



## IB Philosophy

### The Subject

Philosophy is a systematic critical inquiry into profound, fascinating and challenging questions, such as the following: What is it to be human? Do we have free will? What do we mean when we say something is right or wrong?

### Skills

Philosophy fosters highly transferable skills such as the ability to formulate arguments clearly, to make reasoned judgments and to evaluate highly complex and multifaceted issues. Students of philosophy also learn to apply their philosophical knowledge and skills to real-life situations and to explore how non-philosophical material can be treated in a philosophical way.

### Content/Assessment

#### External Assessment 80%

##### *Paper 1*

**Core theme:** "Being human"; **Optional themes** (Ethics; Philosophy of Religion) SL students are required to study one theme; HL students are required to study two themes

##### *Paper 2*

**Prescribed text:** Students are required to study one prescribed philosophical text

##### *Paper 3*

**HL extension:** Exploring philosophical activity

#### Internal Assessment 20%

SL and HL students are required to produce a philosophical analysis of a non-philosophical stimulus.

#### Extended essay

Students are able to complete their IB extended essay in the area of philosophy if they wish.

### Careers

Philosophy is an excellent grounding for a wide range of careers.

Students frequently go into professions such as law, journalism, communications, civil service, teaching or academia. Others go on to work for charitable organisations, the civil service, newspapers and local government.