

# HISTORY

## Cambridge International Advanced Subsidiary and Advanced Level

Grade thresholds taken for Syllabus 9279 (History (US)) in the October/November 2013 examination.

	maximum mark available	minimum mark required for grade:		
		A	B	E
Component 53	100	70	63	41

The thresholds (minimum marks) for Grades C and D are normally set by dividing the mark range between the B and the E thresholds into three. For example, if the difference between the B and the E threshold is 24 marks, the C threshold is set 8 marks below the B threshold and the D threshold is set another 8 marks down. If dividing the interval by three results in a fraction of a mark, then the threshold is normally rounded down.

The thresholds for the **syllabus** are determined first by adding together the thresholds for the components taken by the candidate. A reduction may be made at the higher grades depending on the correlation of the papers. When a component is used as an AS level, 6 marks are deducted from the threshold component. As an A Level combines two components, one of which counts as an AS, 6 marks are deducted from the total of the combined components. For example the combined total for an A grade for a candidate completing A Level in Papers 1 and 3 would be 146. The combined threshold is then reduced by 6 marks to allow for one paper counting as an AS. The A\* threshold is calculated using the difference between A and B as a starting point.

For AS Level components, small adjustments may be made to the marks awarded for some versions of the paper in order to neutralise any differences in the difficulty of the different versions and so make sure that all candidates face an equal demand.

The maximum total mark for this syllabus is **200** for A Level and **100** for AS Level.

As examples, for this syllabus in this series the grade thresholds for the most commonly taken options were as follows:

Option	Components	A	B	C	D	E
SQ	53	64	57	49	42	35

Grade Thresholds are published for all Cambridge International AS/A Level and Cambridge IGCSE subjects where a corresponding mark scheme is available.