

Upper Canada College

IB2 Course Instructional Plan – 2016-2017

The IB2 Course Instructional Plan for 2016-2017 outlines the date that teachers in each course expect to finish their IB2 syllabus and the date on which they begin the exam review process. In many cases, exam review is an ongoing part of the IB2 curriculum. If formal external assessments are completed prior to April, teachers have outlined expectations of students thereafter.

As always, student attendance is a school expectation. The week of April 24-28 is the designated “IB2 Exam Preparation Week” and is the only week in which student attendance is optional.

Students and parents should review this document together (it will be emailed to students directly) and note the following:

- Our own school data on student performance tells us that regular attendance and completion of academic work on an ongoing basis is the best preparation for final examinations in May.
- Given the nature of IB2 exams, and based on our experience, the strategies noted below best prepare students for success in each subject area.
- Updated grades are sent to Canadian (and in some cases, US) universities in April and in many instances may form the basis for offers of admission. The April grade comprises 70% of the final mark in all subjects in a student’s Ontario Secondary School Diploma.
- Student commitment to co-curricular activities provides an important and healthy balance to a boy’s day and is expected to be honoured.

More information regarding the IB May final examination period, including individual student schedules, exam procedures, and information on the accessing of final IB results, will be distributed to students and parents in March.

Group 1 – Language A – English

Date syllabus ends	Review Start Date	If formal assessments are completed early, how will students be engaged until the end of the term?
Mid April	<p>In English “review” is a misnomer since the months preceding the exams will be spent reading and discussing the texts to be examined in Paper 2. In addition, teachers will be providing opportunities to review and refine commentary writing skills in anticipation of Paper 1. In most cases, teachers will create assessments modeled on the final exams. Therefore “review” begins after the winter holiday and continues throughout the term.</p> <p>During study/review week itself, instructors will engage in a review of old exams, review commentary writing approaches and techniques, site-passage reading skills, and study strategies. It is also very important that boys come to class to learn exam strategies, such as selecting good questions, timing, planning etc.</p>	<p>Generally speaking the formal assessment is completed by the last mark reporting cycle. In both the Literature, and Language and Literature streams, students are reading and discussing the final texts in preparation for Paper 2 of the exam. Additionally they are practicing the commentary skills necessary for Paper 1. Regular attendance and enthusiastic participation is essential.</p> <p>English strongly recommends boys come to all classes during review week.</p>

Group 2 – Language B – Moderns

French HL and SL

Date syllabus ends	Review Start Date	If formal assessments are completed early, how will students be engaged until the end of the term?
HL French	Formal review will begin at the beginning of April.	<p>We will continue our literary studies: Michel Tremblay’s “Douze coups de théâtre”. As well, we will read a selection of “Petites proses” de Michel Tournier. Our review will then consist of the reading and analysis of magazine and journal articles. And the response to these in written composition formats that mirror the IB essay questions. The students will be evaluated on their writing and reading skills throughout February and in early March.</p> <p>The IB Second language programme is a skills based curriculum. As a result it is imperative that students attend classes so that they can maintain these communication skills. It is quite conceivable that a student’s ability will diminish significantly within a month if he has very little practice.</p>
SL French	Integrated review from January onwards. This consists of preparing for, and writing the written task required for external evaluation by the IB: selecting articles and writing in various formats on the issues presented in the articles	<p>March</p> <p>The students will be evaluated on their writing and reading skills.</p> <p>April</p> <p>The review will be mostly of the exam format: practice compositions, reading comprehension of a</p>

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Latin

Date syllabus ends	Review Start Date	If formal assessments are completed early, how will students be engaged until the end of the term?
<p>5% of the prepared work is completed by March Break: this includes the IA (20%) and the prepared reading/commentary part of the course (45%). The remaining 5% includes several final poems that will be read in the first few weeks after the March Break.</p>	<p>Integrated review begins the 1st week of April for the prepared reading/commentary part of the course (45%): there are 400+ lines of Latin texts to review.</p> <p>Sight-reading practice and review is ongoing. 35% of the syllabus is sight-reading and students practice this until the end of the April review week, due to the challenging nature of reading a Latin passage from Ovid by sight (with a dictionary). Dictionary, grammar, and vocabulary skills continue to be drilled at the same time.</p>	<p>5% of the prepared and required reading will be covered and prepared.</p> <p>Useful and productive lessons continue throughout March/April, in the form of reviews for prepared works studied in IB1 and IB2.</p> <p>Students appreciate making valuable use of class time to review, study, and discuss as a group their Latin translations and commentaries. This becomes productive study time that they are engaged in as a group with teacher support.</p> <p>Since most students find sight-reading challenging, they are grateful for the extra time to practice these skills in class to build their confidence further. Ongoing sight reading practice also keeps</p>

		grammar and vocabulary fresh in their minds up until the May exams.
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Spanish

Date syllabus ends	Review Start Date	If formal assessments are completed early, how will students be engaged until the end of the term?
<p>For the Language B and Ab Initio Spanish IB2 program, we work up to the final exams in May.</p>	<p>After the Final Oral Exams at the end of February and beginning of March, which should not be interpreted as the last exams of the IB Spanish program, we will continue with the program by doing IB reading and writing exams (Text Handling and Written Compositions). It is crucial that students be in class to work on completing these exams, which will prepare them for the challenging Final Written Exam in May.</p>	<p>March and April</p> <p>They will continue working on their reading comprehension and writing skills as preparation for the final IB exam in May.</p> <p>The review will be mostly of the exam format: practice compositions, reading comprehension of a variety of different texts.</p> <p>The IB Second language programme is a skills based curriculum. As a result it is imperative that students attend classes so that they can maintain these communication skills. Student's ability diminish significantly within a month of very little practice.</p>

Mandarin

Date syllabus ends	Review Start Date	If formal assessments are completed early, how will students be engaged until the end of the term?
Early to mid April	Integrated review from March onwards.	<p>In March and April we will mainly focus on reading and writing aspects of the language, and will use old exam questions to prepare for the final IB written exam.</p> <p>The IB Second language programme is a skills based curriculum. As a result it is imperative that students attend classes so that they can maintain these communication skills. Student's ability diminish significantly within a month of very little practice.</p>

Group 3 – Individuals and Societies

Geography

Date syllabus ends	Review Start Date	If formal assessments are completed early, how will students be engaged until the end of the term?
Early to mid April	Mid April-We will spend time reviewing for the Core Theme (Chapter 1-4), Hazards (Chapter 8), Water (Chapter 5), Urban (Chapter 11) and the HL Extension (Chapter 12-18).	<p>Final assessment of a revision podcast will round out assessments at the beginning of March. Immediately after March Break, students will be continuing the final two chapters of the HL Extension syllabus expectations. HL Extension should be complete (Early April). We will then</p>

		spend time reviewing for the Core Theme, Hazards, Water, Urban and the HL Extension, ending last day of IB2 review week.
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History-Europe

Date syllabus ends	Review Start Date	If formal assessments are completed early, how will students be engaged until the end of the term?
Early April	<p>Review is ongoing in IB2, as new topics are taught. For example, the rise and rule of Hitler in Term 1, and the rise and rule of Castro in Term 2, are linked to the rise and rule of Stalin (covered in DP1)</p> <p>(The ability to draw comparisons between the rise/rule of different single-party state leaders is often a requirement of essay questions for Paper 2.)</p> <p>Winter term assignments also include building review/revision essay plans in preparation for the final exam.</p>	<p><u>Assessment</u></p> <p>There will be a final summative assessment, (a document test) in mid February.</p> <p><u>New material</u></p> <p>New material will be covered until 2-3 weeks prior to formal review week (leaving approximately 4 weeks in April dedicated to exam review).</p> <p>This new syllabus material includes course content on WWII and Castro's Cuba. These are important topic areas that students will require for the final exam. (In particular, Paper 2 often necessitates a comparison of single-party states from Europe with that of another region. The study of Castro's Cuba provides material from that other world region.)</p> <p><u>Review process</u></p> <p>In early April, there will be a re-examination of topics covered in the 2 year course to ensure that</p>

		<p>knowledge is reinforced.</p> <p>Again, students will get the opportunity to prepare review/revision essay outlines, as well as share these on Google Docs.</p> <p>The teacher will also share previous IB exam questions, review approaches and possible responses to them, as well as provide marking schemes/rubrics.</p>
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Economics

Date syllabus ends	Review Start Date	If formal assessments are completed early, how will students be engaged until the end of the term?
Mid April	Mid April Note: As there is no prerequisite for economics and a great deal of syllabus content to cover, new material must be taught up until the last two weeks of the course.	<p>An extensive review period covering the last two weeks of the course will allow us to prepare for three various papers incorporating past examination questions and various review sheets.</p> <p>The students will also be expected to simulate exam conditions in the classroom setting in an effort to master the material and also to acclimatize them to the strains of timed assessment.</p>

Philosophy

Date syllabus ends	Review Start Date	If formal assessments are completed early, how will students be engaged until the end of the term?
Mid-April	Review of content is ongoing in IB2, but the formal review in preparation for the specific requirements of the final exam will begin on April 18.	After their Internal Assessment is handed in on March 9, students will spend the remaining classes focused on the course's final Optional Theme (Political Philosophy). Once that is completed, an extensive review of course material and the specific requirements of the exam will begin. This will include practice exam questions for each of the five essays in the exam. Due to the length (five hours over three sittings), scope (two years of work), and weighting (80% of their diploma mark) of this exam, it is essential for students to attend all review sessions.

Group 4 – Experimental Sciences

Science – HL and SL Biology

Date syllabus ends	Review Start Date	If formal assessments are completed early, how will students be engaged until the end of the term?
HL Biology Early-Mid April	April 18	Final IAs have been collected by the beginning of March. We will continue to cover new material and do lab

		<p>work (Photosynthesis, Respiration, Plants Unit, Group 4 Project) until early-mid April. Tests on these topics will be given.</p> <p>Following this, we will conduct an integrated review of all course material from IB1 to IB2, discuss exam strategies, conduct student-led review sessions and perform practice exams.</p>
SL Biology Early-Mid April	April 18	<p>Final IAs have been collected by the beginning of March.</p> <p>We will continue to cover new material and do lab work (Photosynthesis, Respiration, Group 4 Project) until early-mid April. Tests on these topics will be given.</p> <p>Following this, we will conduct an integrated review of all course material from IB1 to IB2, discuss exam strategies, conduct student-led review sessions and perform practice exams.</p>

Science – HL and SL Chemistry

Date syllabus ends	Review Start Date	If formal assessments are completed early, how will students be engaged until the end of the term?
SL Chemistry - mid April	April 18th	<p>Final IAs will have been collected (March 3rd)</p> <p>We will cover new material (organic chemistry and energy) until early-mid April. I will give formative</p>

		<p>tests on these topics.</p> <p>Following this, we will review the entirety of the course, practice exam strategies using practice exams, students will be asked to lead review sessions as well, teacher will lead review sessions and be available for extra help daily.</p>
HL Chemistry - Mid April	Review is ongoing but formal review will occur beginning April 18; until that date new material will be our focus.	<p>New material upcoming:</p> <p>Completion of Oxidation/Reduction Unit</p> <p>Determining Structure Of Organic Compounds</p> <p>Independent Study Unit on an Option of each student's choosing.</p> <p>Formal test assessments will conclude just prior to March Break.</p> <p>Laboratory investigations will continue until the start of Review Week.</p> <p>We will review course material, discuss exam strategies and perform practice exams.</p>

Science – HL and SL Physics

Date syllabus ends	Review Start Date	If formal assessments are completed early, how will students be engaged until the end of the term?
HL Physics: Just prior to the March Break	After the March Break	A very comprehensive and structured review of all the course material from IBI and IB2 is provided. It

		is conveyed to the boys that they are expected to be there and fully engaged.
SL Physics: mid-April	last two weeks of classes	Lab portfolio and summative testing will be completed March 10th. After March Break and up until mid-April, the Boys will be working on their final topic of study, so regular attendance is critical.

Science – Systems

Date syllabus ends	Review Start Date	If formal assessments are completed early, how will students be engaged until the end of the term?
April 13	April 18	<p>Formal assessments and internal Assessments will conclude before March Break.</p> <p>After March Break, we will finish our final topic (8), through a variety of activities and exercises.</p> <p>Following this, we will review course material, discuss exam strategies and perform practice exams.</p> <p>Students are expected to be present for both new work and material for review.</p>

Science - Sports, Exercise Science

Date syllabus ends	Review Start Date	If formal assessments are completed early, how will students be engaged until the end of the term?
April 19	April 21st	<p>Students will be completing their final Design lab (How the environment will impact performance) up until the first week of april. We will also be completing Option D, which is mostly new material.</p> <p>Once complete, we will move into exam review, and start with IB1 material and practice exams. Students will be asked to lead review sessions as well, teacher will lead review sessions and be available for regular extra help. Attendance is critical.</p>

Group 5 – Mathematics

Mathematics – IB HL and SL

Date syllabus ends	Review Start Date	If formal assessments are completed early, how will students be engaged until the end of the term?
IB SL April 13	April 17 (Monday) Some review will be done earlier while	New material will be taught until April 13. The last major unit is on Vectors. Our last summative test will be in early March (depending on the section). Formative quizzes will be given occasionally to

	covering new material at the same time.	provide students with feedback.
IB HL April 1	April 4 (Monday)	Students will be given a variety of problems to ensure that they are prepared the examination in May.

Mathematics – Studies

Date syllabus ends	Review Start Date	If formal assessments are completed early, how will students be engaged until the end of the term?
March 9	Project work for this term. Due March 9th	Exam review will start after March Break. Formative quizzes will be given occasionally to give students feedback.

Group 6 – The Arts

Art

Date syllabus ends	Review Start Date	If formal assessments are completed early, how will students be engaged until the end of the term?
All final course components AND digital documentation (PDFs, photos, lists, etc.) fully completed and uploaded to	N.A.	IB Art Exhibition installation begins <u>April 10</u> for <i>Nuit Bleue</i> , reception on April 12. April 19 removal of exhibited works. Take home

<p>Google Drive by March 10 for marking and upload to IB server.</p> <p>Removal of artwork from <i>Nuit Bleue</i> exhibition: April 19th marks END OF COURSE</p>		<p>artworks.</p>
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Music

Date syllabus ends	Review Start Date	If formal assessments are completed early, how will students be engaged until the end of the term?
<p>April 23</p> <p>Portfolios are submitted during the second week of April.</p>	<p>We will review during the final 2 weeks before the exam.</p>	<p>We will cover the required works <i>Brandenburg Concerto No.2 in F Major</i>, BWV by J.S.Bach and <i>Dances of Galánta</i> by Kodály.</p> <p>Review quizzes are presented on content that is sequential. Students must attend to fully prepare for the exam.</p>

Theatre

Date syllabus ends	Review Start Date	If formal assessments are completed early, how will students be engaged until the end of the term?
<p>Mid-April</p> <p>Two components are complete and ready to be</p>	<p>There is no final exam in Theatre. Final external assessment is to be completed by April 7.</p>	<p>Students are required to attend class until all Theatre work has been submitted and approved.</p>

submitted to the IB. By mid-April all components will be completed.		
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Film

Date syllabus ends	Review Start Date	If formal assessments are completed early, how will students be engaged until the end of the term?
Mid April	There is no final exam in Film.	<p>tudents are required to review exemplars and rubrics.</p> <p>tudents must submit the following:</p> <p>1. Production Portfolio (50%). This is a 1750 word analysis of the filming process for their seven minute film plus a 40-60 second trailer. This assignment is due in early before March Break.</p> <p>2. Independent Study (25%). This is a 15 page documentary script. This assignment is due before March Break.</p> <p>3. Presentation (25%) Students complete this external assessment in April.</p>

		<p>Rubrics and information about all these assignments can be found on our Haiku Page.</p> <p>We will excuse students from class time if they have completed all their Film commitments. They are encouraged to use this time to prepare for their other courses and exams.</p>
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Theory of Knowledge

Date syllabus ends	Review Start Date	If formal assessments are completed early, how will students be engaged until the end of the term?
Late February	<p>There is no final exam in TOK.</p> <p>The 2017 TOK essay must be submitted (and electronically uploaded to instructor's Haiku dropbox folder) and two paper copies submitted to teacher. TWO digital IB forms for Essay TK/PPF and oral presentation (TK PPD) by Feb 22nd 2017 8:30 am. The IB course instructor will then approve each upload.</p>	<p>TOK teachers will excuse students from class time AFTER ALL IB paperwork is complete and work handed in, and if they have completed all their commitments. This does not excuse IB2 TOK students from any of their other academic commitments or co-curricular responsibilities. Constructive use of TOK periods for other academic work is highly recommended.</p>

Further information will be shared by teachers directly to students as required.