



**CARSON GRAHAM
SECONDARY**

COURSE OUTLINE – DP MATHEMATICS ANALYSIS AND APPROACHES

Course Description:

IB Mathematics contains a broad range of mathematical concepts and caters to students who anticipate a need for a sound mathematical background in preparation for future studies in subjects that have significant mathematical content, such as chemistry, economics, geography, psychology and business administration. The nature of the subject is such that the curriculum focuses on the introduction of important mathematical concepts through the development of mathematical techniques. The majority of concepts are included because they underpin important mathematical processes. In many cases, concepts are included because they are essential to any further study in mathematics. Students taking this course are expected to possess a ready knowledge of basic concepts and to be equipped with the skills needed to apply mathematical techniques correctly. Students who choose the HL option in mathematics will delve deeper into complex mathematical problems and topics such as matrices, vectors, statistics and calculus.

HL Option (if offered):

The HL option in mathematics focuses on developing important mathematical concepts in a comprehensible, coherent and rigorous way. Students are encouraged to apply their mathematical knowledge to solve problems set in a variety of meaning contexts. Development of each topic should feature justification and proof of results. Students embarking on this course should expect to develop insight into mathematical form and structure, and should be intellectually equipped to appreciate the links between concepts in different topic areas. The HL course is a demanding one, requiring students to study a broad range of mathematical topics through a number of different approaches and to varying degrees of depth.

Course Syllabus:

SL Syllabus Component

Syllabus component	Teaching hours
	SL
All topics are compulsory. Students must study all the sub-topics in each of the topics in the syllabus as listed in this guide. Students are also required to be familiar with the topics listed as prior learning.	
Topic 1 Number and Algebra	19
Topic 2 Functions	21
Topic 3 Geometry and trigonometry	25
Topic 4 Statistics and probability	27
Topic 5 Calculus	28
Mathematical exploration: Internal assessment in mathematics SL is an individual exploration. This is a piece of written work that involves investigating an area of mathematics.	30
Total teaching hours	150





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Assessment Objectives:

Problem-solving is central to learning mathematics and involves the acquisition of mathematical skills and concepts in a wide range of situations, including non-routine, open-ended and real-world problems. Having followed a DP mathematics course, students will be expected to demonstrate the following.

1. **Knowledge and understanding:** recall, select and use their knowledge of mathematical facts, concepts and techniques in a variety of familiar and unfamiliar contexts.
2. **Problem-solving:** recall, select and use their knowledge of mathematical skills, results and models in both real and abstract contexts to solve problems.
3. **Communication and interpretation:** transform common realistic contexts into mathematics; comment on the context; sketch or draw mathematical diagrams, graphs or constructions both on paper and using technology; record methods, solutions and conclusions using standardized notation.
4. **Technology:** use technology, accurately, appropriately and efficiently both to explore new ideas and to solve problems.
5. **Reasoning:** construct mathematical arguments through use of precise statements, logical deduction and inference, and by the manipulation of mathematical expressions.
6. **Inquiry approaches:** investigate unfamiliar situations, both abstract and real-world, involving organizing and analysing information, making conjectures, drawing conclusions and testing their validity.

Assessment Overview & Timeline:

The course will be geared towards preparing the students for the IB exams that take place at the end of the second year. There will be some cumulative evaluation (unit tests, etc) which will give both the student and the teacher a snapshot of the student's progress in terms of their understanding of the curriculum, but will not affect their Math SL/HL IB final mark. The final mark that will count towards graduation comes from a combination of external and internal assessment specified by the International Baccalaureate Organization.





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SL External Assessment Details:

Assessment component	Weighting
External assessment (3 hours)	80%
Paper 1 (1 hour 30 minutes) No calculator allowed. (90 marks)	40%
Section A Compulsory short-response questions based on the whole syllabus.	
Section B Compulsory extended-response questions based on the whole syllabus.	
Paper 2 (1 hour 30 minutes) Graphic display calculator required. (90 marks)	40%
Section A Compulsory short-response questions based on the whole syllabus.	
Section B Compulsory extended-response questions based on the whole syllabus.	
Internal assessment This component is internally assessed by the teacher and externally moderated by the IB at the end of the course.	20%
Mathematical exploration Internal assessment in mathematics SL is an individual exploration. This is a piece of written work that involves investigating an area of mathematics. (20 marks)	

HL External Assessment Details:

Assessment component	Weighting
External assessment (5 hours)	80%
Paper 1 (2 hours) No calculator allowed. (120 marks)	30%
Section A Compulsory short-response questions based on the core syllabus.	
Section B Compulsory extended-response questions based on the core syllabus.	
Paper 2 (2 hours) Graphic display calculator required. (120 marks)	30%
Section A Compulsory short-response questions based on the core syllabus.	
Section B Compulsory extended-response questions based on the core syllabus.	
Paper 3 (1 hour) Graphic display calculator required. (60 marks)	20%
Compulsory extended-response questions based mainly on the syllabus options.	
Internal assessment This component is internally assessed by the teacher and externally moderated by the IB at the end of the course.	20%
Mathematical exploration Internal assessment in mathematics HL is an individual exploration. This is a piece of written work that involves investigating an area of mathematics. (20 marks)	

Internal Assessment Criteria

The exploration is internally assessed by the teacher and externally moderated by the IB using assessment criteria that relate to the objectives for mathematics SL/HL. Each exploration is assessed against the following five criteria. The final mark for each exploration is the sum of the scores for each criterion. The maximum possible final mark is 20.

Students will not receive a grade for mathematics SL/HL if they have not submitted an exploration.

Criterion A	Communication
Criterion B	Mathematical presentation
Criterion C	Personal engagement
Criterion D	Reflection
Criterion E	Use of mathematics

Grade Descriptors:

Grade 7

Demonstrates a thorough knowledge and comprehensive understanding of the syllabus; successfully constructs and applies mathematical arguments at a sophisticated level in a wide variety of contexts; successfully uses problem-solving techniques in challenging situations; recognizes patterns and structures, makes generalizations and justifies conclusions; understands and explains the significance and validity of results, and draws full and relevant conclusions; communicates mathematics in a clear, effective and concise manner, using correct techniques, notation and terminology; demonstrates the ability to integrate knowledge, understanding and skills from different areas of the course; uses technology correctly in challenging situations—makes efficient use of calculator’s functionality when required.

Grade 6





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Demonstrates a broad knowledge and comprehensive understanding of the syllabus; successfully constructs and applies mathematical arguments in a variety of contexts; uses problem-solving techniques in challenging situations; recognizes patterns and structures, and makes some generalizations; understands and explains the significance and validity of results, and draws relevant conclusions; communicates mathematics in a clear and effective manner, using correct techniques, notation and terminology; demonstrates some ability to integrate knowledge, understanding and skills from different areas of the course; uses technology correctly in routine situations—makes efficient use of calculator’s functionality when required.

Grade 5

Demonstrates a broad knowledge and good understanding of the syllabus; applies mathematical arguments in performing routine tasks; successfully uses problem-solving techniques in routine situations; successfully carries out mathematical processes in a variety of contexts, and recognizes patterns and structures; understands the significance of results and draws some conclusions; communicates mathematics effectively, using appropriate techniques, notation and terminology; demonstrates an awareness of the links between different areas of the course; makes use of calculator’s functionality when required—may occasionally be inefficient.

Grade 4

Demonstrates a satisfactory knowledge of the syllabus; applies mathematical arguments in performing some routine tasks; uses problem-solving techniques in routine situations; successfully carries out mathematical processes in straightforward contexts; shows some ability to recognize patterns and structures; has limited understanding of the significance of results and attempts to draw some conclusions; communicates mathematics adequately, using some appropriate techniques, notation and terminology; makes some use of calculator’s functionality, but perhaps not always when required—may be inefficient at times.

Grade 3

Demonstrates partial knowledge of the syllabus and limited understanding of mathematical arguments in performing some routine tasks; attempts to carry out mathematical processes in straightforward contexts; makes an attempt to use problem-solving techniques in routine situations; communicates some mathematics, using some appropriate techniques, notation or terminology; occasionally uses calculator’s functionality, but often inefficiently; does not always use it when required and may use an inefficient analytic approach.

Grade 2

Demonstrates limited knowledge of the syllabus; attempts to carry out mathematical processes at a basic level; communicates some mathematics, but often uses inappropriate techniques, notation or terminology; unable to use calculator correctly when required—questions exclusively requiring the use of the GDC are generally not attempted.

Grade 1

Demonstrates minimal knowledge of the syllabus; demonstrates little or no ability to use mathematical processes, even when attempting routine tasks; communicates only minimal mathematics and consistently uses inappropriate techniques, notation or terminology; is unable to make effective use of technology.

BC Ministry Requirements:

In line with the philosophy of the IB Diploma Programme, students will be assessed against the course objectives at their current level of achievement on the 7-point scale throughout the course. As required by the Ministry of Education, students will also be given a percentage converted from the IB level that reflects their achievement in relation to the corresponding BC Curriculum course.

Approaches to Learning (ATL)

Approaches to learning across the Diploma Programme refer to deliberate strategies, skills and attitudes which are intrinsically linked with the learner profile attributes, enhance student learning and assist student preparation for the Diploma Programme assessment and beyond.

The five approaches to learning categories in the DP are:

- thinking skills
- social skills
- communication skills





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- self-management skills
- research skills

Development of these skills are key to success in the Diploma Programme and will be formally and informally taught and assessed.

Academic Honesty and Personal Integrity

The faculty at Carson Graham expects our students to complete academic and nonacademic work that is authentic and respectful of intellectual property. As diploma candidates, you are expected to adhere to the school's Policy for Academic Integrity, and also to the principles and practices set out in the IB document, Diploma Programme: Academic Honesty, 2011. Ignorance of the standards related to academic honesty and student integrity is not an excuse for dishonesty, plagiarism and malpractice. You are expected to familiarize yourself with the policy.

<http://www.sd44.ca/school/carson/Documents/Carson%20Graham%20Policy%20for%20Academic%20Honesty%20June%202015.pdf>

