

IB History



Introduction:

The IB Diploma Programme (DP) history course is a world history course based on a comparative and multiperspective approach to history. It involves the study of a variety of types of history, including political, economic, social and cultural, and provides a balance of structure and flexibility. The course emphasizes the importance of encouraging students to think historically and to develop historical skills as well as gaining factual knowledge. It puts a premium on developing the skills of critical thinking, and on developing an understanding of multiple interpretations of history. In this way, the course involves a challenging and demanding critical exploration of the past.

Course structure:

Year 12

Term 1 and 2: Paper 2 – Authoritarian States: Hitler and Castro

Term 3: Paper 1 – Rights and Protest: Apartheid Case Study and the IA.

Term 4 and 5: Paper 2 - Causes and Effects of Medieval Wars: Norman Conquest of England and the Crusades.

Term 6: Paper 2 - continued and return to the IA.

Year 13

Term 1: Paper 3 - Slavery and the New World.

Term 2: Paper 3 - US Civil War.

Term 3-4: Paper 3 and Paper 1 combined – Civil Rights and Social Movements in the Americas/Civil Rights in the US respectively.

Entry requirements:

To be admitted onto this course you will need to meet the following requirements:

- Grade 5+ in GCSE History

Careers:

- Journalism
- Civil Service
- Curator
- Heritage Manager
- Academic Librarian
- Archaeologist
- Education
- Law
- Media Researcher
- Archivist
- Tour Guide
- Writer
- Historic Building Inspector
- Museum Educator

Assessment:

Internal assessment (20%):

- Historical investigation – students are required to complete a historical investigation into a topic of their choice.

External assessment (80%):

- **Paper 1** (20%) 1 Hour
Source based paper on Rights and Protest (Apartheid 1948-1964 or Civil Rights in the US 1954-1965.)
- **Paper 2** (25%) 1 Hour 30 Mins
Essay based paper – answer two essay questions from the two World History topics studied.
- **Paper 3** (35%) 2 Hours 30 Mins
Three essay questions from the three topics studied under History of the Americas.