

Profile 2018/19 for Colleges and Universities

Mission and Philosophy

We are a learning community of students, faculty, staff, and parents. At Zurich International School (ZIS), educational excellence commits us to: *Learn, Care, Challenge, Lead.*

The School

ZIS is a leading non-profit day school offering a comprehensive education program for students ages 3–18. We are *an inclusive school with an open admission policy* that serves mainly the transient expatriate population in the greater Zurich area. Our *four campuses* hold approximately *1,300 students* representing over *55 countries* and more than *40 mother tongue languages*.

Upper School Faculty

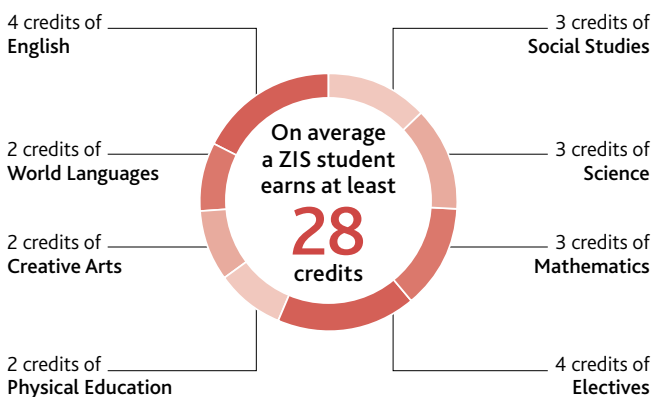
The 72 Upper School full-time and part-time faculty have an *average of 17 years teaching experience* and over six years with the school. *73% hold MA/MS or higher degrees*, and most have taught at other international schools throughout the world. Native speakers teach our world language courses.

Curriculum

All students work toward earning a ZIS Upper School Diploma. The school offers the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme, Advanced Placement (AP) courses, or ZIS Upper School courses. All students have the option to choose which academic pathway they wish to pursue. *The language of instruction is English.*

ZIS has a technology-rich learning environment. The integration of technology into the curriculum is a priority and is based on the International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) Standards.

Minimum Graduation Requirements (23 credits)



ZIS Upper School Campus at a Glance

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514

Students in
Grades 9–12

141

Students in our
senior class
(2019)

73

Number of AP
and IB courses on
offer in 2018/19

Accreditation/Memberships

ZIS is an International Baccalaureate (IB) World School and is accredited by both the Council of International Schools (CIS) and the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) in the United States. ZIS is also approved by the Department of Education of the Canton of Zurich. ZIS is a member of the Educational Collaborative for International Schools (ECIS) and the Swiss Group of International Schools (SGIS).



Class of 2018 University Destinations (126 students)



United Kingdom (40%) United States (18%) Europe (15%)
Other or gap year (15%) Switzerland (10%) Canada (2%)

ZIS Upper School Programs and Grading

As a school with an open admission policy, ZIS has an academically diverse student population with a range of abilities. Learning Support and English as an Additional Language (EAL) support is available at all grades. In Grades 11 and 12, students can choose to enroll in either the IB Diploma Programme, AP courses, and/or ZIS Upper School courses. All students enrolled in IB/AP courses are required to take the external exam.

Academic Pathways Offered

ZIS offers multiple academic pathways. Students can take Advanced Placement courses, High School Courses, or IB Diploma courses. **We value our Advanced Placement and IB pathways equally.** This is reflected in our academic advising and in our student course choices.

Access to Advanced Placement, Honors and Higher Level IB Courses

ZIS limits access to Honors and AP courses for students in Grades 9 and 10. Therefore, it is rare to see these classes on a ZIS transcript prior to Grade 11. **We also strongly discourage 4 HL courses in the IB Diploma.** Therefore, it is unusual to see 4 HL courses.

Policy for Reporting Disciplinary History

ZIS will report to universities any out of school suspensions and expulsions that take place during Grades 9–12. We will also notify institutions about any changes to enrolment status.

SAT, SAT Subject and ACT Tests

In recent years, and particularly this year, our students have had less access to SAT, SAT Subject and ACT tests because of fewer test dates abroad, fewer sites offering the test, and technology difficulties. We ask that higher education institutions take this into account when evaluating our students' applications.

Grade Point Average (GPA) and Class Rank

Due to the international and frequently changing composition of the student body (average stay is three years) only ZIS grades will be used to calculate a GPA. **ZIS grade point averages are not cumulative.** ZIS does not rank students.

ZIS Grading Scale and General Grade Descriptors

A 4.0 scale is used to calculate a student's Grade Point Average (GPA). Please note that **no additional GPA weighting is provided** for any IB HL/SL, AP, or Honors course in any grade at ZIS. ZIS does not weight grades.

A	A (4.00)	A- (3.67)
<p>"A" Demonstrates an intellectual command of the subject. This includes mastery of techniques, skills, and knowledge, as well as the ability to integrate and to synthesize knowledge. The student shows initiative; describes and exhibits various ways of seeing; thinks critically and analytically; and must be able to work well independently and in groups.</p>		
B	B+ (3.33)	B- (2.67)
<p>"B" Produces work which shows a mastery of the basic skills and concepts of the material, as well as moments of insight, understanding and independence of inquiry.</p>		
C	C+ (2.33)	C- (1.67)
<p>"C" Demonstrates competent work in understanding and using the skills and concepts of the course. Reveals a sound enough grasp of facts and a sufficiently mature attitude to pursue the next course level (possible exception: World Languages and Mathematics).</p>		
D	D+ (1.33)	D- (0.67)
<p>"D" Represents limited understanding of the course content and unless extra work or effort is given, student will probably not be able to succeed at the next level of the course.</p>		
F	F (below 0.67)	
<p>"F" Displays poor understanding and achievement; insufficient for the student to attempt the next course level without remedial work.</p>		

ZIS Upper School Courses

- **Creative Arts:** Foundation Art & Design, Studio Art, Digital Photography, Graphic Design, Choir, Concert Band, String Ensemble, Creative Music, Music Studio, Actors Workshop, Essential Theater, Acting & Directing
- **English:** English 9–12, EAL 9/10, Digital Journalism, Grade 9 Humanities
- **Mathematics:** Math 9, Math 9 Honors, Applied Math 9, Math 10, Math 10 Honors, Applied Math 10, Algebra II/Trigonometry, Business Math, Advanced Functions, Geometry/Statistics
- **Physical Education:** Physical Education/Health 9–12, Grade 10 Competitive Games & Fitness, Fitness & Wellness
- **Science:** Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Honors Biology, Honors Chemistry, Coordinated Science I–II, Applied Design
- **Social Studies:** History I–II, Art History, Philosophy, Environmental Economics
- **World Languages:** German I–IV, French I–IV, Spanish I–IV, German for Fluent Speakers, Spanish for Fluent Speakers, French for Fluent Speakers

Advanced Placement (AP) Courses

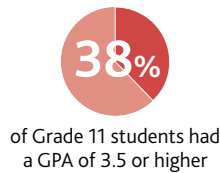
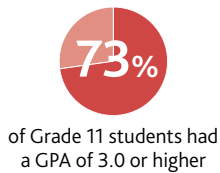
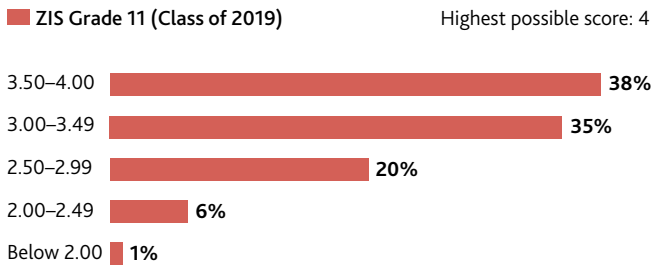
- AP Courses at ZIS:**
- **Arts:** Studio Art Drawing, 2D Design, 3D Design, Music Theory
 - **English:** Language & Composition, Literature & Composition
 - **Mathematics:** Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Statistics, Computer Science
 - **Science:** Biology, Chemistry, Physics 1, Physics 2
 - **Social Studies:** European History, United States History, World History, Art History, Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, Psychology, Seminar, Research
 - **World Languages:** German, French, Spanish

International Baccalaureate (IB) Programme

- IB Courses at ZIS:**
- **Group 1, Studies in Language and Literature:** English A: Literature HL/SL, English A: Language & Literature HL/SL, French A: Language & Literature HL/SL, German A: Literature HL/SL, German A: Language & Literature HL/SL, Spanish A: Language & Literature HL/SL
 - **Group 2, Language Acquisition:** French Ab Initio SL, French B HL/SL, German B HL/SL, Spanish Ab Initio, Spanish B HL/SL
 - **Group 3, Individuals & Societies:** Economics HL/SL, Geography HL/SL, History HL/SL, Philosophy HL/SL, Psychology HL/SL
 - **Group 4, Experimental Sciences:** Biology HL/SL, Chemistry HL/SL, Physics HL/SL, Environmental Systems and Societies SL, Sports, Exercise & Health Science SL
 - **Group 5, Mathematics:** Math Studies SL, Mathematics HL/SL
 - **Group 6, Arts:** Music HL/SL, Theatre HL/SL, Visual Arts HL/SL

Results at a Glance

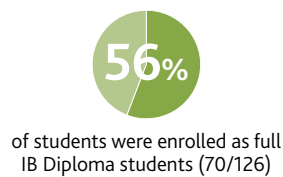
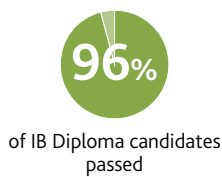
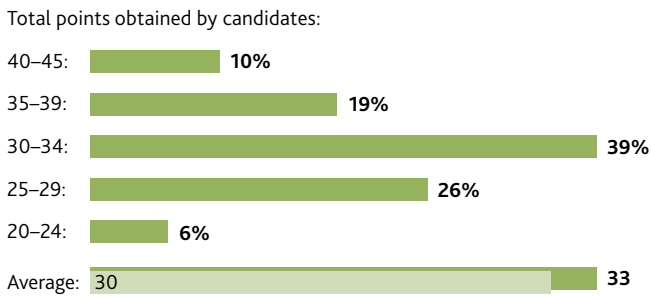
Grade 11 Final Unweighted Grade Point Average (GPA) Distribution for Class of 2019



International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Results 2018

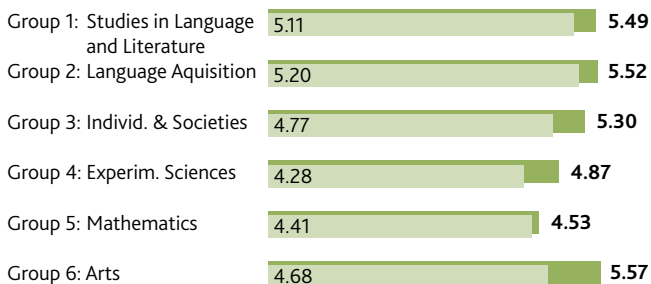
■ ZIS ■ World Highest possible score: 45

Number of IB Diploma candidates: 70
Pass rate: 67 (96%)

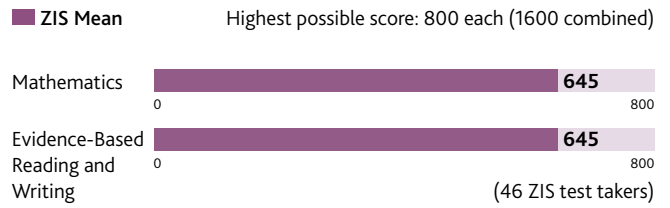


Average International Baccalaureate (IB) Scores by Subject Groups 2018

■ ZIS ■ World Highest possible score: 7

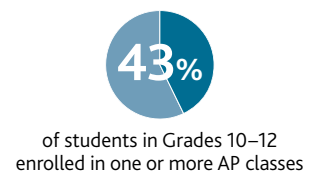
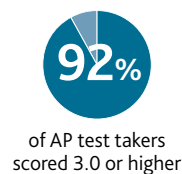
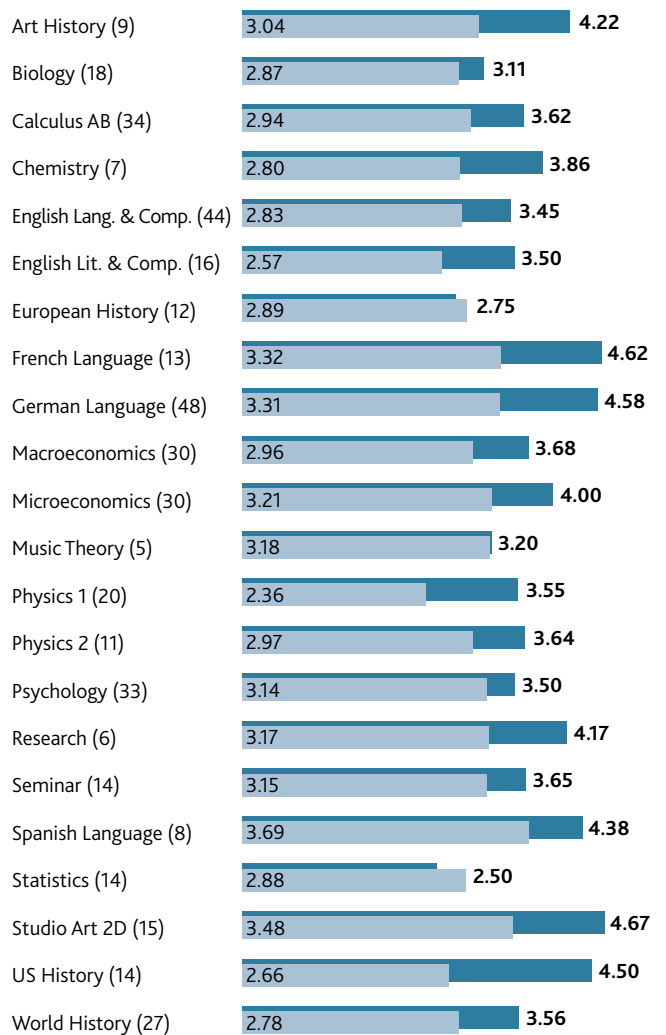


SAT Reasoning Scores ZIS Class of 2019



Average Advanced Placement (AP) Subject Scores World and ZIS 2018

■ ZIS ■ World Highest possible score: 5



- All grades reported for subjects with five or more ZIS students
- All scores include ZIS test candidates in Grades 10, 11 and 12
- Number in brackets indicates the number of candidates who sat the exam

University and College Placement

Zurich International School graduates (2016–2018) have been offered admission to leading institutions worldwide including:

United States

Allegheny College
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American University
Amherst College
Arizona State University
Babson College
Bard College
Barnard College
Bentley University
Berklee College of Music
Boston University
Brown University
Bryant University
Bucknell University
California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo
Calvin College
Case Western Reserve University
Chapman University
Claremont McKenna College
Clark University
Clemson University
Colgate University
College of William and Mary
Columbia University
Concordia University – Irvine
Cornell University
Dartmouth College
Davidson College
DePaul University
Drexel University
Duke University
Eckerd College
Elon University
Emerson College
Fairfield University
Florida Institute of Technology
Fordham University
Furman University
Georgetown University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Gettysburg College
Haverford College
Hofstra University
Indiana University at Bloomington
Ithaca College
Johnson & Wales University, Providence
Keene State College
Kenyon College
Loyola Marymount University
Lynn University
Manhattan College
Marist College
Marymount California University
Marymount Manhattan College
Merrimack College
Miami University, Oxford
Michigan State University
Muhlenberg College
New Jersey Institute of Technology
New Mexico Military Institute
New York University
North Carolina State University
Northeastern University
Northwestern University
Pace University, New York City
Pennsylvania State University
Pennsylvania State University – Abington
Pomona College
Princeton University
Purdue University
Quinnipiac University
Reed College

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rhode Island School of Design
Rochester Institute of Technology
Saint Joseph's University
San Francisco State University
Santa Clara University
Santa Monica College
Savannah College of Art and Design
School of the Art Institute of Chicago
School of Visual Arts
Seton Hall University
Smith College
Southern Methodist University
St. John's University
Stevens Institute of Technology
Suffolk University
Syracuse University
Temple University
Texas A & M University
Texas Tech University
The College of New Jersey
The George Washington University
The Ohio State University
The University of Alabama
The University of Arizona
Towson University
Trinity University
Tufts University
Tulane University
University of California, Berkeley
Davis
Irvine
Los Angeles
Merced
Riverside
San Diego
Santa Barbara
University of Chicago
University of Colorado, at Boulder
at Denver
University of Connecticut
University of Delaware
University of Georgia
University of Illinois, at Chicago
at Urbana-Champaign
University of Maryland, College Park
University of Massachusetts, Amherst
University of Miami
University of Michigan
University of Missouri Columbia
University of New Haven
University of Oregon
University of Rhode Island
University of San Francisco
University of Southern California
University of Southern Maine
University of Tennessee, Knoxville
University of Vermont
University of Virginia
University of Wisconsin, Madison
Vanderbilt University
Wake Forest University
Washington and Jefferson College
Washington State University
Washington University in St. Louis
Wesleyan University
Westmont College
Wheaton College MA
Whitman College

Whittier College
Williams College
Worcester Polytechnic Institute

United Kingdom

Aberystwyth University
Anglia Ruskin University
Arts University Bournemouth
Aston University
Bangor University
Bath Spa University
Birkbeck, University of London
Bournemouth University
British and Irish Modern Music Institute
Brunel University London
Canterbury Christ Church University
Cardiff University
Cass Business School, City University, London
Central Film School London
City University of London
Coventry University
De Montfort University
Durham University
Edinburgh College
Edinburgh Napier University
European Business School, London
Falmouth University
Glyndwr University
Goldsmiths, University of London
Heriot-Watt University
Hult International Business School – London
Imperial College London
Keele University
King's College London
Kingston University
Lancaster University
Leeds College of Art & Design
Leeds College of Music
London College of Communication
London Metropolitan University
London South Bank University
Loughborough University
Manchester Metropolitan University
Manchester University
New College of the Humanities
Newcastle University
Nottingham Trent University
Oxford Brookes University
Pearson College
Queen Margaret University
Queen Mary University of London
Regent's University London
Richmond, The American International University in London
Robert Gordon University
Royal Holloway, University of London
Royal Veterinary College
SAE Institute London
School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London
Southampton Solent University
St George's, University of London
St Mary's University, Twickenham, London
Staffordshire University
Swansea University
The Academy of Contemporary Music

The London School of Economics and Political Science
The Royal Central School of Speech and Drama
The University of Buckingham
The University of Edinburgh
The University of Manchester
The University of Northampton
The University of Nottingham
The University of Sheffield
The University of Warwick
The University of Winchester
University College Birmingham
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University of Salford
University of Southampton
University of St Andrews
University of Stirling
University of Surrey
University of Sussex
University of the Arts London
University of the West of England
University of West London
University of Westminster
University of York

Austria

MODUL University Vienna

Belgium

Universiteit Gent

Canada

Brock University
Concordia University – Montreal
Humber College
McGill University
McMaster University
Ontario College of Art & Design (OCAD)
Queen's University
Ryerson University
Simon Fraser University
University of British Columbia
University of Toronto
Undergraduate Only
University of Waterloo
Western University

Czech Republic

Charles University

Denmark

Copenhagen Business School

France

The American University of Paris

Germany

Carl Benz School of Engineering
Ludwig Maximilians Universität Munich

Israel

IDC Herzliya – Raphael Recanati International School

Italy

John Cabot University
The American University of Rome
Universita Bocconi

Netherlands

Amsterdam Fashion Institute
Amsterdam University College
Erasmus Universiteit Rotterdam
Hogeschool Utrecht
Hotelschool The Hague
HZ University of Applied Sciences
Leiden University College The Hague
Maastricht Hotel Management School
NHTV Internationaal Hoger Onderwijs Breda
Rijksuniversiteit Groningen
Technische Universiteit Delft
Technische Universiteit Eindhoven
The Amsterdam Fashion Academy
Tilburg University
Universiteit Leiden
Universiteit Maastricht
Universiteit van Amsterdam
University College Utrecht
Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

Poland

Warsaw School of Economics

Spain

CEU Cardenal Herrera University
Escuela Superior de Admistrac (ESADE)

IE University – Madrid

IE University – Segovia
Instituto de Empresa Business School

Saint Louis University, Madrid

Switzerland

École hôtelière de Lausanne
École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne

ETH (Swiss Federal Institute of Technology) Zurich

Franklin University Switzerland
Glon Institute of Higher Education

Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts

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