

Curriculum for History  
Grades 5-12  
Short version  
Reference curriculum: Thuringia, Germany  
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The school curriculum for history at the German International School Washington D.C. is based on the curriculum of the German Bundesland of Thuringia and is adapted for use at the GISA. Subjects not structured according to the tracks of secondary education (Hauptschule, Realschule and Gymnasium) as it is the case in Germany. Instead, up to grade 10, teaching methods are based on internal differentiation, which means that the individual learning style and class performance of each student are taken into consideration.

During the qualification phase of grades 11 and 12, the curriculum for History is based on the core curriculum of the Kultusministerkonferenz (conference of ministers of education) for the secondary schools of the German Schools Abroad (2010), the regionally aligned curriculum of the German Schools Abroad in North America (2011) as well as the subject-specific guidelines for the Deutsche Internationale Abitur at the German Schools Abroad (2015).

Grade	Topics
Grade5 2 hours per week	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- First encounter with the subject of History</li> <li>- Conditions and ways of life</li> <li>- Continuity and change are demonstrated by using examples from early history and early advanced civilizations.</li> <li>- Ancient Greece</li> <li>- The rise and fall of the Roman Empire</li> </ul>
Grade6 1 hour per week (in alternation 1 semester with 2 hours per week)6	

Grade9 2 hours per week	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Periodization of 20th Century History</li> <li>- The state of the world at the end of the First World War</li> <li>- The Weimar Republic</li> <li>- National Socialism in Germany 1933-1945</li> <li>- The development of the two German states in the context of the bipolar world until 1989/90</li> </ul>
Grade10 3 hours per week	Germany and Europe in modern times <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Epochs of world history</li> <li>- Early modern history</li> <li>- Absolutism and Enlightenment</li> <li>- French Revolution and Napoleon</li> <li>- Congress of Vienna, Restoration and re-organization of Europe</li> <li>- National liberal movement</li> <li>- Revolution 1848/49</li> <li>- Industrialization and its consequences</li> </ul>
Grade11 3 hours per week	11/1:

Grade12 3 hours per week	12/1: Germany and Europe in the world <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Postwar years</li> <li>- Cold War</li> <li>- German German History until 1966</li> </ul> 12/2: Aspects of World History <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- German History through the present time</li> <li>- Process of European unification</li> <li>- The world in the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> century</li> </ul>
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Overview of the School Curriculum for History, updated and adapted at the GISW History Department Meeting on October 25, 2018