Mathematics



What is the DP Mathematics course about?

DP students will have the following option under DP Mathematics course

- · Mathematics: Analysis & approaches (Higher Level or Standard Level)
- · Mathematics: Application & Interpretation (Higher Level or Standard Level)

Students can choose any one among the (above mentioned) four. The details of the options are as follows:

Mathematics: Analysis & approaches (Higher Level or Standard Level) is intended for students who wish to pursue studies in Mathematics or subjects that have a large mathematical content; it is for students who enjoy exploring real and abstract applications, with or without technology.

Mathematics: Applications & interpretations(Higher Level or Standard Level) is being designed for students who enjoys solving practical problems using mathematics and those who are interested in harnessing the power of technology alongside exploring mathematical models.

What are the differences between Higher level (HL) and Standard level (SL)?

- a. Standard level students study fewer concepts than higher level students
- b. Teaching time-a minimum of 240 hours at higher level; a minimum of 150 hours at standard level
- c. The criteria of assessment are different to account for greater rigour at higher level
- d. Grade boundaries are higher at higher level—a higher level student has to score more marks than a standard level student to achieve the same grade.
- e. The duration of the assessment, such as examination papers, is longer at higher level.

How will these Mathematics courses be assessed?

Higher Level - 3 externally assessed written papers (80%) and Internal Assessment (20%).

Standard Level - 2 externally assessed written papers (80%) and Internal Assessment (20%).

Internal Assessment - This component is internally assessed and externally moderated by IB at the end of the course – Mathematics Exploration

How will these Mathematics courses help me later?

Mathematics: Analysis & approaches: This subject is aimed at students who go on to study subjects with substantial math content such as Pure Maths itself, Engineering, Physical Sciences or some economic courses.

Mathematics: Applications & interpretations: This subject is aimed at students who go on to study subjects such as Social science, Natural science, Medicine, Statistics, Business Management, some economic courses, Psychology and Design.

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