



High School Academic Profile 2019-20



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Mission

Dedicating our minds to inquiry, our hearts to compassion, and our lives to service and global understanding

An American-style education grounded in the Christian faith and respecting the spiritual lives of all

Vision

HKIS will be a leading place of learning that inspires a socially engaged community of collaborative, creative, and resilient learners dedicated to realizing their full potential.



Accreditation

Hong Kong International School is a member of the East Asia Regional Council of Schools and is fully accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.



Students

HKIS enjoys a diverse student body committed equally to academic excellence and service around the world. HKIS students are noted for being active in the community, eager to learn, as well as ambitious and entrepreneurial. **The class of 2020 consists of 182 students from 19 different countries.** Nearly 100% of a typical class pursues tertiary study, over 80% of them at colleges and universities in the United States.



School Calendar

The school operates under a 180-day calendar, divided into two semesters. The first semester begins the third week of August and concludes mid-December. The second semester begins the second week of January and concludes early June.



Student Learning Results

In addition to providing a rigorous course of study, HKIS targets student growth in six domains: Academic Excellence, Spirituality, Character Development, Self-Motivated Learning, Contributing to Society, and Chinese Culture.



School and Community

Hong Kong International School, a private coeducational day school, serves students (Pre-K to Grade 12) in the international community who seek an American-style college preparatory education in a Christian setting. Students come from business, government, and professional families. HKIS serves over 2800 students, of whom 49% are from the United States, 15% are from Hong Kong and 37% are from 43 other countries. 752 students are enrolled in the High School.



Faculty

HKIS attracts and retains an outstanding faculty, 71% of whom hold advanced degrees, by providing a vibrant work environment and exceptional professional development opportunities. The average tenure is 7 years. The faculty-student ratio is 1:10.



Interim

Interim is an annual 7-8 day off-campus experiential service and learning program for all four high school grade levels. Through its cultivation of communication and leadership skills, self-awareness and self-reliance, compassion and cross-cultural understanding, the program promotes student growth relative to the six Student Learning Results. The Interim experiences form an integral part of the high school curriculum, and annual participation is a graduation requirement for all students.

Counseling Practice & HKIS Policy on Early Plans

HKIS will support up to 10 college applications and counsels its students to use this allowance deliberately and wisely. In addition, HKIS limits the number of early plans to which students may apply; they may apply to one early decision and two early action or three early action plans. HKIS students understand that early decision is a global decision, and, should they be admitted under an early decision agreement, they must withdraw applications from all other institutions. The students are also aware that their college counselors will inform all other colleges to which applications have been submitted of those decisions.

In its observation of NACAC Best Practices, when asked, HKIS will, through established reporting structures, disclose to colleges and universities disciplinary infractions that result in out-of-school student suspensions.

All HKIS seniors complete the FERPA agreement online.

Advanced Placement Exam Results: *Subject*

Subject	5	4	3	2	1	Total Exams
Art History	1	3	6	6	--	16
Biology	12	8	6	--	--	26
Calculus AB	18	20	11	8	1	58
Calculus BC	22	13	1	1	1	38
Capstone Research	1	1	2	1	1	6
Capstone Seminar	1	3	10	5	--	19
Chemistry	40	24	8	1	--	73
Chinese Language	25	13	6	1	--	45
Computer Principles	5	--	1	--	--	6
Computer Science	14	11	6	3	2	36
English Language & Composition	48	26	31	12	1	118
English Literature & Composition	11	8	17	7	--	43
Environmental Science	23	24	6	6	1	60
European History	8	3	2	--	--	13
French Language	7	1	--	--	--	8
Government & Politics Comparative	19	7	3	6	2	37
Government & Politics US	10	10	10	5	1	36
Human Geography	17	8	7	1	--	33
Macroeconomics	65	35	20	3	3	126
Microeconomics	72	30	12	7	3	124
Physics I	2	9	2	1	--	14
Physics C: E & M	19	10	4	--	--	33
Physics C: Mechanics	24	8	1	--	--	33
Psychology	67	24	8	4	2	105
Spanish Language	2	4	1	1	--	8
Statistics	27	24	26	12	10	99
Studio Art 2D	14	1	--	1	--	16
Studio Art 3D	1	2	--	--	--	3
United States History	8	5	--	1	--	14
World History	20	6	4	2	1	33

Class of 2020 Distribution of Six- Semester Cumulative Grade-Point Averages

GPA	Percent in Range
3.67-4.00	39%
3.33-3.66	41%
3.00-3.32	12%
2.66-2.99	6%
<2.66	2%

Grade Point Average & Class Rank

Hong Kong International School computes a student's Grade Point Average on a 4-point scale, using only grades earned at HKIS. HKIS neither weights grades nor uses percentage equivalents of letter grades. HKIS does not report rank in class.

Grading Scale

Grade	GPA
A	4.0
A-	3.67
B+	3.33
B	3.0
B-	2.67
C+	2.33
C	2.0
C-	1.67
D+	1.33
D	1.0
D-	0.67
F	0.00

Grading & Assessment Practices

HKIS uses a comprehensive standards-referenced curriculum. This leads to assessment that demonstrates what a student knows, understands, and can do in relation to clearly articulated standards and learning targets. Behaviors associated with learning (attendance, effort, participation, attitude) are reported separately from the academic grade throughout the year.

HKIS's Advanced Placement Policy

- 28 AP courses offered.
- Juniors & seniors are counseled to take no more than three AP credits a year.
- Students enrolled in an AP course must take the corresponding exam in May.

Advanced Placement Exam Results: Overall (2017-19)

	2017	2018	2019
Candidates	449	475	449
Exams Taken	1216	1291	1293
Percent of Exams that earned Passing Scores (3+)	94	92	91
Percent of Exams that earned a 4 or 5	77	77	74

Class of 2020 SAT Scores

Middle 50-Percentile Scores and Mean for SAT (1600) *138 students tested*

	Middle 50%	Mean
Evidence Based Reading & Writing	620-730	670
<i>Reading</i>	31-36	33
<i>Writing</i>	31-37	34
Mathematics	620-780	690
Math	31-39	35
Total	1260-1470	1350



Class of 2020: 50-Percentile Scores & Mean for SAT Subject Tests

SAT Subject Tests	Students	Score Range	Mean
Biology – <i>Ecology</i>	6	670-760	720
Biology – <i>Molecular</i>	10	770-790	770
Chemistry	50	740-800	760
Chinese with Listening	20	680-760	720
English Literature	9	620-710	650
French with Listening	1	750-750	750
Italian	1	730-730	730
Korean with Listening	1	800-800	800

SAT Subject Tests	Students	Score Range	Mean
Math Level I	4	680-740	710
Math Level II	66	720-800	750
Physics	2	610-680	650
Spanish	1	800-800	800
Spanish with Listening	3	550-680	600
U.S. History	6	690-750	710
World History	19	700-770	710

Academic Program

To earn a diploma, a student must earn a minimum of 22 credits distributed as follows: English (4), Mathematics (3), Science (2), Social Studies (2), Modern Languages (2), Religion (1.5), Fine Arts & Technology (1.5), P.E. (2), and electives sufficient to complete the 22 credits. Students must also complete an Interim experience and participate in a comprehensive counseling curriculum for each year of residency at HKIS. In the final two years of high school, each student must write and defend a Junior Research Paper and undertake and present a Senior Project.

ENGLISH

AP English Language & Composition (1)
AP English Literature & Composition (1)
Effective Speech Communication (.5)
Film: Critical Introduction (.5)
Junior English (1)
Journalism (.5)
Senior English: Asian or Western (1)
Senior English: Rhetoric of Non-Fiction (1)

MATHEMATICS

Advanced Algebra (1)
Advanced Algebra (Honors) (1)
Algebra (1)
AP Calculus AB (1)
AP Calculus BC (1)
AP Statistics (1)
Geometry (1)
Geometry (Honors) (1)
Math of Human Behavior (.5)
Architecture I & II (.5 each)
Models in Math A & B (.5 each)
PreCalculus (1)
PreCalculus (Honors) (1)
Statistics (.5)
Advanced Mathematics Topics (1)

SCIENCE

AP Biology (1)
AP Chemistry (1)
AP Environmental Science (1)
AP Physics I (1)
AP Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism (1)
AP Physics C: Mechanics (1)
Astronomy (.5)
Biology (1)
Biology (Honors) (1)
Chemistry (1)
Chemistry (Honors) (1)
Earth Science (.5)
Forensic Science (.5)
Human Biology, Health & Sport (.5)
Physics (1)
Physics (Honors) (1)
Physical Science: Chemistry & Physics (.5 each)
Marine Biology (.5)

SOCIAL STUDIES

AP Capstone Seminar (1)
AP Capstone Research (1)
AP European History (1)
AP Comparative Government and Politics (.5)
AP United States Government and Politics (.5)
AP Human Geography (1)
AP Macroeconomics (.5)
AP Microeconomics (.5)

AP Psychology (1)
AP United States History (1)
AP World History (1)
Learning Service in Action: Cambodia/
Philippines (.5 each)
Business Leadership (.5)
Introduction to Psychology (.5)
Peace Studies (.5)

MODERN LANGUAGES

Chinese Language and Culture (1)
AP French Language and Culture (1)
AP Spanish Language and Culture (1)
French I-IV (1 each)
French Conversation & Culture (1)
French Language and Culture (Honors) (1)
Mandarin as a Second Language
Foundation I & II (1 each)
Mandarin as a Second Language
Intermediate I-III (1 each)
Mandarin as a Second Language
Advanced I-II (1 each)
Mandarin as a Second Language
Advanced Honors (1)
Mandarin for Near Native Learners I-VI
(1 each)
Spanish I-IV (1 each)
Spanish Conversation and Culture (1)
Spanish Language and Culture (Honors) (1)

RELIGION

Applied Practices of Mindfulness (.5)
Biblical Traditions (.5)
Existentialism (.5)
Jesus Christ: Movie Star (.5)
Personal Spirituality Project (.5)
Service, Society and the Sacred (.5)
Spiritual Community (.5)
Spiritual Explorations (1)
World Religions (.5)

VISUAL ART, DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY

3D Form & Function (.5)
Drawing & Painting (.5)
AP Art History (1)
AP Computer Principles (1)
AP Computer Science (1)
AP Studio Art 2D & 3D (1)
Art and Design Advanced Studio (.5)
Fashion Design (.5)
Graphic Design (.5)
Invent to Learn (.5)
Design for Interactive Entertainment (.5)
Coding In Action (.5)
Introduction to Photography (.5)
Robotics (.5)
Foundation in Visual Art (.5)

Foundation in Digital & Interactive Media (.5)
Art & Design Independent Studio (.5)
Advertisement & Layout Design (.5)
Project Runway (.5)
Digital Photography (.5)
Film Photography (.5)
Cybernetics & Systems (.5)

PERFORMING ARTS

Concert Choir (.5 or 1)
Drama Workshop I & II (.5 each)
Drama Production – Play (.5)
Drama Production – Musical (.5)
Effective Speech Communication (.5)
Guitar I & II (.5 each)
Madrigal Singers (1)
Men's Choir (1)
Music Theory & Composition (.5)
Theatrical Makeup Design (.5)
Orchestra (.5)
Stagecraft for the Theater (.5)
String Ensemble (1)
Symphonic Band – Brass and Percussion (1)
Symphonic Band – Woodwind (1)
Wind Ensemble – Brass & Percussion (1)
Wind Ensemble – Woodwind (1)
Women's Choir (1)

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Physical Education Grade 9 (.5)
Physical Education Grade 10 (.5)
Physical Education Grade 11 (.5)
Physical Education Grade 12 (.5)

INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

(English and Social Studies Credit)
Humanities I (English/History) (1/1)
Humanities I in Action (English/History) (1/1)
Humanities II (English/U.S. History) (1/1)
Humanities II in Action (English/History) (1/1)
Humanities III (English/History) (1/1)
Creative Problem Solving Project (.5)
Architecture I & II (.5 each)
Effective Speech Communication (.5)

LEARNING SUPPORT

Learning Strategies (.5)
Strategies for Self Advocacy (.25)

DEVELOPMENTAL GUIDANCE

Seminar Program Grade 9-12

GLOBAL ONLINE ACADEMY

Consortium of the world's leading independent schools using online platforms for classrooms.

College Matriculation 2017 – 2019

A team of eight counselors offers students personalized guidance to help them understand and articulate their own interests, needs and aspirations and to choose post-secondary experiences appropriate to that understanding. Nearly 100% of our graduates pursue tertiary study, over 80% of them at colleges and universities in the US. In the last three years, HKIS graduates have attended the following institutions:

United States

American University	2
Appalachian State University	2
ArtCenter College of Design	1
Azusa Pacific University	1
Bard College	2
Barnard College	1
Bates College	1
Berklee College of Music	3
Biola University	1
Boston College	4
Boston University	18
Bowdoin College	1
Brandeis University	2
Brigham Young University	2
Brown University	7
Canisius College	1
Carleton College	1
Carnegie Mellon University	1
Chapman University	2
Christopher Newport University	1
Claremont McKenna College	3
Colgate University	3
College of the Holy Cross	2
College of William and Mary	1
Columbia University	4
Cornell University	16
Curry College	1
Dartmouth College	3
DePaul University	2
Duke University	2
Emerson College	1
Emory University	5
Endicott College	1
Fairfield University	1
Florida Institute of Technology	1
Fordham University	2
Franklin & Marshall College	1
Furman University	1
Georgetown University	11
Georgia Institute of Technology	2
Grinnell College	1
Hartwick College	1
Harvard College	2
Indiana University at Bloomington	1
Johns Hopkins University	3
Lafayette College	3
Lehigh University	1
Lipscomb University	2
Lourdes University	1
Loyola Marymount University	1
Loyola University Chicago	2
Macalester College	2
Marist College	1
Maryland Institute College of Art	1
Marymount California University	1
Marymount Manhattan College	1
Massachusetts Institute of Technology	1
Miami University, Oxford	1
Michigan State University	2
New York Institute of Technology	1
New York University	31
Northeastern University	15
Northwestern University	8
Occidental College	1
Oregon State University	1
Pennsylvania State University	2
Pitzer College	3
Pomona College	2
Purdue University	10
Reed College	2
Rhode Island School of Design	2
Rhodes College	2
Rice University	1
Rochester Institute of Technology	1
Rutgers University-Newark	1
Saint John's University, New York	1
San Diego State University	1
Santa Clara University	13
Savannah College of Art and Design	1
School of Visual Arts	1
Sciences Po-Columbia University Dual BA Program	1
Scripps College	2
Skidmore College	3
Smith College	1
St. Edward's University	1
St. Olaf College	1
Stanford University	3
Syracuse University	1
Texas A&M University	1
Texas Tech University	1
The George Washington University	7
The New School – Parsons School of Design	6
The University of Arizona	1
The University of Texas, Austin	1
Trinity College	1
Tufts University	10
Tulane University	1
Union College – New York	1
University of California, Berkeley	16
University of California, Davis	2
University of California, Los Angeles	6
University of California, San Diego	3
University of California, Santa Barbara	4
University of California, Santa Cruz	2
University of Chicago	4
University of Colorado at Boulder	2
University of Hawaii at Manoa	3
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	7
University of La Verne	1
University of Massachusetts, Amherst	2
University of Miami	2
University of Michigan	6
University of Oregon	1
University of Pennsylvania	11
University of Pittsburgh	1
University of Redlands	1
University of Richmond	2
University of Rochester	2
University of San Diego	1
University of San Francisco	2
University of South Carolina	1
University of Southern California	31
University of Utah	1
University of Vermont	1
University of Virginia	5
University of Washington	1
University of Washington, Bothell	1
University of Wisconsin-Madison	1
Utah Valley University	1
Villanova University	1
Virginia Military Institute	1
Wake Forest University	1
Washington State University	1
Washington University in St. Louis	2
Wellesley College	1
Wesleyan University	1
Whitman College	1
Whittier College	1
Widener University	1
Williams College	1
Yale University	1

Other Countries

Australia

University of Sydney	1
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Canada

McGill University	1
Queen's University	2
Sheridan College Inst of Tech & Adv Learning	1
University of British Columbia	7
University of Toronto	12
University of Waterloo	1

France

The American University of Paris	1
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Hong Kong

City University of Hong Kong	1
The Chinese University of Hong Kong	3
The Hong Kong Polytechnic University	1
Savannah College of Art and Design, Hong Kong	3
The University of Hong Kong	2

Ireland

Dublin City University	1
University College Dublin	1

Italy

Universita Cattolica del Sacro Cuore	1
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Japan

International Christian University	1
Keio University Mita	1

Netherlands

Universiteit Utrecht	1
University College Maastricht	1

South Korea

Korea University	1
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Switzerland

Ecole Hôtelière de Lausanne	2
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United Kingdom

Architectural Association School of Architecture	1
Durham University	4
Imperial College London	3
King's College London	4
London School of Economics and Political Science	2
Queen Mary University of London	2
University College London	5
University of Birmingham	1
University of Brighton	1
University of Bristol	2
University of Cambridge	2
The University of Edinburgh	9
University of Glasgow	1
University of Oxford	2
University of St. Andrews	5
University of the Arts London	1
University of Surrey	1
University of the West of England	1