

Preparatory Course For Cambridge International General Certificate of Secondary Education (Cambridge IGCSE)

Description

The Cambridge International General Certificate of Secondary Education (Cambridge IGCSE) is an internationally recognised qualification designed for students aged 14 to 16. It is offered by the Cambridge Assessment International Education (CAIE), which is a part of the University of Cambridge.

The Cambridge IGCSE is based on a learner-centred approach emphasising active participation and problem-solving skills. It encourages students to develop critical thinking, communication, and collaboration skills that are essential for success in higher education and in the workplace.

Assessment in the Cambridge IGCSE is based on a variety of methods, including coursework, practical assessments, and written exams. It provides students with the opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding in a range of formats and contexts.

Overall, the Cambridge IGCSE provides a high-quality, internationally recognised qualification that prepares students for success in a rapidly changing world. It is widely recognised by universities, employers, and governments around the world as evidence of academic achievement and proficiency in English.

The Preparatory Course for Cambridge IGCSE in Academies Australasia College covers a range of subjects, including Mathematics, Science, Humanities, Languages, and Business Studies. It provides a flexible and broad-based approach to education that allows students to develop essential skills, knowledge, and understanding across multiple disciplines. It also prepares students for further academic study, including the Cambridge International AS and A-levels, Singapore Junior Colleges, and Singapore Polytechnics, as well as other qualifications such as the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme.

The objective of this course is to prepare students for the Cambridge International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) Examinations, giving them a better understanding and overview of the Cambridge IGCSE Examinations academic subjects. Students will be trained with continual formative weekly, monthly and end-of-term assessments, which allow them to manage their time, examine pressure, stimulate critical thinking and active recall of concepts in an actual exam setting and perform at their optimum level.

Qualification Entry Requirements

Academic

- Applicants must be at least 14 years of age by 1 January of the examinations year
- Completion of Secondary 2 or equivalent

English Proficiency

- AAC Certificate in English as foreign language - Elementary level OR
- IELTS 4.0 or equivalent

(Students without formal English qualifications will be given a placement test to determine their level of proficiency.)

Qualification Modules

Duration: 22 months – Full time

Table 1: Full Time (Compulsory Subjects)

Subject	Syllabus Code	Face-to-Face Contact Hours (Per Week)
First Language English	0500	12
Mathematics	0580	3
Additional Mathematics	0606	3
Combined Science (Biology)	0653	3
Combined Science (Chemistry)		3
Combined Science (Physics)		3
Accounting	0452	3
		Total – 30 learning hours

Table 2: Optional Subjects

Subject	Syllabus Code	Remark
First Language Chinese	0509	Offered upon request
Business Studies	0450	
Computer Science	0478	
Information and Communication Technology	0417	
Travel & Tourism	0471	

Assessment Arrangements
Continual Assessment Guidelines

Subject	Code	Number of Paper	Section Tested	Duration	Marks	Percentage
First Language English	0500	1	Reading (Comprehension and summary, Short-answer questions and language, Extended response to reading)	1 h	40	100
		2	Directed writing & Composition	1 h	40	100
Mathematics	0580	1	Short-answer questions	40 m	35	100
		2	Structured questions	1 h 15 m	60	100
Additional Mathematics	0606	1	Written paper (various lengths)	1 h	40	100
		2	Written paper (various lengths)	1 h	40	100
Combined Science (Biology)	0653	1	Multiple choice	20 m	20	100
		2	Short-answer and structured questions	40 m	40	100
Combined Science (Chemistry)		1	Multiple choice	20 m	20	100
		2	Short-answer and structured questions	40 m	40	100
Combined Science (Physics)		1	Multiple choice	20 m	20	100
		2	Short-answer and structured questions	40 m	40	100
Accounting	0452	1	Multiple choice	40 m	17	100
		2	Structured written paper	50 m	50	100

End-of-Term Assessment Guidelines

Subject	Code	Number of Paper	Section Tested	Duration	Marks	Percentage
First Language English	0500	1	Reading (Comprehension and summary, Short-answer questions and language, Extended response to reading)	2h	80	100
		2	Directed writing & Composition	2 h	80	100
Mathematics	0580	1	Short-answer questions	1 h 30 m	70	100
		2	Structured questions	2 h 30 m	130	100
Additional Mathematics	0606	1	Written paper (various lengths)	2 h	80	100
		2	Written paper (various lengths)	2 h	80	100
Combined Science (Biology)	0653	1	Multiple choice	1 h 15 m	14	100
		2	Short-answer and structured questions		27	
Combined Science (Chemistry)		1	Multiple choice		13	
		2	Short-answer and structured questions		27	
Combined Science (Physics)		1	Multiple choice		13	
		2	Short-answer and structured questions		26	
Accounting	0452	1	Multiple choice	1 h 15 m	35	100
		2	Structured written paper	1 h 45 m	100	100

Assessment and Grades
Cambridge IGCSE Grades

Grade	Percentage
A*	90-100
A	80-89
B	70-79

C	60-69
D	50-59
E	40-49
F	30-39
G	20-29

Grades F and G are non-credit grades and considered failing grades. IGCSE / GCSE Grades A to C is comparable to Singapore GCE 'O' levels Grades 1 to 6, and IGCSE / GCSE Grade D is comparable to GCE 'O' Grade 7. Total points will be calculated for the students depending on their grades obtained and gain admission to Singapore Polytechnics or Singapore Junior colleges, or other international institutions based on their admission policy. For example, Singapore Polytechnics computes points for ELR2B2 (English Language, two relevant subjects, and two best other subjects).