**IB Public Exam Specifications**

All components of ‘The Core’ are compulsory for all IB students. Students then choose courses from the following subject groups: studies in language and literature; language acquisition; individuals and societies; sciences; mathematics; and the arts.

Students may opt to study an additional science, individuals and societies, or languages course, instead of a course in the arts.

Students will take three subjects at higher level (HL) and three standard level (SL). HL and SL courses differ in scope but are measured according to the same grade descriptors, with students expected to demonstrate a greater body of knowledge, understanding and skills at higher level.

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| **Group** | **Subject** | **Standard Level** | **Higher Level** |
| **The Core** | [Theory of Knowledge](http://www.ibo.org/programmes/diploma-programme/curriculum/theory-of-knowledge/) | N/A | N/A |
| [The Extended Essay](http://www.ibo.org/programmes/diploma-programme/curriculum/extended-essay/) | N/A | N/A |
| [Creativity, Activity, Service](http://www.ibo.org/programmes/diploma-programme/curriculum/creativity-action-and-service/cas-projects/) | N/A | N/A |
| **Studies in language and literature** | [English Language and Literature](https://www.ibo.org/programmes/diploma-programme/curriculum/language-and-literature/language-a-language-and-literature-slhl/) | [SL](http://www.ibo.org/globalassets/publications/recognition/1_langlitsl.pdf) | [HL](http://www.ibo.org/globalassets/publications/recognition/1_langlithl.pdf) |
| [English Literature](https://www.ibo.org/programmes/diploma-programme/curriculum/language-and-literature/language-a-literature-slhl/) | N/A | [HL](http://www.ibo.org/globalassets/publications/recognition/1_languagea_hl_2011.pdf) |
| **Language acquisition** | [French](http://www.ibo.org/programmes/diploma-programme/curriculum/language-acquisition/language-b-sl-and-hl/) |  |  |
| [German](http://www.ibo.org/programmes/diploma-programme/curriculum/language-acquisition/language-b-sl-and-hl/) |  |  |
| [Greek](http://www.ibo.org/programmes/diploma-programme/curriculum/language-acquisition/classical-languages/) |  |  |
| [Italian ab initio](https://www.ibo.org/contentassets/5895a05412144fe890312bad52b17044/lang-ab-initio-2018-en.pdf) |  | N/A |
| [Latin](http://www.ibo.org/programmes/diploma-programme/curriculum/language-acquisition/classical-languages/) | [SL](http://www.ibo.org/globalassets/publications/recognition/classicallangsl2016englishw.pdf) | [HL](http://www.ibo.org/globalassets/publications/recognition/classicallangsl2016englishw.pdf) |
| [Spanish](http://www.ibo.org/programmes/diploma-programme/curriculum/language-acquisition/language-b-sl-and-hl/) |  |  |
| **Individuals and Societies** | [Business and Management](http://www.ibo.org/programmes/diploma-programme/curriculum/individuals-and-societies/business-and-management/)  | [SL](http://www.ibo.org/globalassets/publications/recognition/businesssl2016englishw.pdf) | [HL](http://www.ibo.org/globalassets/publications/recognition/businesshl2016englishw.pdf) |
| [Economics](http://www.ibo.org/programmes/diploma-programme/curriculum/individuals-and-societies/economics/)  | [SL](http://www.ibo.org/globalassets/publications/recognition/3_economics_sl_2011.pdf) | [HL](http://www.ibo.org/globalassets/publications/recognition/3_economics_hl_2011.pdf) |
| [Geography](https://ibpublishing.ibo.org/proof/apps/dpapp/guide.html?doc=d_3_geogr_gui_1702_1_e&part=2&chapter=1) | [SL](https://ibo.org/contentassets/5895a05412144fe890312bad52b17044/geography-sl-hl-2017-en.pdf) | [HL](https://ibo.org/contentassets/5895a05412144fe890312bad52b17044/geography-sl-hl-2017-en.pdf) |
| [Global Politics](https://ibpublishing.ibo.org/globalpolitics/apps/dpapp/index.html?doc=d_3_gplts_gui_1505_1_e&part=1&chapter=1) | [SL](https://ibpublishing.ibo.org/globalpolitics/apps/dpapp/guide.html?doc=d_3_gplts_gui_1505_1_e&part=3&chapter=2) | [HL](https://ibpublishing.ibo.org/globalpolitics/apps/dpapp/guide.html?doc=d_3_gplts_gui_1505_1_e&part=3&chapter=3) |
| [History](http://www.ibo.org/programmes/diploma-programme/curriculum/individuals-and-societies/history/) | [SL](http://www.ibo.org/globalassets/publications/recognition/3_history_sl_2011.pdf) | [HL](http://www.ibo.org/globalassets/publications/recognition/3_history_hl_2011.pdf) |
| [Philosophy](http://www.ibo.org/programmes/diploma-programme/curriculum/individuals-and-societies/philosophy/) | [SL](http://www.ibo.org/globalassets/publications/recognition/philosophysl2016englishw.pdf) | [HL](http://www.ibo.org/globalassets/publications/recognition/philosophyhl2016englishw.pdf) |
| [Psychology](http://www.ibo.org/programmes/diploma-programme/curriculum/individuals-and-societies/psychology/) | [SL](http://www.ibo.org/globalassets/publications/recognition/3_psychology_sl_2011.pdf) | [HL](http://www.ibo.org/globalassets/publications/recognition/3_psychology_hl_2011.pdf) |
| **Sciences** | [Biology](http://www.ibo.org/programmes/diploma-programme/curriculum/sciences/biology/) | [SL](http://www.ibo.org/globalassets/publications/recognition/biologysl2016englishw.pdf) | [HL](http://www.ibo.org/globalassets/publications/recognition/biologyhl2016englishw.pdf) |
| [Chemistry](http://www.ibo.org/programmes/diploma-programme/curriculum/sciences/chemistry/)  | [SL](http://www.ibo.org/globalassets/publications/recognition/chemistrysl2016englishw.pdf) | [HL](http://www.ibo.org/globalassets/publications/recognition/chemistryhl2016englishw.pdf) |
| [Computer Science](http://www.ibo.org/programmes/diploma-programme/curriculum/sciences/computer-science/) | [SL](http://www.ibo.org/globalassets/publications/recognition/4_computersl.pdf) | [HL](http://www.ibo.org/globalassets/publications/recognition/4_computerhl.pdf) |
| [Physics](http://www.ibo.org/programmes/diploma-programme/curriculum/sciences/physics/) | [SL](http://www.ibo.org/globalassets/publications/recognition/physicssl2016englishw.pdf) | [HL](http://www.ibo.org/globalassets/publications/recognition/physicshl2016englishw.pdf) |
| [Sport, Exercise & Health Science](http://www.ibo.org/programmes/diploma-programme/curriculum/sciences/sports-exercise-and-health-science/) | [SL](http://www.ibo.org/globalassets/publications/recognition/4_healthsciencesl.pdf) | N/A |
| **Mathematics** | [Mathematics AA](https://www.ibo.org/contentassets/5895a05412144fe890312bad52b17044/subject-brief-dp-math-analysis-and-approaches-en.pdf) |  |  |
| [Mathematics AI](https://www.ibo.org/contentassets/5895a05412144fe890312bad52b17044/subject-brief-dp-math-applications-and-interpretations-en.pdf) |  | N/A |
| **The Arts** | [Music](http://www.ibo.org/programmes/diploma-programme/curriculum/the-arts/music/) | [SL](http://www.ibo.org/globalassets/publications/recognition/music-brief-sl-en.pdf) | [HL](http://www.ibo.org/globalassets/publications/recognition/music-brief-hl-en.pdf) |
| [Theatre](http://www.ibo.org/programmes/diploma-programme/curriculum/the-arts/theatre/) | [SL](http://www.ibo.org/globalassets/publications/recognition/theatresl2016englishw.pdf) | [HL](http://www.ibo.org/globalassets/publications/recognition/theatrehl2016englishw.pdf) |
| [Visual Arts](http://www.ibo.org/programmes/diploma-programme/curriculum/the-arts/visual-arts/) | [SL](http://www.ibo.org/globalassets/publications/recognition/visualartssl2016englishw.pdf) | [HL](http://www.ibo.org/globalassets/publications/recognition/visualartshl2016englishw.pdf) |