



IB Diploma Handbook 2019-2021





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1. AISV AND THE INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE

AISV became an International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma school in 2013, joining the 4,000 schools worldwide which offer this rigorous and international program to develop caring, inquiring and knowledgeable young adults. At AISV, we believe that the IB program helps us inspire, motivate and empower our learners, providing a high quality education to build a better world.

1.1. THE AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF VILNIUS MISSION, VISION AND VALUES

AISV VISION

AISV prepares all learners to achieve their personal potential and to go forth to positively impact the global community.

AISV MISSION

Inspiring, motivating, empowering all learners to succeed!

AISV VALUES

- High quality education
- International mindedness
- Innovative culture
- Inquiry based learning and teaching
- Supportive community

1.2. THE IB MISSION STATEMENT

The IB aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect. To this end the organization works with schools, governments and international organizations to develop challenging programs of international education and rigorous assessment. These programs encourage students across the world to become active, compassionate and lifelong learners who understand that other people, with their differences, can also be right.



1.3. THE IB LEARNER PROFILE

AISV nurtures students to be internationally-minded through fostering these IB traits:

Inquirers: They will acquire the skills necessary to conduct purposeful, constructive research.

Thinkers: They will exercise initiative in applying thinking skills critically and creatively to make sound decisions and to solve complex problems.

Communicators: They will receive and express ideas and information confidently in more than one language, including the language of mathematical symbols.

Risk-takers: They will approach unfamiliar situations without anxiety, have confidence and independence, are courageous and articulate in defending things in which they believe.

Knowledgeable: They will spend time in school exploring themes with global relevance and importance, and have acquired a critical mass of significant knowledge.

Principled: They will have a sound grasp of the principles of moral reasoning, integrity, honesty and a sense of fairness and justice.

Caring: They will show sensitivity towards the needs and feelings of others and have a personal commitment to action and service.

Open-minded: They will respect the views, values and traditions of other individuals and cultures and who are accustomed to seeking and considering a range of points of view.

Well-balanced: They will understand the importance of physical and mental balance and personal well-being.

Reflective: They will give thoughtful consideration to their own learning and who analyze their personal strengths and weaknesses in a constructive manner.



2. THE IB DIPLOMA PROGRAM

The IB Diploma Program (DP) is an academically challenging and balanced program of education with final examinations that prepares students, aged 16 to 19, for success at university and life beyond. It has been designed to address the intellectual, social, emotional and physical well-being of students. The program has gained recognition and respect from the world's leading universities.



2.1. THE IB CURRICULUM

IB Diploma Program students must choose one subject from each of five groups (1 to 5), ensuring breadth of knowledge and understanding in their best language, additional language(s), the social sciences, the experimental sciences and mathematics. As the last of their six subjects, students may choose either an arts subject from group 6 or a second subject from groups 1-4. At AISV, students take three subjects at higher level (HL) and three subjects at standard level (SL).

2.2. THE DIPLOMA PROGRAM CORE

In addition to the six academic subjects students take in the Diploma Program, students must also complete the Core, which include an Extended Essay (EE), a Theory of Knowledge (TOK) course and the Creativity, Activity and Service (CAS) requirements.

EXTENDED ESSAY

The EE of some 4,000 words offers the opportunity for IB students to investigate a topic of special interest. It is usually based on one of the student's HL DP subjects and it is supervised by a specialist within the school. The EE is intended to promote high-level research and writing skills, intellectual discovery and creativity. Successful submission of the EE is required before students are registered for the final examinations.

THEORY OF KNOWLEDGE

The TOK course is designed to develop a coherent approach to learning that ties together the academic areas and encourages appreciation of other cultural perspectives. TOK encourages critical thinking about knowledge itself and aims to help students make sense of what they encounter. The TOK course must be successfully completed, including writing an essay and making a presentation, in order to receive an IB Diploma. All AISV students take TOK in year 11, irrespective of whether they are course or diploma candidates, which provides an opportunity for all students to reflect on their learning experiences. The goal of the program is to give students the opportunity to think about and synthesize knowledge they have acquired in their other classes, and to develop their critical thinking skills. Its core content is centered around questions such as: What counts as knowledge? How does it grow? What are its limits? Who owns knowledge? What is the value of knowledge? What are the implications of having, or not having, knowledge? (IBO.org). All IB Diploma Candidates must successfully complete two TOK assessments, a presentation and an essay, in order to be awarded the IB Diploma.

CREATIVITY, ACTIVITY AND SERVICE

CAS is at the heart of the Diploma program, involving students in a range of activities that take place alongside their academic studies throughout the IB Diploma Program. The component's three strands, often interwoven with particular activities, are characterized as follows:

- **Creativity** - exploring and extending ideas leading to an original or interpretive product or performance;
- **Activity** - physical exertion contributing to a healthy lifestyle, complementing academic work elsewhere in the IB Diploma Program;
- **Service** - collaborative and reciprocal engagement with the community in response to an authentic need.

CAS must be successfully completed to receive an IB Diploma.

CORE CLASS AT AISV

As Theory of Knowledge is a mandatory course for IB Diploma Candidates, students must meet the required number of course hours. The mandatory 100 hours of TOK takes place within the CORE class. All year 11 and 12 students are enrolled in the AISV CORE class. In addition to TOK, the CORE class serves to support students in the following areas:

- To introduce, support and check-in with CAS requirements and progress.
- To introduce, support, and guide students through the Extended Essay process. Research skills, academic honesty and reflection are also addressed.
- To meet weekly with the college counselor regarding topics such as work habits, writing personal statements, the college application process, and career guidance.



2.3. BENEFITS OF THE IB PROGRAM

The IB program fosters outstanding qualities in students. By the time students receive the diploma, they will be ready to debate real-world issues from an international perspective and to provide leadership and support in the local and global community. They will demonstrate a capacity for in-depth study while maintaining a broad perspective of the different subject areas. They are able to ask challenging questions but also know how to research a topic and express their opinion. They have a strong sense of their own culture and identity, as well as the ability to communicate in two or more languages with people who have a different perspective on the world.

2.4. RECOGNITION OF THE IB DIPLOMA BY UNIVERSITIES

The IB Diploma is a passport to higher education. Most universities and colleges recommend that students in high school enroll in a rigorous criteria-based academic program like the IB Diploma. Some colleges and universities may offer advanced credit to students with strong examination results. IB students routinely gain admission to some of the best-known universities in the world. Most of these institutions have established recognition policies for the IB Diploma.

IBO publishes and maintains information about university recognition displayed on their public website: [http:// www.ibo.org /recognition](http://www.ibo.org/recognition).

3. IB COURSES AT AISV

All grade 11 and 12 courses at AISV are IB courses. Students must choose one subject from each of five groups (1 to 5). As the last of their six subjects, students may choose either an arts subject from group 6 or a second subject from groups 1-4. At AISV, students take three subjects at higher level (HL) and three subjects at standard level (SL). Students must also complete requirements for TOK, EE, and CAS.

As students select their three HL and three SL courses, they should keep in mind their academic strengths and weaknesses, as well as their future education and career plans. They must also check the course requirements for each subject to ensure they can and will be successful in their selected courses. See Section 14 for detailed descriptions, prerequisites and requirements of the courses offered at AISV.

3.1. AISV IB COURSE OFFERINGS (SUBJECT TO SUFFICIENT ENROLLMENT)

GROUP 1 STUDIES IN LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE	GROUP 2 LANGUAGE ACQUISITION	GROUP 3 INDIVI- DUALS AND SOCIETIES	GROUP 4 SCIENCES	GROUP 5 MATHE- MATICS	GROUP 6 THE ARTS
English Language and Literature HL/SL	French Ab Initio SL	Environmental Systems and Societies SL	Environmental Systems and Societies SL	Mathematics: Applications and interpretation SL/HL	Visual Arts HL/SL
Lithuanian Literature HL/SL	French B HL/SL	Economics HL/SL	Biology HL/SL	Mathematics: Analysis and approaches HL/SL	
Self-Taught Mother Tongue* SL	German B HL/SL	History HL/SL	Chemistry HL/SL		
	Russian B HL/SL		Physics HL/SL		

3.2 LANGUAGES AND THE IB DP

English is the language of instruction at AISV. In addition, all students study an additional language, either as a foreign language (French Ab Initio, French B, German B, Russian B) or through the literature of their mother tongue (Lithuanian Literature, Self-Taught Literature). By offering students the possibility to learn additional languages and/or reinforce their mother tongue, the IB program allows for students to become multilingual, providing access not only to educational and professional opportunities in a global community but also to different cultures and perspectives.

For more information about languages at AISV, please see the Language Policy.

3.3 ONLINE IB COURSES

In order to best tailor the IB Diploma Program to the needs of each learner, AISV also offers students the option of selecting one of their IB courses from Pamoja Education. For an additional cost, students can enrol in courses not currently offered at AISV and complete them online. This option should be discussed with and approved by the IB Coordinator and the School Counselor. Students should note, however, that not all Diploma classes are available on Pamoja. Courses currently offered by Pamoja include:

- Mandarin Ab Initio SL
- Spanish Ab Initio SL
- Spanish B SL
- ITGS HL/SL
- Psychology HL/SL
- Philosophy SL
- Business Management HL/SL

A detailed and updated list of online courses offered is available on the Pamoja website: www.pamojaeducation.com/online-courses/

Students considering this option should be aware that there may be specific prerequisites to access Pamoja courses, particularly for those subjects offered at a Higher Level. In addition, students selecting these courses must be highly motivated and committed to completing the course independently during designated study periods each week.

The cost of the Pamoja course is the responsibility of the student and their family. If students wish to enroll, they will be asked to sign a commitment letter before the end of August of the first Diploma Program year. Enrolment fees will be paid by AISV and invoiced to the families upon confirmation of enrolment. For more information about the costs, please see the Pamoja website.

In the unusual event that a student is transferring into the second year of the Diploma Program, or that one of their DP courses is dropped or unavailable to them due to scheduling, the school will cover the cost of the online course. AISV financial aid granted to students may also help alleviate the cost of the online course. For more information about financial aid applications at AISV, please see Section 632.2 of the Board Policy Manual or the Admissions Section of the AISV website.

3.4. TWO PATHWAYS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE IB PROGRAM AT AISV

PATHWAY 1: THE FULL DIPLOMA PROGRAM

3 Higher Level courses

3 Standard Level courses

Complete TOK

Submit an original EE of approximately 4,000 words

Complete a CAS Plan

Testing Requirements

Diploma students must take final exams in all of their courses except TOK, EE, and CAS. Exams are marked as external assessments by the IBO and given a grade from 1 (poor) to 7 (excellent). To earn the IB Diploma, students must complete TOK, EE, CAS, and earn a minimum total of 24 points. Failing conditions for the diploma are listed in the Assessment section later in this handbook. The specific terms for the award of the diploma are outlined in the document General Regulations: Diploma Program that is provided to all students and parents before they join the IB program at AISV.

PATHWAY 2: INDIVIDUAL COURSES

All students in grade 11 and 12 at AISV participate in IB classes regardless of whether they are enrolled in the full diploma program. Students who are not enrolled in the full IB program have the option of taking a class solely for credit toward an AISV diploma. If a student chooses this option, he/she completes assessments as created and given by the teacher, and receives credit on his/her report card. Alternatively, a student who is not enrolled in the full program may choose to become an IB Course Student in

a class. Such a student completes all internal and external IBO assessments for that course, including sitting for the final IB exam. At the end of the course, students will receive an official IB certificate noting the course name and the mark they earned on the exam. Many colleges and universities offer credit or advanced standing to students with good marks on IB certificates.

3.5. POSSIBLE IB COURSE COMBINATIONS

ENGINEERING OR PHYSICAL SCIENCE FOCUS

Group 1: English Language and Literature SL

Group 2: Language B/Lithuanian Literature A SL or HL

Group 3: Economics SL or History SL

Group 4: Physics HL

Group 4: Chemistry SL or HL (HL required for Chemical Engineering)

Group 5: Mathematics: Applications and interpretation HL/SL or Mathematics: Analysis and approaches HL/SL

ECONOMICS, BUSINESS, OR COMMERCE FOCUS

Group 1: English Language and Literature HL

Group 2: Language B/Lithuanian Literature A SL or HL

Group 3: Economics SL

Group 4: Environmental Systems and Societies SL

Group 5: Mathematics: Applications and interpretation HL or Mathematics: Analysis and approaches HL (Analysis and approaches preferred for some Economics courses)

Group 6: Visual Arts SL (or Group 4: Biology SL)



ART AND DESIGN FOCUS

- Group 1: English Language and Literature HL
- Group 2: Language B/Lithuanian Literature A SL or HL
- Group 3: Economics SL or History HL
- Group 4: Environmental Systems and Societies SL or Physics SL
- Group 5: Mathematics: Applications and interpretation or Mathematics: Analysis and approaches SL
- Group 6: Visual Arts HL

NATURAL SCIENCE OR MEDICINE FOCUS

- Group 1: English Language and Literature SL
- Group 2: Language B/Lithuanian Literature A SL
- Group 3: Economics SL or History SL
- Group 4: Biology HL
- Group 4: Chemistry HL
- Group 5: Mathematics: Applications and interpretation HL/SL or Mathematics: Analysis and approaches HL/SL

GENERALIST (PREPARATION FOR THE STUDY OF HUMANITIES, LAW, ETC.)

- Group 1: English Language and Literature HL or SL
- Group 2: Language B/Lithuanian Literature A SL or HL
- Group 3: Economics SL or History SL or HL
- Group 4: Environmental Systems and Societies SL or Chemistry SL or HL
- Group 5: Mathematics: Applications and interpretation or Mathematics: Analysis and approaches SL
- Group 6: Visual Arts SL or HL

4. AWARD OF THE IB DIPLOMA

4.1. SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES

In order to achieve the IB Diploma a candidate must fulfill certain requirements; at its most basic a candidate must achieve at least 24 points from their combined grades in six subjects, together with their grades for TOK and the EE, and also complete the CAS element.

Successful IB Diploma Candidates will receive an IB Diploma and a document entitled "Diploma Program (DP) Results" listing the total IB Diploma points score, the subject grades, confirmation of the completion of all CAS requirements and any points awarded and individual grades for the combination of TOK and the EE.

A Bilingual IB Diploma will be awarded to a successful candidate who fulfills one or both of the following criteria:

- a. completion of two languages selected from group 1 with the award of a grade 3 or higher in both
- b. completion of one of the subjects from group 3 or group 4 in a language that is not the same as the candidate's group 1 language. The candidate must attain a grade 3 or higher in both the group 1 language and the subject from group 3 or 4.

4.2. FAILING CONDITIONS

The Diploma cannot be awarded, whatever the total score, to candidates if:

1. CAS requirements have not been met.
2. The candidate's total points are fewer than 24.
3. An N has been given for TOK, EE or for a contributing subject.
4. A grade E has been awarded for one or both of TOK and the EE.
5. There is a grade 1 awarded in a subject/level.
6. Grade 2 has been awarded three or more times (HL or SL).
7. Grade 3 or below has been awarded four or more times (HL or SL).
8. The candidate has gained fewer than 12 points on HL subjects.
9. The candidate has gained fewer than 9 points on SL subjects.
10. The candidate has received a penalty for academic misconduct from the Final Award Committee.

An IB Diploma Candidate who fails to satisfy the requirements for the award of an IB Diploma will receive DP Course Results indicating the grades obtained in individual subjects, together with results in TOK of knowledge and the EE, and confirmation of the completion of all CAS requirements, as appropriate.

4.3. AWARD OF BONUS POINTS

Three extra points are available for TOK and the EE. They are measured against assessment criteria and according to the quality of the work. A candidate's performance in each will fall into one of five bands:

- Band A: Work of an excellent standard
- Band B: Work of a good standard
- Band C: Work of a satisfactory standard
- Band D: Work of a mediocre standard
- Band E: Work of an elementary standard

The total number of bonus points awarded will be determined according to the following matrix.

		THEORY OF KNOWLEDGE					
		GRADE A	GRADE B	GRADE C	GRADE D	GRADE E	NO GRADE N
EXTENDED ESSAY	GRADE A	3	3	2	2	Failing condition	Failing condition
	GRADE B	3	2	2	1	Failing condition	Failing condition
	GRADE C	2	2	1	0	Failing condition	Failing condition
	GRADE D	2	1	0	0	Failing condition	Failing condition
	GRADE E	Failing condition	Failing condition	Failing condition	Failing condition	Failing condition	Failing condition
	NO GRADE N	Failing condition	Failing condition	Failing condition	Failing condition	Failing condition	Failing condition

4.4. RE-TAKING IB EXAMINATIONS

If students did not meet the conditions to receive their IB Diploma, or were not satisfied with the results of their examinations and scored below their predicted grades, they may re-take up to two examinations in the following November or May sessions. Please note that re-takes in the November session must be registered by the IB Coordinator by the end of July of their examination session.

Candidates re-taking their examinations may choose whether or not to revise the IAs submitted in their exam session. If they decide to revise their IAs, they must do so with the consent of their subject teacher.

Candidates registered for to re-take their examination(s) will be invoiced IB fees for each of their examinations, as well as a school fee for the administration of their exams and IAs.

5. ADMISSIONS AND ENROLLMENT PROCEDURES

5.1. IB COURSE SELECTION

IB courses are rigorous. They are taught at the college level and cover extensive bodies of knowledge. Before enrolling in the IB program, students should—in consultation with their teachers, family, and the IB coordinator—carefully plan their academic and extracurricular schedules for the following year to accommodate the demands of IB coursework.

Once you have completed the consultation, you will choose six IB courses in accordance with the IB Diploma requirements. For each course selected, approval must be obtained by the current subject teacher. Once admitted to six IB courses, a student is expected to remain in those classes for two years. Under exceptional circumstances, a change of course may be requested within the first Quarter of 11th grade with the use of the Course Change Application Form. Please note that IB courses are offered contingent upon sufficient enrollment in the class.



5.2. ENROLLMENT PROCESS FOR CURRENT AISV STUDENTS

The IB enrollment process begins in 10th grade when students are introduced to the IB Diploma Program and the General Regulations and begin to consider their course options. Students and their families must read over the materials carefully and meet with the IB Coordinator in January to discuss their plans. As part of this process, students also speak to individual subject teachers who aim to assess their strengths and weaknesses with an eye toward the selection of appropriate higher level and standard level courses.

Students currently enrolled in the 10th grade at AISV must submit the following documents to the IB Coordinator by February 15, 2018 in order to be considered for the IB program:

- The signed IBDP Enrollment Form
- The signed IBDP Acknowledgment and Acceptance: General Regulations Form
- The signed Statement of Academic Honesty

Access to selected courses will depend upon the approval of the subject teacher and IB Coordinator and sufficient enrollment in each course. Access to IB courses may also be conditional on performance on end of year examination results for sophomores and on completion of the Personal Project. Students must check the course requirements for each course carefully. If a student does not meet the requirements for the course, he or she may be asked to make up course credits in consultation with the IB Coordinator or may be denied access to the course.

IB Information Evening for Students and Parents	November of Sophomore Year
Meetings with IB Coordinator, College Counselor and Parents	January of Sophomore Year
Deadline for submission of course selections and forms	February 15th of Sophomore Year
Course selections finalized	May 15th of Sophomore Year
Registration for IB Examinations	November of Senior Year

5.3. ENROLLMENT PROCESS FOR NEW STUDENTS

In addition to the above requirements, new students wishing to enroll in the IB program at AISV must complete all of the standard AISV admissions procedures (available on the AISV website under Admissions Section) and present the results of an English language assessment that certifies functional fluency in the English language. Other prerequisites required for admission to IB Diploma program at AISV include:

- Demonstrated functional fluency in English on a reputable English language test (such as Cambridge, ETS, TOEFL, IELTS or other tests provided by AISV such as WIDA and MAP).
- Demonstrated ability to pursue the study of a second language (based on language screening test designed by AISV)
- For students interested in HL Math - demonstrated ability to pursue the study of a HL Math (based on math screening test designed by AISV)
- Student self-completed IB questionnaire provided by AISV
- Demonstrated ability to pursue a rigorous, academic program. This may be verified with examinations in IB subjects.
- Interview with IB DP Coordinator and Guidance Counselor (if needed).



Every effort will be made to ensure balance and equality when admitting students to the IB Diploma program. The IB program is open to all students, regardless of previous educational experience. A student who decides to participate in the IB Program, will be expected to:

- Work diligently,
- Approach tasks with a sense of purpose,
- Demonstrate self-discipline and responsibility,
- Learn from fellow students as well as teachers,
- Share with, and contribute to, the community.

6. GUIDELINES FOR IB STUDENTS AT AISV

6.1. HOMEWORK

Homework is given in all courses. Long-term assignments require careful planning. All student homework must be authentic and completed by the student. Parents will be most helpful to their children by providing a routine time and a place for homework to be completed. Students in the IB Program should expect to complete at least 3-4 hours of homework each day, though this amount will vary. In addition, frequently there are summer assignments, often reading, that are required and assessed during the first few weeks of school. Self-discipline is therefore essential in order to complete assignments on time.

6.2. EARLY OR EXTENDED HOLIDAYS

We strongly discourage organizing holidays that involve missing classes, as you will miss important work and it will have a negative effect on your grades. School breaks are organized for everyone's benefit; extending them interferes with important learning that is planned for your benefit.

6.3. STRESS MANAGEMENT

The IB Diploma is a rigorous academic Program which demands that students work consistently throughout the two years of the duration of their courses and maintain a balanced lifestyle. As such, students should do the following to help manage their stress during more demanding periods of the program:

- Exercise regularly
- Maintain normal sleep and eating habits
- Review objectives periodically
- Recognize early warning signs of stress, and take action
- Think and plan ahead to achieve objectives
- Give treats and rewards for achieving short term objectives
- Try to keep things in proportion
- When pressure and stress build, seek help- the IB Coordinator and School Counselor will offer support.

6.4. IB EVENTS AND TRIPS

Over the course of the two years of the IB Diploma Program, students will be invited to participate in class events and trips to share experiences with other IB students, consolidate or present their academic work or develop an aspect of the IB Core. The participation of all IB students in these events will be expected.

6.5. COMMUNICATION WITH IB STUDENTS

All important IB information, documents and deadlines will be posted on the school's IB website:

<https://sites.google.com/a/aisv.lt/ib-aisv/>

7. IB ASSESSMENT POLICY

The purpose of assessment is to provide information on student achievement and progress in each course as measured by their understanding of the syllabus standards and to report on the standard of performance attained at the end of the course.

7.1. IB GENERAL DESCRIPTORS

IB grades are informed by the following general IB descriptors. In addition, each subject area has specific grade descriptors that are used for major assessments at the very least.

7	A consistent and thorough understanding of the required knowledge and skills, and the ability to apply them almost faultlessly in a wide variety of situations. There is consistent evidence of analysis, synthesis and evaluation where appropriate. The student consistently demonstrates originality and insight and always produces work of high quality.
6	A consistent and thorough understanding of the required knowledge and skills, and the ability to apply them in a wide variety of situations. There is consistent evidence of analysis, synthesis and evaluation where appropriate. The student generally demonstrates originality and insight.
5	A consistent and thorough understanding of the required knowledge and skills, and the ability to apply them in a variety of situations. The student generally shows evidence of analysis, synthesis and evaluation where appropriate and occasionally demonstrates originality and insight.
4	A good general understanding of the required knowledge and skills, and the ability to apply them effectively in normal situations. There is occasional evidence of the skills of analysis, synthesis and evaluation.
3	Limited achievement against most of the objectives, or clear difficulties in some areas. The student demonstrates a limited understanding of the required knowledge and skills and is only able to apply them fully in normal situations with support.
2	Very limited achievement against all the objectives. The student has difficulty in understanding the required knowledge and skills and is unable to apply them fully in normal situations, even with support.
1	Minimal achievement in terms of the objectives.

There are two types of assessment completed by IB students during the school IB Diploma Program- School-based assessment and IB assessment.

7.2. SCHOOL-BASED ASSESSMENT

School-based assessment is used by teachers to discover how well a student is progressing in a particular subject. This can include assignments completed in class or at home, tests, quizzes, projects or mock examinations. These assessments are generated by, assigned by, and marked by the teacher.

- School-based assessment is not optional. All IB Diploma candidates must undertake and complete all work assigned by their teachers.
- Students are expected to attend all classes in which they are enrolled unless for appropriate medical reasons or unless they have prior permission. Students who miss classes regularly severely affect their chances of earning the IB Diploma and the AISV diploma.
- Appropriate medical documentation will be required for students missing school-based assessments and deadlines.
- Technical difficulties or other foreseeable issues such as holidays or school commitments are not acceptable excuses for missing school based assessment deadlines.
- Failing to meet school-based assessment requirements may severely affect students' chances of gaining the Diploma. Students that miss classes without permission or who routinely fail to submit school-based assessments may be removed from the full IB program.

Teachers and academic departments use IB rubrics and boundaries to assess school-based work. At the end of each quarter, teachers assign a quarter grade by considering all student work

and academic progress during the quarter. For more information about assessment at AISV, please refer to the school's assessment policy.

MOCK EXAMINATIONS

Mock exams are assessed by AISV subject teachers. They allow teachers to assess student readiness for the formal IB exams. They are conducted twice during the program— at the end of the first year, and during the 3rd quarter of the second year. An effort is made to prepare students not only for the content of the final exams, but also to familiarize them with how the exams are administered. As such, students must follow a code of conduct similar to that imposed by the actual final exams. All mock exams will be recorded as a major assessment in school-based-grades.

7.3. IB ASSESSMENT

IB assessment is assessment which is either assessed or moderated by examiners that work for the IBO. There are three different types of IB assessment: internal assessment, external assessment and examinations. All three count towards the final subject grade at the end of the two years.

Internal assessments (IAs) are set according to subject. Each subject has a different weighting attached to its IA as a proportion of the final mark. Students and parents can find this information in the course guide for each subject. The subject teacher marks internal assessment work. A sample of students' work is then sent to an IBO moderator and checked against world-wide marking standards. The teacher's marks are adjusted if required. Internal assessments in groups 3, 4, 5, and 6 will be completed in English. Group 1 and 2 internal assessments are completed in the language of the subject.



Like internal assessments, **external assessments** are written during the course of the two year program and submitted to be examined externally. However, unlike internal assessments, external assessments are not marked by the teacher. Instead, the mark is determined by an external examiner.

Internal and external assessment dates are spread over the 2 years of the IB Diploma course. This reflects the nature and structure of the IB Diploma Program, as well as students' needs. These deadlines are set to spread the workload for students across the two-year course. These deadlines are non-negotiable and work will not be accepted after these deadlines without a valid reason and appropriate documentation.

The IBO sets strict rules regarding the submission of draft work. Students need to understand these before commencing work so that they understand the parameters in which they are working. These limits involve the number of drafts submitted, who is able to look at the drafts and the role of the teacher.

At the instructor's discretion, and with advanced warning, students may be given a school-based-grade (1-7) for their external or internal assessments that count as a major assessment. This score, however, is moderated by an IB senior examiner and is subject to change.

Students failing to submit external or internal assessments with no valid reason will be awarded an N grade and a zero mark for that component. The award of an N grade will prevent a student from gaining a Diploma. Students with valid reasons outside of their control must see the IB Coordinator as soon as possible. Please note that failure to meet AISV deadlines for internal assessment may result in revocation of a student's IB registration for a particular course or component.

FINAL EXAMINATIONS

Examinations are taken in May and results are available in July. Students and their parents are liable for examination fees set by the IBO.

Students have the possibility of retaking exams in the following May session should they not qualify for the diploma. A diploma candidate has a maximum of three examination sessions in which to obtain the diploma.

The final examination results are made up of subject grades, in the range from 1 to 7 at HL and at SL, and grades from E to A for TOK and Extended Essay. Students can obtain a maximum of 45 points total on their exams. In order to obtain such a result they must earn 7 points in each of the 6 exams as well as obtain 3 bonus points for TOK and EE.

8. INCLUSIVE LEARNING AND ASSESSMENT

The IBO defines inclusion as “an ongoing process that aims to increase access and engagement in learning for all students by identifying and removing barriers.” At AISV, we are committed to supporting the IB policy for diversity and inclusion by ensuring that all learners are able to reach their full potential. As stipulated by the IB, inclusion at AISV is achieved by a culture of collaboration, mutual respect, support and problem-solving involving the whole school community.

Inclusion in the IB program at AISV can take many forms. In teaching and learning, this can include affirming individual identity to build self-esteem, building on prior knowledge, scaffolding learning and extending those students who are ready and able. The IB also provides for inclusion in assessment, which means that students with learning needs may qualify for inclusive assessment arrangements. The

need for these arrangements is determined by the School Counsellor and IB Coordinator, in consultation with parents and teachers. If a student is deemed to require inclusive assessment arrangements, including but not limited to additional time, assistive technology or a scribe, an application is sent to the IBO for approval with the consent of the candidate and the candidate’s family. Applications must be submitted before November 15th of the student’s senior year in order to qualify for inclusive arrangements during their May exams.

Inclusive teaching, learning and assessment arrangements are a helping hand. They do not have an impact upon the type of diploma or certificate awarded to the candidate, the way in which the candidate’s work is assessed or access to education beyond the IB program.

For more information about inclusion at AISV, please see the Inclusive Education Policy.

9. ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

Academic Honesty is an important focus of both the International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO) and AISV. The AISV Academic Honesty Policy applies to all students in the IB Program, and the IB imposes further strict consequences for malpractice.

9.1. ACADEMIC INTEGRITY POLICY

Academic Integrity refers to the expectation that any work a student submits is authentically his or her own. AISV provides IB students with the tools they need to ensure academic honesty. Students are taught how to use various research methods and the requirements

of the citation systems. They receive direct one-on-one guidance from a dedicated EE Coordinator with proven research skills. They have access to, and are required to use turnitin.com, the leading online plagiarism checker.

Every candidate studying the Diploma Program, as a condition of enrollment and regardless of their registration category, must sign a declaration stating that all work they submit for assessment will be their own authentic work. This will cover all class assignments, homework assignments and work undertaken for IB assessments. Ultimately, however, it is the candidate’s own responsibility to ensure that the final version of any work submitted for assessment is authentic.

According to the IB Organisation, “Candidates themselves must bear the consequences if they submit any work for assessment that is not their own, regardless of whether the plagiarism was deliberate or a careless act. The same principle applies to collusion.” The IB defines malpractice as “behavior that results in, or may result in, the candidate or any other candidate gaining an unfair advantage in one or more assessment component.”

Students must use great care to always clearly acknowledge the ideas and words of other authors used in their work. Under no circumstance may students rely on outside help, such as a tutor, to write any piece of IB work being submitted for assessment.

9.2. CONSEQUENCES OF ACADEMIC MALPRACTICE

If a candidate is suspected of malpractice on an AISV assessment component, the school's Academic Integrity Policy, as outlined in the Community Handbook, will be applied.

In the unfortunate event that a student is suspected of malpractice on an official IB exam component, the IB Coordinator will conduct an investigation according to IB procedures outlined in the document General Regulations: Diploma Program. If the student is found guilty the work under investigation may not be submitted for assessment and the student will not have the opportunity to re-write the work.

Students found guilty of malpractice by the IBO on an official IB assessment, after having signed the required cover sheet stating that the work is their own, will no longer be eligible to receive the IB diploma, though they may still receive certificates for classes in which malpractice did not occur. An awarded IB diploma or certificate may be withdrawn from a candidate at any time in the future if malpractice is established subsequent to its issue.

10. CODE OF CONDUCT FOR IB EXAMINATIONS

Both mock and externally-assessed examinations are governed by strict codes of conduct to ensure that the assessment takes place in a fair, safe and comfortable environment. Students must familiarize themselves with expectations for conduct during the examinations.

All students should arrive at the exam room 15 minutes before the exam is set to begin and wait outside the room until they are admitted by the proctor. When instructed to enter the examination room, candidates must do so in a quiet and orderly manner.

Students should not communicate with anyone other than the proctor for the duration of the exam. Apart from one bottle of drinking water, no food or drink may be taken into the examination room. The proctor will tell candidates where to sit for the exam. Candidates may take only the following items to their assigned desk:

- pens, pencils, eraser, ruler, pencil sharpener, highlighter, one bottle of drinking water
- a calculator (but only for the math exams that allow its use)
- a translating dictionary (not allowed if the exam is a language exam)

No bags or mobile phones are permitted in the examination room. These must be turned in to the proctor upon entering the room.

LATE ARRIVAL

Candidates are allowed into the examination room during the first 30 minutes after the start of an examination. The arrival time will be recorded by the proctor. No additional time will be allowed for the examination.

After the first 30 minutes candidates will not be allowed into the examination, nor will they be permitted to take the examination at a rescheduled time.

TEMPORARY ABSENCE

In cases of emergency, at the discretion of the proctor, a candidate may be allowed to leave the examination room and return.

The temporary absence of a candidate will be recorded by the proctor. A candidate will be supervised by a proctor during a temporary absence from the examination room. There must be no communication with any person other than the proctor.

During a temporary absence the candidate must not take any material out of the examination room, have access to material during the absence, or return with any material.

Temporary absences will not be permitted during exam sessions with a single proctor.

MALPRACTICE

During the examination a candidate must not communicate with any other candidate. Failure to observe this regulation may constitute malpractice, resulting in appropriate action by the school.

All work completed during an examination, and then submitted for assessment, must be the authentic work of the candidate. Any collusion, plagiarism, reference to unauthorized material,

or communication between candidates may constitute malpractice, resulting in appropriate action by the school.

If a student finds that he/she has accidentally taken unauthorized material into an examination (for example, notes, a book, an MP3 player, or any communication device such as a cell phone), this material must be given to the proctor immediately before the exam begins. Failure to do so may lead to an allegation of malpractice against the candidate, regardless of whether the unauthorized material may or may not have provided an unfair advantage for the candidate.

No candidate is permitted to borrow anything from another candidate during an examination.

EARLY DEPARTURES

Candidates are not allowed to leave the examination room during the first hour or during the last 15 minutes of any examination. Consequently, if the duration of an examination is 1 hour and 15 minutes or less, candidates must remain in the examination room. If a candidate leaves the examination before the scheduled finishing time, the candidate will not be allowed to return.

END OF THE EXAMINATION

It is the responsibility of the candidate to ensure that the front page of their test is correctly completed prior to departure from the examination room.

Candidates must give all examination papers, answer sheets, multiple choice answer sheets and rough notes to the proctor at the end of the examination.

Candidates must leave the examination room in a quiet and orderly manner.

More information about regulations and procedures will be posted for students before the examination period. If you do not understand these regulations please ask the IB Coordinator for clarification.



11. COLLEGE ADMISSIONS AND IB MARK PROJECTIONS

11.1. PROJECTED GRADES

The college application process generally begins during the summer after your Junior (11th grade) year of the program. IB teachers will project your final IB grades and communicate these to the counselor solely for the purpose of university applications. These grades cannot be challenged nor negotiated. Among the criteria teachers will use to determine projected grades are:

- Subject grades as reported on the AISV report card in grade 11, and—as available—in grade 12;
- Performance on the mock exams at the end of grade 11;
- The results of any internal assessments already completed;
- The teacher's knowledge of you as a learner.

11.2. CONVERSION OF THE IB 1-7 SCALE

As noted on your transcript and the AISV School Profile, here are the 1-7 grade boundaries converted to letter grades with a description. Universities and colleges can use this grade conversion table to support their evaluations of your transcripts and grades.

IB SCALE	LETTER
7	A+
6	A
5	B
4	C
3	D
2	F
1	F

12. IB REGISTRATION AND FEES

12.1. REGISTRATION

Students are registered for their IB examinations by AISV in November of their senior year. Students must have completed their Extended Essay and their first year of the Diploma program successfully in order to be registered. If a student has a failing grade in two or more classes at the end of their junior year, the students will become Course Certificate Candidates instead of sitting for the full IB diploma.

12.2. IB EXAMINATION FEES

In their second year, IB students are subject to IB fees for their registration and examination. Exam fee structures are determined by the IB and are subject to change. The fees listed below are for the 2019 sessions. Students' families will be invoiced for registration and exams in the fall preceding their examinations.

COMPONENT	COST IN EUR
Registration fee per candidate	122
Registration fee after the second registration deadline	350
Subject fee (for each subject the candidate is registered for)	85
Extended essay fee for course candidates	65
TOK fee for course candidates	33
CAS fee for course candidates	7

12.3. OTHER IB FEES

BOOK FEES

Many books are included in the school fees. Students are issued several books, which they may write in and annotate; the first copy is included in school fees, but if lost, the student is responsible for paying for the replacement.

ART/LAB FEES

Students receive a standardized allocation towards their materials for all courses. When a student's interests or ambitions exceed this monetary amount, the family will be responsible for funding the materials. Details are included in individual course syllabi.

TRIP FEES

Extended field trips may be offered through the IB Program. AISV is not responsible for the funding these extended trips. However, students may apply for financial assistance to participate in optional trips.

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14. AISV'S IB COURSE DESCRIPTIONS: INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS

In the following section, a brief overview has been offered of the courses offered at AISV. For more detailed information about each course, please consults the IB Course Guides which have been made available to you on the IB@aisv website: <https://sites.google.com/a/aisv.lt/ib-aisv/products-services>

14.1. GROUP 1: STUDIES IN LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

ENGLISH A: LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE SL/HL

PREREQUISITES

Because readings are challenging, both in structure and vocabulary, and students will be held to high levels of close reading and analysis, high level of comfort with English as a received and communicated language, in both oral and written capacity, is critical for success. It is recommended that students achieve a 5 or higher in their 10th grade English class in order to access the HL English course. Readiness for the course will also be determined according to performance on the end of year examination in 10th grade.

SYLLABUS CONTENT OVERVIEW

In two years of study with approximately 150 hours at the standard level (SL) and 240 hours of study at the higher level (HL), this course is comprised of distinct parts relating to the study of language and the study of literature. Students will build an understanding of the ways in which formal elements are used to create meaning in a text as they explore how that meaning is affected by reading practices that

are culturally defined and by the circumstances of production and reception. Students will read various personal narratives, essays, eulogies, political speeches, letters, news articles, editorials, advertisements, and blog entries. Over the course of the two-year program, they will also read a number of literary texts, including novels, plays, short stories and poetry.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

1. Introduce students to a range of texts from different periods, styles and genres.
2. Develop in students the ability to engage in close, detailed analysis of individual texts and make relevant connections.
3. Develop the students' powers of expression, both in oral and written communication.
4. Encourage students to recognize the importance of the contexts in which texts are written and received.
5. Encourage, through the study of texts, an appreciation of the different perspectives of people from other cultures, and how these perspectives construct meaning.
6. Encourage students to appreciate the formal, stylistic and aesthetic qualities of texts.
7. Promote in students an enjoyment of, and lifelong interest in, language and literature.
8. Develop in students an understanding of how language, culture and context determine the ways in which meaning is constructed in texts.
9. Encourage students to think critically about the different interactions between text, audience and purpose.

ASSESSMENT

Over the duration of the two years, students will complete a number of assignments, including commentaries, essays, presentations, projects and other creative tasks. All assessed tasks in English are based on the IB assessment they will complete for the course.

Paper 1: Textual analysis (35%)

Paper 2: Literary essay (25% for HL, 35% for SL)

HL Essay: 20%

Individual Oral: 20% for HL, 30% for SL

LITHUANIAN A: LITERATURE SL/HL

PREREQUISITES

Fluency in Lithuanian. Readiness for the course will also be determined according to performance on the end of year examination in 10th grade. In order to access the Higher Level Lithuanian A Literature course, students should achieve a 5 or above in their 10th grade Lithuanian Mother Tongue course.

SYLLABUS CONTENT OVERVIEW

Language A: literature course students will study literature in Lithuanian from a range of genres, including selections of literature in translation. In previous years, students studied 13 works at HL and 10 for SL. The new literature course will have similar reading requirements, although the literary texts studied will be confirmed in September 2019.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

Students develop the ability to engage in close, detailed analysis of literary works, building understanding of the techniques involved in literary criticism. The study of literary works in context is emphasized, and through the study of literature in translation the student is challenged to reflect on the role of cultural assumptions in interpretation.

The range of texts studied in Language A: literature course is broad, and students grow to appreciate a language's complexity, wealth and subtleties in a variety of contexts. A specific aim is to engender a lifelong interest in literature and a love for the elegance and richness of human expression. In studying Lithuanian literature A course, students are able to develop:

1. A personal appreciation of language and literature.
2. Skills in literary criticism.
3. An understanding of the formal, stylistic and aesthetic qualities of texts.
4. Strong powers of expression, both written and oral.
5. An appreciation of cultural differences in perspective.

ASSESSMENT

Students are assessed through a combination of formal examinations, written coursework and oral activities. The formal examination comprises two essay papers, one requiring the analysis of a passage of unseen literary text, and the other a response to a question based on the works studied. HL Students will also produce an essay based on the works studied. All students will perform an oral activity presenting their analysis of works read and their engagement with a global issue.

Paper 1: Textual analysis (35%)
 Paper 2: Literary essay (25% for HL, 35% for SL)
 HL Essay: 20%
 Individual Oral: 20% for HL, 30% for SL

14.2. GROUP 2: LANGUAGE ACQUISITION

RUSSIAN B SL/HL

PREREQUISITES

In order for students to be able to participate in the course, and for the course to be useful, challenging but also manageable, students should have certain Russian language skills. This can also be described as A2+ level, and should be confirmed with the teacher.

DESCRIPTION

The Russian B SL/HL course is designed for students to master both their Russian language skills, intercultural understanding, and conceptual understanding of how the target language works. The teacher provides academically challenging course based on the level of competence and aimed language proficiency of the students. Students will learn to use Russian language for different purposes in a variety of contexts completing a wide range of both individual and collaborative tasks using diverse sources of authentic written/audio/video materials. Students develop their ability to communicate in the target language through the study of texts, themes and language. At HL level, the study of two literary works is required.

CONTENT OVERVIEW

For two years students will be engaged in the study of five prescribed themes:

- 1. Identities:**
 - Well-being and health
 - Beliefs and values
 - Subcultures
 - Language and identity
- 2. Experiences:**
 - Leisure
 - Holidays and travel
 - Life stories
 - Customs and traditions
- 3. Human ingenuity:**
 - Entertainment
 - Art
 - Communication and media
 - Technology
- 4. Social organization:**
 - Social relationships
 - Social engagement
 - Education
 - Law and order
- 5. Sharing the planet:**
 - Ethics
 - Globalization
 - Human rights
 - Equality

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

The course is meant to develop productive, receptive, and interactive skills, and to prepare our students to communicate clearly and efficiently in the Russian-speaking environment. They will be able to accurately understand and give own responses to a range of spoken and written texts. Students will be able to understand their target audience, purpose and context of speaking/writing, socio-cultural references, be aware of unique/similar traditions, expected behavior and reaction patterns. Russian HL level students will also gain experience by analyzing literature.



ASSESSMENT

For two years in class, students will practice different types of assessment similar to their prospective Russian IB examination. During the course students will be evaluated (and also evaluate themselves) using IB External and Internal assessment criteria. This will help students to better understand how grades are distributed. Authentic materials will be used in the classroom as much as possible, as this is necessary in order for students to meet the expectations of the course. This includes exposing students to the full range of varieties of the target language, both in written and spoken form, so that students become familiar with different accents as well as significant differences in vocabulary and structures. Such language experiences will encourage students to become reflective communicators with a heightened sense of international-mindedness. Variety, transparency and integration are ensured throughout the course for every student individually.

FRENCH B SL/HL

PREREQUISITES

In order for students to be able to participate in the course, and for the course to be useful, challenging but also manageable, students should have certain French language skills. This can also be described as A2+ level, and should be confirmed by the teacher.

DESCRIPTION

French SL/HL course is designed for students to master both their French language skills and intercultural understanding. The teacher provides academically challenging course based on the level of competence and aimed language proficiency of the students. Students will explore the so called 'Francophone world' and improve their French language and skills and multicultural understanding. They will learn to use French language for different purposes in a variety of contexts completing a wide range of both individual and collaborative tasks using diverse sources of authentic written/audio/video materials. French HL students will also read and analyze two works of literature.

CONTENT OVERVIEW

For two years students will work on five prescribed themes addressed equally in the language B course

1ÈRE ANNÉE/ FIRST YEAR	2È ANNÉE/ SECOND YEAR
Social organization Social relationship Community Social engagement	Social organization Social engagement Education The working world
Human ingenuity Entertainment Artistic expressions Communication and media	Experiences Customs and traditions Migration
Sharing the planet The environment Human rights Equality Peace and conflict Globalization	Identities Lifestyle Health and wellbeing
Experiences Leisure activities Holidays and travel Life stories	Human ingenuity Technology Scientific innovation
Identities Subcultures Language and identity	

Students taking the HL course will also read two literary texts.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

The French B HL/SL course is meant to prepare our students to function language and culture-wise in the Francophone environment. They will be able to accurately understand and give own responses to a range of spoken and written texts. Students will be able to understand some socio-cultural references during the communication, be aware of some unique/similar traditions, expected behavior and reaction patterns, and, of course, the level of their French language itself will improve depending

on the aimed proficiency. French HL level students will also gain experience understanding and analyzing works of literature.

ASSESSMENT

For two years in class student will practice different types of assessments similar to what they will have to complete at the end of the course. During the course students will be evaluated (and also evaluate themselves) using IB External and Internal assessment criteria. This will help students to better understand how grades are distributed.

LANGUAGE B SL	LANGUAGE B HL
<p>Paper 1 Writing 1 hr 15 min Producing a text based on a choice of specific text types (e.g. article, speech, letter, flyer) of 250-400 words length 25% weighting</p>	<p>Paper 1 Writing 1 hr 30 min Producing a text based on a choice of specific text types (e.g. article, speech, letter, flyer) of 450-600 words length 25% weighting</p>
<p>Paper 2 Receptive skills – listening and reading (separate sections) Listening comp. – 45 min Reading comp. – 1 hr 50% weighting</p>	<p>Paper 2 Receptive skills – listening and reading (separate sections) Listening comp. – 1 hr Reading comp. – 1 hr 50% weighting</p>
<p>Internal Assessment Individual oral 12-15 min + 15 min of preparation 25% weighting</p>	<p>Internal Assessment Individual oral 12-15 min + 20 min of preparation For HL, this is based on an extract of one of the two literary works studied during the course 25% weighting</p>

FRENCH AB INITIO SL

PREREQUISITES

French ab initio is a two-year language learning course, designed for students with little or no prior experience of French. No prerequisites are required.

DESCRIPTION

The *French ab initio* course is organized into five prescribed themes. The themes allow students to compare the target language and culture to other languages and cultures with which they are familiar. The themes also

provide opportunities for students to make connections to other disciplinary areas in the DP. Each theme has four topics that provide the students with opportunities to practice and explore French language as well as to develop intercultural understanding. Through the development of receptive, productive and interactive skills, students should be able to respond and interact appropriately in a defined range of everyday situations. This *ab initio* course, albeit at a basic level, seeks to foster a concern for global issues, as well as to raise students' awareness of their own responsibility at a local level.



SYLLABUS CONTENT OVERVIEW

The five themes (identities, experiences, human ingenuity, social organization, sharing the planet) are made up of a series of 20 topics which will be treated during this two-year course.

YEAR 1	YEAR 2
Identities: Personal attributes	Human ingenuity: Media
Identities: Personal relationships	Human ingenuity: Technology
Identities: Eating and drinking	Social organization: The workplace
Identities: Physical well-being	Social organization: Social issues
Experiences: Daily routine	Social organization: Neighbourhood
Experiences: Leisure	Social organization: Education
Experiences: Holidays	Sharing the planet: Environment
Experiences: Festival and celebrations	Sharing the planet: Global issues
Human ingenuity: Transport	
Human ingenuity: Entertainment	
Sharing the planet: Climate	
Sharing the planet: Physical geography	

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

After this two-year course, students will be able to:

1. Understand, both orally and in writing, simple sentences and some more complex sentences related to the three themes and topics;
2. Express information fairly accurately, using a range of basic vocabulary and grammatical structures;
3. Communicate orally and respond appropriately to most questions on the five prescribed themes;
4. Demonstrate some intercultural understanding by reflecting on similarities and differences between French Culture and the student's own.

ASSESSMENT

At the end of two-year course students will have to be ready for the assessment: External (which makes up 75% of final grade) and Internal (25%). During the course students will be evaluated using IB External and Internal assessment criteria. This will help students to better understand how grades are distributed.



GERMAN B SL/HL

PREREQUISITE

In order for students to be able to participate in the course, and for the course to be useful, challenging but also manageable, students should have certain German language skills. This can also be described as A2+ level, and should be confirmed by the teacher.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

The German B SL/HL course is designed for students to master both their German language skills and intercultural understanding. The teacher provides academically challenging course based on the level of competence and aimed language proficiency of the students. They will learn to use German language for different purposes in a variety of contexts completing a wide range of both individual and collaborative tasks using diverse sources of authentic written/audio/video materials. German HL students will also read and analyze two works of literature.

SYLLABUS CONTENT OVERVIEW

1. **Identities:**
 - Well-being and health
 - Beliefs and values
 - Subcultures
 - Language and identity
2. **Experiences:**
 - Leisure
 - Holidays and travel
 - Life stories
 - Customs and traditions
3. **Human ingenuity:**
 - Entertainment
 - Art
 - Communication and media
 - Technology
4. **Social organization:**
 - Social relationships
 - Social engagement
 - Education
 - Law and order
5. **Sharing the planet:**
 - Ethics
 - Globalization
 - Human rights
 - Equality

Students taking HL course will read two literary texts from the list of the international competition "Lesefüchse" (different books every year), classic authors like F.Dürrenmatt or R.M.Rilke and various short stories as well.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

The course is meant to prepare our students to function language and culture-wise in the German speaking environment. They will be able to accurately understand and give own responses to a range of spoken and written texts. Students will be able to understand some socio-cultural references during the communication, be aware of some unique/similar traditions, expected behavior and reaction patterns, and, of course, the level of their German language itself will improve depending on the aimed proficiency. German HL level students will also gain experience understanding and analyzing works of literature.

ASSESSMENT

For two years in class student will practice different types of assessments similar to what they will have to complete at the end of the course. During the course students will be evaluated (and also evaluate themselves) using IB External and Internal assessment criteria. This will help students to better understand how grades are distributed.

Paper 1: Productive skills – writing 25%

Paper 2: Receptive skills – listening and reading 50%

Individual oral assessment: 25%

14.3. GROUP 3: INDIVIDUALS AND SOCIETIES

ECONOMICS HL/SL

PREREQUISITES

Students are not required to have prior economics or business knowledge to study IB Economics. Students will need to evaluate economic policies, analyze graphs, and draw conclusions from data and texts. In Economics HL, students will be required to analyze policies using mathematical skills. Students should be in Math SL or HL to take Economics at the Higher Level; however, Math Studies is sufficient for Economics SL as there is no mathematical component.

OVERVIEW

Students will develop an understanding of microeconomic and macroeconomic theories and concepts and their real-world application and develop an awareness of development issues facing nations as they undergo the process of change. Students will develop an appreciation of the impact on individuals and societies of economic interactions between nations.

CONTENT

IB Economics is a survey class that will cover concepts in Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, International Economics and Development. In each section, there are some HL only topics, such as the mathematical representation of economic concepts.

YEAR 1	YEAR 2
<p>Microeconomics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demand and supply Elasticity Government intervention Market failure Theory of the firm and market structures (HL only) <p>Macroeconomics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aggregate demand and aggregate supply Macroeconomic objectives: Unemployment and Inflation Fiscal policy Monetary policy Supply-side policies 	<p>International Economics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> International trade Exchange rates The balance of payments Economic integration Terms of trade (HL only) <p>Development Economics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Economic development and the role of domestic factors The role of international trade and foreign direct investment The roles of foreign aid, multilateral development assistance, and of international debt The balance between markets and intervention

ASSESSMENT

HL	SL
<p>External Assessment - 80%</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paper 1 - (1 hour and 30 minutes) Extended Response Essay Paper 2 - (1 hour and 30 minutes) A data response paper <p>Internal Assessment - 20%</p> <p>Students produce a portfolio of three commentaries, based on different sections of the syllabus and on published extracts from the news media.</p>	<p>External Assessment - 80%</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paper 1 - (1 hour and 30 minutes) Extended Response Essay Paper 2 - (1 hour and 30 minutes) A data response paper Paper 3 - (1 hour) HL Extension only - Quantitative Assessment <p>Internal Assessment - 20%</p> <p>Students produce a portfolio of three commentaries, based on different sections of the syllabus and on published extracts from the news media</p>

HISTORY SL/HL

PREREQUISITES

Students need not have studied history prior to starting the DP history course. In particular, it is neither expected nor required that specific subjects have been studied for national or international qualifications in preparation for this course. The specific skills and knowledge required are developed throughout the course itself. However, if a student is considering taking History as an HL subject, they should understand the heavier work load that will be expected of them as well as the added assessment. It is recommended that students achieve a 5 or above in their 10th grade History course in order to access the HL History course. Readiness for the course will also be determined according to performance on the end of year examination in 10th grade.

DESCRIPTION

History is a dynamic, contested, evidence-based discipline that involves an exciting engagement with the past. It is a rigorous intellectual discipline, focused around key historical concepts such as change, causation and significance. History is an exploratory subject that fosters a sense of inquiry. It is also an interpretive discipline, allowing opportunity for engagement with multiple perspectives and a plurality of opinions. Studying history develops an understanding of the past, which leads to a deeper understanding of the nature of humans and of the world today. The IB Diploma Program (DP) history course is a world history course based on a comparative and multi-perspective 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.

OVERVIEW OF TOPICS

Rights and protest (HL and SL) Year 1

This prescribed subject focuses on struggles for rights and freedoms in the mid-20th century. Two case studies are prescribed, taken from two different regions of the world, and both of these case studies must be studied. The first case study explores the civil rights movement in the US between 1954 and the passing of the Voting Rights Act in 1965. The second case study explores protests against apartheid in South Africa. It focuses specifically on the years 1948–1964, beginning with the election of the National Party in 1948 and ending with the imprisonment of Nelson Mandela and his co-defendants following the Rivonia trial in 1964.

Independence movements (1800—2000) (HL and SL) Year 1

This theme focuses on the emergence of new states in the 19th and 20th centuries. It explores the origins and rise of independence movements, the reasons for their success, the challenges that new states faced in their first 10 years, and the responses to those challenges. Some examination questions will require students to make reference to two movements, each chosen from a different region. In order for students to be able to make meaningful comparisons across all aspects of the prescribed content, it is recommended that a minimum of three democratic states should be studied. Please note that the focus of this topic is specifically on movements seeking

independence from a foreign power, so topics such as solidarity in Poland would not be an appropriate example.

The Cold War: Superpower tensions and rivalries (20th century) (HL and SL) Year 2

The Cold War dominated global affairs from the end of the Second World War to the early 1990s. This topic focuses on how superpower rivalries did not remain static but changed according to styles of leadership, strength of ideological beliefs, economic factors and crises involving client states. The topic aims to promote an international perspective on the Cold War by requiring the study of Cold War leaders, countries and crises from more than one region of the world.

The Soviet Union and post-Soviet Russia (1924–2000) (HL only) Year 1-2

This section examines the consolidation of the Soviet state from 1924 and the methods applied to ensure its survival, growth and expansion inside and outside the borders of the Soviet Union. It explores the rise and nature of the rule of Stalin, Khrushchev, Brezhnev and their policies. East–West relations post-1945 in relation to Soviet aims and leadership should also be considered. Finally, the decline and collapse of the Soviet Union should be considered, as well as political and economic developments in post-Soviet Russia.

- Soviet Union (1924–1941): Stalin and the struggle for power (1924–1929); defeat of Trotsky; Stalin's policies of collectivization and the Five-Year Plans; government and propaganda under Stalin; the purges and the Great Terror
- The impact of the Great Patriotic War (1941–1945); post-war Soviet Union (1945–1953): political and economic developments

- Khrushchev and Brezhnev: domestic policies and foreign relations
- Transformation of the Soviet Union (1985–1991): Gorbachev (aims, policies and extent of success); political developments and change
- Collapse of the Soviet Union; post-Soviet Russia to 2000; role and policies of Yeltsin; political and economic developments to 2000

Post-war western and northern Europe (1945–2000) (HL only) Year 2

This section explores events in post-war Western Europe and its recovery in the second half of the 20th century. In some cases the section examines the transition from authoritarian to democratic government. It requires examination of the social, political and economic issues facing states, and the methods used to cope with the challenges, either within individual states or in the move towards a system of European integration, in pursuit of mutually acceptable political, economic and foreign-policy goals.

Post-war Central and Eastern Europe (1945–2000) (HL only) Year 2

This section explores events in central and eastern Europe from 1945–2000. It includes the transition from wartime occupation to the dominance of the Soviet Union (with the exception of Tito's Yugoslavia). There is also a focus on the extent, and nature, of resistance to the dominance of the Soviet Union, as well as a discussion of the reasons for the collapse of the Soviet Empire. Finally, there is an examination of political, economic and social developments from 1989–2000.

ASSESSMENT

Assessment outline—SL

- Paper 1 (1 hour)
Source-based paper based on the five prescribed subjects. Choose one prescribed subject from a choice of five. Answer four structured questions. (24 marks) 30%
- Paper 2 (1 hour 30 minutes)
Essay paper based on the 12 world history topics. Answer two essay questions on two different topics. (30 marks) 45%
- Internal assessment (20 hours)
Completed by the beginning of Year 2
This component is internally assessed by the teacher and externally moderated by the IB at the end of the course. Students are required to complete a historical investigation into a topic of their choice. (25 marks) 25%

Assessment outline—HL

- Paper 1 (1 hour)
Source-based paper based on the five prescribed subjects. Choose one prescribed subject from a choice of five. Answer four structured questions. (24 marks) 20%
- Paper 2 (1 hour 30 minutes)
Essay paper based on the 12 world history topics. Answer two essay questions on two different topics. (30 marks) 25%
- Paper 3 (2 hours 30 minutes)
Separate papers for each of the four regional options. For the selected region, answer three essay questions. (45 marks) 35%
- Internal assessment (20 hours)

This component is internally assessed by the teacher and externally moderated by the IB at the end of the course. Students are required to complete a historical investigation into a topic of their choice. (25 marks) 20%

14.4. GROUP 4: EXPERIMENTAL SCIENCES

CHEMISTRY SL/HL

PREREQUISITES

Chemistry requires a student to use their algebra skills to complete assignments in chemistry. Thus a solid foundation in algebra is required for chemistry. It is recommended that students achieve a 5 or above in their 10th grade Science course in order to access the HL Chemistry course.

SYLLABUS CONTENT OVERVIEW

Chemistry is an experimental science that studies matter and how it reacts with the physical and biological aspects of the environment. IB chemistry is a course that combines academic study, laboratory experience and mathematics. The student will explore the topics of quantitative chemistry, atomic structure, periodicity, bonding, energetics, kinetics, equilibrium, acids and bases, oxidation and reduction, and organic chemistry. Students taking the course at the higher level will study these topics in greater detail.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

Students in chemistry will gain an understanding of how matter reacts and why reactions occur. Chemistry is often called the central science because it is built on the principles of physics and biology is built on an understanding of chemical concepts. After the course, students will have a better idea which of these science fields, if any, that they would like to

explore in more detail in the future. Students who pass this course will meet part of the high school graduation requirement for science. Students who do well in this course will meet part of the requirement.

ASSESSMENT

Students will complete formative assessments in nearly every class demonstrating their understanding of what was covered during that period. Summative assessments will follow every chapter. These summative assessments will be based on previous IB questions and form a major portion of the student's grade. At the end of year one, students will take a mock exam covering year one subjects which will also be their final exam for the first year. A mock exam covering all of the topics will be given in March of the second year. The official IB exam is given in May of the second year.

In addition to testing, students will be expected to complete practical laboratory work on a regular basis. Proper procedures in presenting scientific data in lab reports is critical to getting a good IB score overall. The student will also actively participate in an Individual Investigation, which makes up 20% of the IB Course grade and is assessed internally. A Group 4 (sciences) project is conducted at the end of year 1.

PHYSICS SL/HL

PREREQUISITES

Physics requires a firm grasp of algebra and geometry as these math subjects are used to solve problems and define topics in Physics. However, beginning calculus is not required for either the Higher or Standard Levels. It is recommended that students achieve a 5 or above in their 10th grade Science course in order to access the HL Physics course.

SYLLABUS CONTENT OVERVIEW

The goal of physics is to understand the natural world. This course will cover the topics of forces and motion, energy and work, simple harmonic motion and waves, heat, electricity, fields, nuclear physics, global energy sources, digital technology, electromagnetic induction and astrophysics. Additional topics at the higher level include more in depth work with the topics listed above along with wave phenomena, projectiles and quantum physics.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

Students of physics will gain an appreciation of mankind's current understanding of the universe and a sense that much more work needs to be done to further this knowledge which they are encouraged to be a part of. Students who pass this course will meet part of the high school graduation requirement for science. Students who do well in this course will meet part of the requirement for an IB Diploma.

ASSESSMENT

Formative assessments will be conducted on a regular basis to monitor student's progress. Summative assessments will follow every chapter. These summative assessments will be based on previous IB questions and form a major portion of the student's grade. At the end of year one, students will take a mock exam covering year one subjects which will also be their final exam for the first year. A mock exam covering all of the topics will be given late in the second year. The official IB exam is given in May of the second year.

In addition to testing, students will be expected to complete practical laboratory work on a regular basis. Proper procedures in presenting scientific data in lab reports is critical to getting a good overall IB score. The student will also actively participate in a Group 4 (sciences) project.

BIOLOGY SL/HL

PREREQUISITES

Critical and analytical thinking skills are needed. A strong foundation in Chemistry and Maths would also be helpful. It is recommended that students achieve a 5 or above in their 10th grade Science course in order to access the HL Biology course.

DESCRIPTION

Biology is the study of life. The vast diversity of species makes biology both an endless source of fascination and a considerable challenge. Biologists attempt to understand the living world at all levels from the micro to the macro using many different approaches and techniques. Biology is still a young science and great progress is expected in the 21st century. This progress is important at a time of growing pressure on the human population and the environment.

SYLLABUS CONTENT OVERVIEW

1. Cell biology
2. Molecular biology
3. Genetics
4. Ecology
5. Evolution and biodiversity
6. Human physiology
- Option D: Human Physiology

Additional higher level

7. Nucleic acids
8. Metabolism, cell respiration and photosynthesis
9. Plant biology
10. Genetics and evolution
11. Animal physiology

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

By studying biology in the DP students should become aware of how scientists work and communicate with each other. While the scientific method may take on a wide variety of forms, it is the emphasis on a practical approach through experimental work that characterizes the sciences. Students are provided with opportunities to design investigations, collect data, develop manipulative skills, analyse results, collaborate with peers and evaluate and communicate their findings.

ASSESSMENT

Students will complete formative assessments throughout the two year course. The external assessment of biology consists of three written papers. In paper 1 there are 30 (at SL) or 40 (at HL) multiple-choice questions. Paper 2 contains short-answer and extended-response questions on the core (and Additional Higher Level (AHL) material at HL). Paper 3 has two sections; Section A contains one data-based question and several short-answer questions on experimental work on the core (and AHL material at HL). Section B contains short-answer and extended-response questions from each of the four options. All science students must complete a Group 4 Project as part of the required IB Group 4 (Science) practical program.

ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEMS AND SOCIETIES SL

PREREQUISITES

Commitment to study regularly and participate in class activities. Successful students are those who are self-motivated.

DESCRIPTION

Environmental systems and societies (ESS) is an interdisciplinary course offered only at standard level (SL). This course can fulfill either the individuals and societies or the sciences requirement. Alternatively, this course enables students to satisfy the requirements of both subjects groups simultaneously while studying one course.

ESS is firmly grounded in both a scientific exploration of environmental systems in their structure and function, and in the exploration of cultural, economic, ethical, political and social interactions of societies with the environment. As a result of studying this course, students will become equipped with the ability to recognize and evaluate the impact of our complex system of societies on the natural world.

CONTENT OVERVIEW

The course is divided into eight major topics:

- Topic 1— Foundations of environmental systems and societies
- Topic 2—Ecosystems and ecology
- Topic 3—Biodiversity and conservation
- Topic 4—Water and aquatic food production systems and societies
- Topic 5—Soil systems and terrestrial food production systems and societies
- Topic 6—Atmospheric systems and societies
- Topic 7—Climate change and energy production

Topic 8—Human systems and resource use

The course topics do not have to be taught sequentially and various subtopics are taught throughout the year.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

The aims of the environmental systems and societies course are to promote understanding of environmental processes at a variety of scales from local to global; provide knowledge, methodologies, and skills that can be used in analysis; promote critical awareness of cultural perspectives: appreciate the value of local and international collaboration in resolving environmental problems; appreciate that environmental issues can provoke a variety of responses and understand that human society is both directly and indirectly linked to the environment at many different levels.

ASSESSMENT

Students will complete formative assessments throughout the two year course. A variety of assessments ranging from essays, research projects, quizzes, and labs will be utilized. These assessments, along with summative tasks such as unit tests, will be given and graded by the teacher. The IB program requires students to complete 30 hours of lab work, which consists of practical and field work activities. This serves to prepare students for the internal assessment for the class, which is an independent research project that accounts for 25% of the IB grade. Students also participate in a group 4 project during their first year. At the end of year two, final external assessments are given in the form of 2 papers. Paper 1 is worth 40 marks and counts 25%. Paper 2 is worth 65 marks and counts 50%. The remaining 25% of the course grade is the internal assessment. All science students must complete a Group 4 Project as part of the required IB Group 4 (Science) practical program.

14.5. GROUP 5: MATHEMATICS

MATHEMATICS: ANALYSIS AND APPROACHES COURSE

PREREQUISITES

Completion of Algebra 1, Algebra 2, Geometry.

CONTENT OVERVIEW

This course will be offered at both SL and HL. It is designed for students who enjoy developing their mathematics to become fluent in the construction of mathematical arguments and develop strong skills in mathematical thinking.

They will explore real and abstract applications, sometimes with technology, and will enjoy the thrill of mathematical problem solving and generalization.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

Analysis and approaches is intended for students who wish to pursue studies in mathematics at university or subjects that have a large mathematical content; it is for students who enjoy developing mathematical arguments, problem-solving and exploring real and abstract applications, with and without technology. Mathematics: Analysis and approaches will be a development from the current Mathematics HL and SL subjects.

Mathematics: analysis and approaches

Syllabus outline

SYLLABUS COMPONENT	SUGGESTED TEACHING HOURS	
	SL	HL
Topic 1 - Number and algebra	19	39
Topic 2 – Functions	21	32
Topic 3 - Geometry and trigonometry	25	51
Topic 4 - Statistics and probability	27	33
Topic 5 - Calculus	28	55
The toolkit and mathematical exploration Investigative, problem-solving and modelling skills development leading to an individual exploration. The exploration is a piece of written work that involves investigating an area of mathematics.	30	30
Total teaching hours	150	240



ASSESSMENT

Mathematics: analysis and approaches

SL assessment outline

ASSESSMENT COMPONENT	WEIGHTING
External assessment (3 hours) Paper 1 (90 minutes) No technology allowed. (80 marks) Section A Compulsory short-response questions based on the syllabus. Section B Compulsory extended-response questions based on the syllabus.	80%
Paper 2 (90 minutes) Technology required. (80 marks) Section A Compulsory short-response questions based on the syllabus. Section B Compulsory extended-response questions based on the syllabus.	40%
Internal assessment This component is internally assessed by the teacher and externally moderated by the IB at the end of the course. Mathematical exploration Internal assessment in mathematics is an individual exploration. This is a piece of written work that involves investigating an area of mathematics. (20 marks)	20%

Mathematics: analysis and approaches

HL assessment outline

ASSESSMENT COMPONENT	WEIGHTING
External assessment (5 hours)	80%
Paper 1 (120 minutes) Technology required. (110 marks) Compulsory short-response questions based on the syllabus.	30%
Paper 2 (120 minutes) Technology required. (110 marks) Compulsory extended-response questions based on the syllabus.	30%
Paper 3 (60 minutes) Technology required. (55 marks) Two compulsory extended-response problem-solving questions.	20%
Internal assessment This component is internally assessed by the teacher and externally moderated by the IB at the end of the course. Mathematical exploration Internal assessment in mathematics is an individual exploration. This is a piece of written work that involves investigating an area of mathematics. (20 marks)	20%

MATHEMATICS: APPLICATIONS AND INTERPRETATION COURSE

PREREQUISITES

Completion of Algebra 1, Algebra 2, Geometry.

CONTENT OVERVIEW

This course will be offered at both SL and HL for students who are interested in developing their mathematics for describing our world, modelling and solving practical problems using the power of technology. Students who take Mathematics: Applications and interpretation will be those who enjoy mathematics best when seen in a practical context.

Mathematics: applications and interpretation

Syllabus outline

SYLLABUS COMPONENT	SUGGESTED TEACHING HOURS	
	SL	HL
Topic 1 - Number and algebra	6	29
Topic 2 – Functions	31	42
Topic 3 - Geometry and trigonometry	18	46
Topic 4 - Statistics and probability	36	52
Topic 5 - Calculus	19	41
The toolkit and mathematical exploration Investigative, problem-solving and modelling skills development leading to an individual exploration. The exploration is a piece of written work that involves investigating an area of mathematics.	30	30
Total teaching hours	150	240

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

Mathematics: Applications and interpretation is designed for students who enjoy describing the real world and solving practical problems using mathematics; those who are interested in harnessing the power of technology alongside exploring mathematical models and enjoy the more practical side of mathematics. Mathematics: Applications and interpretation SL will be developed from Mathematical Studies SL course. The HL course will be new content including elements of the current HL statistics and discrete content.

ASSESSMENT

Mathematics: applications and interpretation

SL assessment outline

ASSESSMENT COMPONENT	WEIGHTING
External assessment (3 hours)	80%
Paper 1 (90 minutes) Technology required. (80 marks) Compulsory short-response questions based on the syllabus.	40%
Paper 2 (90 minutes) Technology required. (80 marks) Compulsory extended-response questions based on the syllabus.	40%
Internal assessment This component is internally assessed by the teacher and externally moderated by the IB at the end of the course. Mathematical exploration Internal assessment in mathematics is an individual exploration. This is a piece of written work that involves investigating an area of mathematics. (20 marks)	20%

Mathematics: applications and interpretation

HL assessment outline

ASSESSMENT COMPONENT	WEIGHTING
External assessment (5 hours)	80%
Paper 1 (120 minutes) Technology required. (110 marks) Compulsory short-response questions based on the syllabus.	30%
Paper 2 (120 minutes) Technology required. (110 marks) Compulsory extended-response questions based on the syllabus.	30%
Paper 3 (60 minutes) Technology required. (55 marks) Two compulsory extended-response problem-solving questions.	20%
Internal assessment This component is internally assessed by the teacher and externally moderated by the IB at the end of the course. Mathematical exploration Internal assessment in mathematics is an individual exploration. This is a piece of written work that involves investigating an area of mathematics. (20 marks)	20%

14.6. GROUP 6: THE ARTS

VISUAL ARTS SL/HL

PREREQUISITES

Visual Arts K-10, with passing marks in Visual Arts in Grades 9 and 10. To enroll in HL Art, a grade of 5 or above in Visual Arts in Years 9 and 10 is strongly recommended.

DESCRIPTION

This studio-based course emphasizes both students' creative process and their final artistic product in 2-dimensional or 3-dimensional arts forms. As students develop their craft they will conduct thoughtful inquiry into their own thinking and art making processes, recording this learning in written and visual formats. All stages of the creative process must be thoroughly documented and evidence of in-depth research into chosen areas of interest and ideas for work must be shown and explained in detail. Students are expected to be independently motivated as they research the history and practice of a chosen art form and "big idea"/thesis across cultures, time periods and disciplines. They will learn how to connect their research to their own work, creating art that expresses personal meaning within a cultural, historical and discipline-based context. In addition to learning how to appreciate and evaluate their own work and that of others, students will be encouraged to stretch and explore their own work and share it with an audience through mandatory weekly Peer Critical Review sessions, exhibitions and presentations of research in class.

At AISV IB Visual Arts Course offers two levels: Standard Level (150 hours) and Higher Level (240 hours). The amount of time is the difference between the two levels. The course content and structure are identical for both options, but it is expected that Higher Level students, having more time, will produce more work, or more developed work, and will carry out more in-depth research and analysis.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Throughout the course, students will:

1. develop the skills and techniques of investigation—both visual and written
2. relate art to its cultural and historical contexts
3. explore art concepts
4. explore art elements
5. develop and use the processes of art criticism and analysis
6. develop confidence and expertise in the use of various media
7. extend their knowledge of design
8. share their work with an audience through displays and exhibitions or presentations
9. extend individual investigation to inform practical work
10. make connections between ideas and practice—both their own and others'.

CONTENT OVERVIEW

The Visual Arts Curriculum course proposes three overlapping areas within the study of visual arts: Context, Communicating and Methods.

1. Visual Arts in Context

The student will use the visual arts journal, much like the IWB, as a record of individual inquiry and investigation, with advice on how to appropriately cite sources. The student will discuss the formal qualities of particular works as a whole class, introducing the ways of analyzing, critiquing, interpreting and deconstructing artworks. The student will be taught how to look at artworks within a cultural context, expose to a range of artists and artworks. The course includes Lessons in art history—with accompanying contextual background. The teacher will demonstrate how to use secondary sources (such as books and audio-visual materials, appropriate art-specific internet sites).

The student will identify and engage with primary sources such as galleries, exhibitions and working artists. The course provides many opportunities to learn specialist art vocabulary and terms and put in practice.

2. Visual Arts Methods

To insure that students are exposed to a wider range of techniques, materials and processes, throughout the course they are expected to experience working with several different art-making and conceptual forms. SL students with at least two art-making forms, each selected from separate columns of the table below. HL students with at least three art-making forms, selected from a minimum of two columns of the table below:

2D ART FORMS	3D ART FORMS	LENS-BASED, ELECTRONIC AND SCREEN-BASED ART FORMS
Drawing	Sculptures	Time-based and sequential art
Painting	Designed objects	Lens-media
Printmaking	Site-specific and ephemeral	Digital/screen-based
Graphics	Textiles	

You can of course add more art making forms to this table- it's merely a starting point!

3. Communicating

As students begin to develop a body of work, they are encouraged to engage with curatorial strategies that underpin exhibitions and the presentation of work for an audience. This means thinking about the process of selecting and rejecting works for exhibition, and considering how they can best be displayed. Students will consider methods of display, chronological or thematic, and explore how meaning is communicated through presentation.

ASSESSMENT

Assessment in visual arts consists of an evaluation of each student's body of work as a whole—both the finished products and the processes of artistic investigation and development. In each case, the component contributing the larger proportion to the total assessment is externally assessed: for option A this is studio; for option B it is investigation. Students must present their externally assessed work (studio for option A; investigation for option B) in the candidate record booklet.

1. Comparative Study (20%)
2. Process Portfolio (40%)
3. Exhibition (40%)



15. GLOSSARY OF TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THIS HANDBOOK

CAS – Creativity, Activity, and Service. The 150-hour community service requirement for all diploma candidates, to be completed between the summer after the sophomore year and the last semester of the senior year. IB recommends a balance of hours in each component. Sports, theater, musical productions, and volunteer community service are a few of the options available.

DP – Diploma Program. The two-year IB program beginning in 11th grade. **EA** – External Assessment. These important exams are taken in May of the second year by all IB students. They are sent out to qualified IB graders to be marked using IBO rubrics.

EE – Extended Essay. The 4,000 word research paper students write during their time in the program. Students choose their own topic and are supervised during the process by a faculty member who serves as their mentor.

HL – Higher Level. Especially challenging classes that meet for 240 hours over the course of two years. Students enroll in three HL classes.

IA – Internal Assessment. Oral exams, projects, essays, experiments, and case studies are some examples of work that might be assigned and graded internally by teachers. Random samples of these assignments are sent out to be moderated by the IB to ensure that teachers are following IB expectations.

IBO or IB – International Baccalaureate Organization. The IB headquarters is located in Geneva, Switzerland, where the organization was founded in 1968.

SL – Standard Level. Classes that meet for 150 hours over the course of two years. Students enroll in three SL classes.

TOK – Theory of Knowledge. A required course at the heart of the Diploma Program. The themes and experiences from this class are woven throughout the curriculum. Students reflect critically on diverse ways of knowing and areas of knowledge. The role and nature of knowledge in their own culture and in the culture of others is explored.

16. APPENDICES

16.1. FORMS

FORM 1: IBDP ENROLLMENT FORM

Please select six IB courses below, in accordance with the IB Diploma requirements outlined in the AISV IB Handbook. For each course selected, approval must be obtained by the current subject teacher. Please note that IB courses are offered contingent upon sufficient enrollment in the class.

Please return the completed form to the IB Coordinator.

	CHOOSE COURSE		COURSE TITLE	APPROVAL FOR REGISTRATION BY CURRENT SUBJECT TEACHER (SIGNATURE)
	SL	HL		
CHOOSE ONE OF THESE (OR 2 INSTEAD OF LANGUAGE B)			English A Language and Literature	
			Lithuanian A Literature	
			Language A Other (family responsible for retaining instructor)	
CHOOSE ONE OF THESE (OR 2 LANGUAGE A COURSES)			French B	
			French Ab Initio	
			German B	
			Russian B	
CHOOSE ONE OF THESE			History	
			Economics	
			Environmental Systems and Societies	
CHOOSE ONE OF THESE			Biology	
			Chemistry	
			Physics	
			Environmental Systems and Societies	
CHOOSE ONE OF THESE			Mathematics: Applications and interpretation	
			Mathematics: Analysis and approaches	
CHOOSE ONE OF THESE			Visual Arts	
			Additional course:	

We have read and understood the criteria and expectations for enrolling in IB courses.

.....
Student Name (printed)

.....
Student Signature

.....
Parent Signature

**FORM 2:
IBDP ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND ACCEPTANCE
OF THE IBDP GENERAL REGULATIONS**

I, the parent or legal guardian of the AISV IB student

..... ,
(Please print name of student)

acknowledge that I have received, read, and understood the document *General Regulations: Diploma Program*, and agree to its contents.

I further acknowledge that I have read and understood the rules on copyright relating to candidates' materials submitted to the IBO for assessment as provided under article 3 of the *General Regulations: Diploma Program*.

I understand that dates of IB exams are established worldwide by the International Baccalaureate Organization and cannot be changed for any reason. If a student cannot take the exam at the scheduled time on the scheduled date, the student may re-register for the same exam at the next IB exam session.

I understand that my student cannot be registered for IB classes or exams until this form is completed and returned to the IB Coordinator.

Parent Name
(Please print)

Signature

Date

**FORM 3:
STATEMENT OF ACADEMIC HONESTY**

I declare that the work I submit during participation in the AISV IB Program, both graded and ungraded, will be my own work, and that contributions from other sources will be fully acknowledged through proper citations.

I have read the AISV policy on *Academic Honesty* in the Community Handbook, as well as the document Academic Honesty. I understand the full range of consequences that will occur as a result of academic malpractice, up to and including the denial or retraction of my IB diploma. I agree to abide by the procedures for the investigation of academic malpractice laid out in the document *General Regulations: Diploma Program*, a copy of which I have been provided.

Student Name (printed)

Student Signature

For Parents:

I have read over the AISV policy on Academic Honesty in the Community Handbook with my child, as well as the section on academic honesty in the IB Handbook. I understand the full range of consequences that will occur as a result of academic malpractice, up to and including the denial or retraction of my child's IB diploma. I agree to abide by the procedures for the investigation of academic malpractice laid out in the document *General Regulations: Diploma Program*, a copy of which I have been provided.

Full Parent Name (printed)

Parent Signature

**FORM 4:
COURSE CHANGE APPLICATION**

AISV IB COURSE CHANGE FORM

This form must be completed to apply for any course changes. **Changes will only be considered for sound educational reasons.** In order to have a change request considered, you must obtain signatures indicating approval by the teachers, IB coordinator, and counselor. After this, you must also have your parent sign for final approval.

	COURSE AND LEVEL	TEACHER SIGNATURE
COURSE TO BE DROPPED		
COURSE TO BE ADDED		
COURSE TO BE DROPPED		
COURSE TO BE ADDED		

Student Name (print)

Student Signature date

IB Coordinator date

Counselor date

Parent Name (print)

Parent Signature date

16.2. IB GENERAL REGULATIONS

16.3. IB ACADEMIC HONESTY