

Queen Margaret College
Year 12 and 13 Theory of Knowledge Programme 2019
International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme

Course Component	Percentage of final grade	Internal / External	Proposed assessment date
Part 1: The presentation	33%	Internal	Year 13, Term 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduced Thursday 2nd May (TOK Workshop) Week 6 Assessment <u>Wed, Thurs, Fri 1-4pm</u>
Part 2: Essay on a prescribed title	67%	External	Year 13, Term 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Week 7 Prescribed titles introduced Week 11 Essay outlines due: <u>Friday 12th April</u> Year 13, Term 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Week 1 Draft Essay due: <u>Wednesday 31st July</u> Year 13, Term 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Week 4 & 5 Individual feedback sessions Essays due: <u>10 days after feedback session</u>

Course details

Theory of knowledge is a course about critical thinking and inquiring into the process of knowing, rather than about learning a specific body of knowledge. It is a core element which all Diploma Programme students undertake and to which all schools are required to devote at least 100 hours of class time.

Course Information

Part 1:

The presentation. Students must make a 10 minute presentation to the class during the course. It requires students to identify and explore a knowledge question raised by a substantive real-life situation that is of interest to them. The selected real-life situation may arise from a local domain of personal, school, or community relevance, or from a wider one of national, international or global scope. Whatever situation is chosen, it must lend itself naturally to a question about knowledge.

Part 2:

Essay on a prescribed title. Students must submit an essay on any **one** of **six** titles prescribed by the IB. The maximum length for the essay is **1,600 words**. The titles ask generic questions about knowledge and are cross-disciplinary in nature. They may be answered with reference to any part or parts of the TOK course, to specific disciplines, or with reference to opinions gained about knowledge both inside and outside the classroom.

Homework expectations

Your daughter should be learning at home for a total of at least 15 hours per week, across all subjects.

To achieve at a high level in this subject, students are expected to complete some homework during the week. Homework might include:

- Revising content covered in class
- Writing personal reflections on course content and knowledge questions raised
- Keeping up to date with current events