

Grade 12 IB History Course Calendar

*** Disclaimer – The best laid plans of mice and men often go awry. My ode to Robbie Burns means that this plan is always subject to change! It is a general overview of how I envision the course running. I am always ready to adapt, within reason, based on your needs and the circumstances!

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Topics / Activities / Assessments</u>
Sept. 7-9	Welcome to the course! We'll establish some class routines and talk about the nature of IB History.
Sept. 12-16	We'll finish our introductory activities and then move on to explore the consequences of World War I, the Paris Peace Treaties, and the role of the League of Nations. We will focus in particular on the British and French empires, United States, Russia, Italy, and Germany.
Sept. 19-23	We will explore the roots of fascism in Italy and examine the rise to power of Benito Mussolini.
Sept. 26-30	We will continue our study of fascist Italy but we'll switch to looking at Mussolini's rule and policies in Italy through the 1920s and 1930s.
Oct. 3-7	We will finish our study of Mussolini and the authoritarian state in Italy.
Oct. 10-14	We will move on to study Germany after World War 1. We will learn about the new German democracy called the Weimar Republic and begin to examine the challenges that it faced from far right and far left opposition.
Oct. 17-20	I'll teach you how to do the historical investigation (IA) and we will get started on it. Ms. Card will be coming by to help us with research and referencing tips.
Oct. 24-28	We will work on your IA research and rough drafts in class with the aim of finishing them by the end of the week!
Oct. 31-Nov. 4	This week we will focus on Nazism and the rise to power of Hitler in Germany in 1933.
Nov. 7-11	You will work on your IA final drafts
Nov. 14-18	We will continue our study of Nazi Germany by examining the impact of Hitler's rule and policies on Germany 1933-39. IA due
Nov. 21-25	We will focus on the foreign policies of Italy and Germany and the international responses to their aggression with a focus on the move to global war. There will be a Paper 2 style essay test this week on authoritarian states.
Nov. 28-Dec. 2	We will continue to look at the move to global war in Europe and we will work on some practice paper 1s.

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Dec. 5-9	We will shift our focus to Asia and look at the rise of militarism in Japan. We will explore the causes of Japanese expansion with some focus on instability in neighbouring China.
Dec. 12-16 Dec. 19-21	We will continue to examine the move to global war in Asia – tracking Japanese expansion and the US response.
Dec. 22-Jan. 4	Winter Break – Happy Holidays
Jan. 5-6 Jan. 9-13	We will learn about World War II and examine the reasons for the allied victory We will do some practice Paper 1s. Paper 1 style document test on the Move to Global War
Jan. 16-20	We will investigate Lenin, the Russian revolutions, and early Soviet history with a focus on the rise to power of Stalin.
Jan. 23-27	We will study Stalin’s rule in the USSR with a focus on political repression, five-year plans, and collectivization.
Jan. 30-Feb.3	We will trace the breakdown of the “Grand Alliance” of WW2 and evaluate arguments on the origins of the Cold War.
Feb. 6-10	We will continue our study of the early years of the Cold War with some focus on the development of superpower rivalry through the arms race and the Korean War.
Feb. 13-17	This week we will study the causes and consequence of the crises over Berlin in 1949 and 1961. There will be a Paper 2 style essay test this week (origins of the Cold War).
Feb. 20-24	This week we will study the causes and consequence of the Cuban Missile Crisis.
Feb. 27-Mar. 3	We will shift back to Asia to study the ideology of Mao Zedong and his rise to power in China.
Mar. 6-10	We will continue to study Communist China with a focus on the early part of Mao’s rule and the Great Leap Forward.
Mar. 13-17	We will continue to study Maoist China with a focus on the Cultural Revolution and his overall legacy.
Mar. 20-24	We will examine the relationship between China, USSR, and USA and how that impacted the Cold War. There will be a Paper 2 essay test this week (several topics to choose from)

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Mar. 27-31	Spring Break
Apr. 3-7	We will examine American intervention in the Vietnam War and the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan through the lens of the impacts on those countries and the Cold War.
Apr. 10-14	We will investigate the reasons for the end of the Cold War with a focus on the economic impact of the arms race, US policy, and internal tensions in eastern Europe and the USSR.
Apr. 17-21	Exam prep – practice papers
Apr. 24-28	Exam prep – practice papers
May 1-5	Exam prep sessions (optional)
May 10	Paper 1 & 2
May 11	Paper 3