

## Syllabus and Examination information on the CIE website

To see subject syllabuses and sample test papers, please go to [www.cie.org.uk](http://www.cie.org.uk) and click on the link to syllabuses on the home page. The subjects are in alphabetical order and are available at different levels: IGCSE and AS and A Level.

"IGCSE" level subject syllabuses (grades 9 – 10) typically in the US, schools cover them in one year. "AS" or "Advanced Subsidiary" would be the next highest level and typically would be taught in grade 11 or 12. AS syllabuses cover about one year of content. Students could go on and study the same subject for an additional year which would bring them up to the "A" or "Advanced" level of study in that subject. Both AS and A Level are considered to be US college level courses.

The beginning of the syllabus booklet for each level will provide an overview of the educational aims and objectives, then the "scheme of assessment" will explain the different components (called papers) of the subject test each student must take - with some syllabuses there may be different paper combination options to choose from. You will also find the curriculum content and skills and exam grade rubrics.

Examples of course syllabuses to look at:

English - in grade 9 the class may cover half of the IGCSE English Language syllabus and half of IGCSE English Literature then finish the second half of each syllabus in grade 10. Grade 11 students would take AS English Language and in grade 12 take Literature (English) at AS level. IF you are on block schedule and keep them in English for 2 credits, you could also cover A level Literature (English) if desired. Note for Literature teacher – students are not expected to cover all works on the set text list – the descriptions of the papers explain exactly what the Literature test will cover.

Math - IGCSE Math syllabus content would be spread between Geometry and Algebra classes in US high schools. In grade 11, students cover AS Math along with their precalc/trig course. Note AS Math has three options - either study the content covered in Pure Math 1 and Pure Math 2 OR cover Pure Math 1 and Mechanics 1 OR cover Pure Math 1 and Statistics 1. The A level Mathematics requires additional skills/ content in the topic selected at the AS level. There is another syllabus booklet called Further Math and the prerequisite for the Further Math syllabus is successful completion of A Level Mathematics.

History - IGCSE is for world history credit and AS/A Level History (for 11th and maybe 12th grade) has six different topic options - each topic would take one year to cover. Most do the US paper in AS History in 11th grade and then may go on and take either Modern European History paper in 12th or the International History paper in 12th as an elective. IF a student takes an examination in more than one topic in History, then they would automatically be graded on the second paper at the A level.