

History HL - objectives

There are nine assessment objectives for the higher level Diploma Programme history course and eight for standard level.

Having followed the **history** course at higher level or standard level, candidates will be expected to:

1. plan, organize and present an individual historical investigation
2. present historical explanations from an international perspective
3. present arguments that are clear, coherent, relevant and well substantiated
4. explain the causes and effects of historical continuity and change
5. place events in their historical context
6. explain different approaches to, and interpretations of, historical events and topics
7. demonstrate historical understanding of 20th century world history through the acquisition, selection, effective use and synthesis of knowledge
8. comprehend, analyse, evaluate and integrate source material critically as historical evidence

In addition to the above candidates at higher level will be expected to:

9. demonstrate an in-depth historical understanding of approximately 100 years of history (from between circa 1750 to 1995) of one region, through the acquisition, selection, effective use and synthesis of knowledge.

SYLLABUS OUTLINE

Higher Level

The higher level Diploma Programme history syllabus consists of three prescribed subjects, six 20th century world history topics, five regional options and a historical investigation. Higher level candidates are required to study one prescribed subject, two 20th century world history topics, one regional option and undertake one historical investigation.

1. Prescribed subjects 1

Prescribed Subject 1 The Cold War, 1960 to 1979

Prescribed Subject 2 The emergence and development of the People's Republic of China (PRC), 1946 to 1964

Prescribed Subject 3 The USSR under Stalin, 1924 to 1941

2. 20th century world history topics

Topic 1 The state and its relationship with religion and with minorities

Topic 2 The Cold War

Topic 3 Peace and cooperation: international organizations and multiparty states

Topic 4 The rise and rule of single-party states

Topic 5 Nationalist and independence movements, decolonization and challenges facing new states

Topic 6 Causes, practices and effects of war

3. Regional options

Africa

Americas

East and South East Asia and Oceania

Europe (including Russia/USSR)

South Asia and the Middle East (including North Africa)

4. Historical investigation