

What is DP History about ?

The DP history course requires students to study and compare examples from different regions of the world, helping to foster international mindedness. The students will mostly focus on the 20th century world 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. There are six key concepts that will taught in DP history course are change, continuity, causation, consequence, significance and perspectives.

Students can choose to study this course either at higher level or at standard level.

Are there any difference between SL & HL History?

There is a huge difference between History HL and SL in terms of workload. Even then the SL students are often intermingled with HL students in classes. Basically in History HL you have three final IB exams: Papers 1, 2, and 3, whereas for SL you only have Papers 1 and 2. The coursework for Papers 1 and 2 for both SL and HL is exactly the same grade. The big difference between HL and SL is that HL students must study a region in-depth, while SL students don't.

What skills would I develop as a learner?

The course emphasizes the importance of encouraging students to think historically and to develop historical skills as well as gaining factual knowledge. The skills gained in the history classes will help students to better analyse situations from various perspective. The important skills that a learner will gain are thinking and research skills such as comprehension, text analysis, transfer, and use of primary sources.

How does assessment look like in History?

Paper 1 Source-based paper based on the five prescribed subjects –SL/HL

Paper 2 Essay paper based on the 12 world history topics-SL/HL

Paper 3 Essay paper based on one of the four regional options- HL

Internal Historical investigation A historical investigation into a topic of the student's choice - SL/HL.

How will History course help me later?

A student of history uses his knowledge of historical issues to deal with the societal problems of today. Some universities will require students to have previously studied and achieved a good grade in history at secondary school. Humanities subjects like history could be good preparation for subjects like politics, philosophy, economics and English literature.

The various career options for a history students are marketing, advertising and public relations, art, media and journalism careers, education sector, research and heritage, business and commerce, law and politics.