	1h 30m
Geography HL paper 3	1h		
Global politics HL paper 2	2h 45m	Environmental systems & societies SL paper 1	1h
Global politics SL paper 2	1h 45m		
Social & cultural anthropology HL paper 2	2h 30m		
Social & cultural anthropology SL paper 2	1h 30m		

Thursday 13 November

Morning session		Afternoon session	
Computer science HL paper 2	1h 20m	Philosophy HL paper 1	2h 30m
Computer science HL paper 3	1h	Philosophy SL paper 1	1h 45m
Computer science SL paper 2	1h	Psychology HL paper 1	2h
Environmental systems & societies SL paper 2	2h	Psychology SL paper 1	2h

Friday 14 November

Morning session		Afternoon session	
Philosophy HL/SL paper 2	1h	Mathematics: analysis and approaches HL paper 3	1h 15m
Philosophy HL paper 3	1h 15m	Mathematics: applications and interpretation HL paper 3	1h 15m
Psychology HL paper 2	2h		
Psychology HL paper 3	1h		
Psychology SL paper 2	1h		

Local start times for the November 2025 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	10.00	14.00
A	11	10.00	14.00
A	10	10.00	14.00
A	9	10.00	14.00
A	8	09.30	13.30
A	7	09.00	13.00
A	6	09.00	13.00
A	5	09.00	13.00
A	4	09.00	13.00
A	3	09.00	13.00
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	08.30	13.30
C	-5	08.30	12.30
C	-6	08.30	12.30
C	-7	08.30	12.30
C	-8	08.30	12.30
C	-9	08.30	12.30
C	-10	08.30	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. Where possible, 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*.

2026 Examination Schedule

- The examination schedule in 2026 will start on Friday 23 October 2026, and end on Friday 13 November 2026.