

# School Profile

## 2019-2020

“Discovering and developing our true potential”



HISAR  
SCHOOL  
ISTANBUL

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## SCHOOL HISTORY & MISSION

Hisar School was founded in 1996 by Hisar Educational Foundation, a non-profit organization committed to providing an exemplary academic education to the youth of Turkey starting at the preschool level. Over the brief span of 20 years, Hisar has become one of the best educational institutions in the country and continues to develop global leaders of the future in Turkey and in the world. Hisar's mission is discovering and developing our true potential through critical thinking, effective collaboration and meaningful contributions as world citizens with the integration of 21st century skills into the curriculum.

## HIGH SCHOOL FACULTY

The faculty is comprised of 75 teachers. Of these, 17% are foreign nationals and 46% hold advanced degrees.

## ACCREDITATION & INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Hisar School is accredited by the Turkish Ministry of Education, the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) as well as the Council of International Schools (CIS).

**Memberships:** Turkish Private School Association, Council of International Schools (CIS), NACAC, International ACAC, the College Board and the ERB Association.

Hisar School is committed to internationalism in education and aims at developing global citizenship in students.

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS & CURRICULUM

The academic program is bilingual with a university preparatory curriculum. English is the language of instruction for science, math and English literature courses as well as a variety of electives. Turkish is the language of instruction for Turkish language and literature and some social science courses.

Students follow a common core curriculum as mandated by the Turkish Ministry of Education, consisting of English, Turkish literature and language, math, sciences, social sciences, a foreign language, and electives. It is expected that students planning to study science, math, or engineering complete 4 years of math, 3 sciences in grades 9-10 and 2 sciences in grades 11-12. Students take an average of 12 courses per year, including electives. To graduate, students must complete a minimum of 40 credits per year. **All students graduating from Hisar are awarded the Anadolu Lisesi Diploması (Private Anatolian High School Diploma).**

## ACADEMIC & ADVISING POLICIES

As a small school, Hisar does not compute class rank. Both year-end averages and cumulative GPAs

are listed on the transcript. GPAs are calculated by multiplying grades by the number of credit hours in each course. All courses are included in the cumulative GPA average. We do not incorporate transfer grades from other institutions in our GPA. AP courses are not weighted and graded on the same scale as other courses.

It is important to note that grade inflation is not practiced at Hisar. Admission is selective and our academic standards are high. Just 10% of our students typically achieve a GPA above 95. In the class of 2019, the top GPA was 99.11 and the year before that it was 98. Students receive numeric grades on a 100 point scale in all courses. **Hisar's passing grade is 60.**

In cases where universities require or request, Hisar School reports all out-of-school suspensions, exclusions and withdrawals that arise as a result of a disciplinary incident where the incident raises significant concerns about the future safety and well-being of the student concerned or of those with whom he/she interacts; or where the incident raises significant concerns about the academic integrity of the student.

## GRADING SCALE

High Honors	Honors	Good	Satisfactory	Failing
90 - 100	80 - 89	70 - 79	60 - 69	0 - 59
<i>(95-100 A+) (85-94 A) (80-84 A-/B+) (75-79 B) (70-74 B-/C+) (65-69 C) (60-64 C-/D)</i>				



## CLASS OF 2020 GRADE DISTRIBUTION BY CORE COURSE

<b>ENGLISH</b>	<b>90-100</b>	<b>80-89</b>	<b>70-79</b>	<b>60-69</b>	<b>0-59</b>	<b>Total</b>
AP English Language and Composition	9	4	4	2	-	19
English 11	46	26	5	2	1	80
<b>TURKISH</b>	<b>90-100</b>	<b>80-89</b>	<b>70-79</b>	<b>60-69</b>	<b>0-59</b>	<b>Total</b>
Turkish Lang. & Literature 11	61	20	10	5	3	99
<b>MATH</b>	<b>90-100</b>	<b>80-89</b>	<b>70-79</b>	<b>60-69</b>	<b>0-59</b>	<b>Total</b>
AP Calculus AB	41	11	1	-	-	53
Mathematics 11	15	12	7	9	3	46
<b>SCIENCE</b>	<b>90-100</b>	<b>80-89</b>	<b>70-79</b>	<b>60-69</b>	<b>0-59</b>	<b>Total</b>
AP Biology	7	6	-	-	-	13
Biology 11	11	12	5	3	-	31
AP Chemistry	10	8	-	-	-	18
Chemistry 11	17	9	2	5	1	34
AP Physics 1	14	12	3	-	-	29
Physics 11	10	8	3	6	2	29
Intro to Engineering Mechanics by Georgia Tech	1	-	-	-	-	1
<b>SOCIAL SCIENCES</b>	<b>90-100</b>	<b>80-89</b>	<b>70-79</b>	<b>60-69</b>	<b>0-59</b>	<b>Total</b>
AP Capstone Seminar	3	-	-	-	-	3
AP European History	2	-	-	-	-	2
AP Microeconomics	11	7	-	-	-	18
AP Psychology	12	6	-	-	-	18
Geography 11	1	4	7	3	1	16
History 11	55	23	12	9	-	99
Philosophy 11	65	16	14	4	-	99
Political Geography	8	1	-	-	-	9
<b>FOREIGN LANGUAGE</b>	<b>90-100</b>	<b>80-89</b>	<b>70-79</b>	<b>60-69</b>	<b>0-59</b>	<b>Total</b>
AP Spanish	4	-	-	-	-	4
French III	16	10	4	1	1	32
German III	3	3	5	1	1	13
Spanish III	18	15	8	7	2	50
<b>COMPUTER SCIENCE</b>	<b>90-100</b>	<b>80-89</b>	<b>70-79</b>	<b>60-69</b>	<b>0-59</b>	<b>Total</b>
AP Computer Science A	11	-	-	-	-	11
AP Computer Science Principles	3	-	-	-	-	3
3D Design	5	1	-	-	-	6
Machine Learning and Artificial Intelligence	1	-	-	-	-	1

## ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) COURSES

Traditionally the Turkish Curriculum is known for its rigor, especially in math and sciences. In addition to the Turkish Curriculum, AP courses are offered to 11th and 12th grade students only as elective courses. Hisar School began implementing the program in 2007, (only 2 courses offered) and **currently offers the highest number of AP courses in Turkey.** There are 24 AP courses being offered in 2019-2020 and 72% of 11th and 12th grade students are enrolled in AP courses.

As a result of course-scheduling conflicts or conflicts with the Turkish Ministry requirements, some of our students not enrolled in the courses

study independently and sit for the AP exams. In 2019, a total of 288 AP exams were administered in 18 AP subjects.

In 2014-2015 Hisar School was selected as one of 16 international schools to pilot the AP Capstone Diploma Program. This innovative diploma program provides students the opportunity to engage in scholarly practice of the core academic skills through a two-course sequence: AP Seminar in grade 11 and AP Research in grade 12. Successful completion of these two courses earns an AP certificate. Successful completion of these two courses in conjunction with 4 other AP courses earns an AP Capstone Diploma.

## CLASS OF 2019

AP SCHOLAR  
WITH DISTINCTION

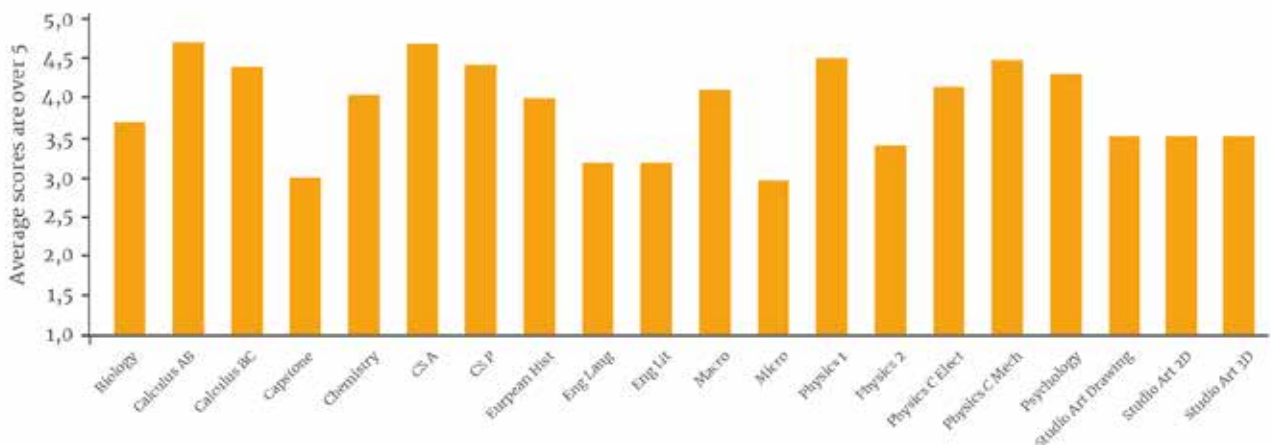


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WITH HONORS

## MAY 2019 AP EXAM SCORES (STUDENTS IN GRADES 11 AND 12)



## 2019 AP EXAM AVERAGES BY COURSE



## CLASS OF 2019 TEST AVERAGES: (100% NON-NATIVE ENGLISH SPEAKERS)

SAT (65 TEST TAKERS)	MIDDLE 50%
Evidence Based Reading and Writing	560-700
Math	31-38
Mathematics	640-790
Reading	27-32
Writing	27-34
<b>Total</b>	<b>1230-1480</b>

SAT SUBJECT TESTS	MIDDLE 50%
Biology - Ecology	650-700
Biology - Molecular	650-740
Chemistry	740-790
English Literature	540-660
German	690-720
Math Level I	600-740
Math Level II	650-800
Physics	690-760
Spanish	400-400
World History	510-600

ACT (17 TEST TAKERS)	MIDDLE 50%
ELA	0-29
English	24-35
Math	28-35
Reading	23-30
Science	25-33
STEM	26-34
Writing	0-18
<b>Composite</b>	<b>24-33</b>

### SPECIAL PROGRAMS & EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Students are involved in a wide range of activities and organizations. 'Active Students, Active Citizens' is an annual community service project for the promotion of international education. Currently in its eleventh year, students in the program visit disadvantaged regions of Turkey to lead children in activities that focus on critical thinking skills, human rights, arts, sports and English.

In its 20th year, Hisar introduced the Apple Distinguished Program designation to Turkey for its programs that meet criteria for innovation, leadership and educational excellence demonstrating Apple's vision of exemplary learning environments.

Following the establishment of the IdeaLab as a well-resourced hands-on learning space, Hisar DL Workstation was founded in 2019 to support the calculation systems which AI / ML (Artificial Intelligence/ Machine Learning) projects and STEAM oriented classes thought in our school require. During the 2018-2019 Academic Year, our students won the "Most Artistic Design" award 15th Nasa JPL Invention Challenge, the "Entrepreneurship Award" at the First Robotic Competition in Quebec, Canada and the "Tournament Champion" award at VEX Robotics Competition (VRC) Turkey, qualifying to represent Turkey in the World's Championship in Kentucky.

Also this year, the first PiWars Turkey Robotics Competition and the 5th Hisar Coding Summit was successfully organized by our Robotics students. In May, our students presented their science projects at Harvard and MIT Science and Art Conference in Boston, USA.

Hisar School students also excel in arts and sports. Our Classical Guitar Band ranked first at Sea Sun Festival in Spain, our 10th Grade student won the First Place in Regent's University Fashion Design Competition, Hisar School Boys Junior Handball Team were semi-finalists at the Turkish Championship and our 9th Grade student participated in the Junior NBA Europe & Middle-East Selection Camp organized in Bologna, Italy.



## MATRICULATION & UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCE LIST (2015-2019)

### Asia

- Yale-NUS College

### Canada

- Bishop's University
- Brock University
- Carleton University
- **Concordia University - Montreal**
- Dalhousie University
- **Emily Carr University of Art + Design**
- Huron University College
- **McGill University**
- McMaster University
- **Ontario College of Art & Design (OCAD)**
- **Queen's University**
- **Ryerson University**
- **Simon Fraser University**
- Trent University
- **University of Alberta**
- **University of British Columbia**
- University of Guelph
- University of Guelph-Humber
- University of Ottawa
- **University of Toronto**
- University of Waterloo
- Western University
- Wilfrid Laurier University
- **York University**

### Europe

- Copenhagen School of Design and Technology
- **Ecole Hoteliere de Lausanne**
- **Erasmus Universiteit Rotterdam**
- Escuela Superior de Administración y Dirección de Empresas (ESADE)
- Glion Institute of Higher Education
- Hogeschool van Arnhem en Nijmegen
- Humanitas University
- **IE University - Segovia**
- Instituto Europeo di Design, Milan
- Istituto Europeo di Design
- **Istituto Marangoni, Milano**
- Katholieke Universiteit Leuven
- Leiden University College The Hague
- Linnaeus University - Kalmar
- Marist-LdM - Florence
- **Nuova Accademia di Belle Arti Milano**
- **Politecnico di Milano**
- **Politecnico di Torino**
- Radboud Universiteit Nijmegen
- **Technische Universiteit Delft**
- **Tilburg University**
- Trinity College Dublin
- **Universita Bocconi**
- **Universita Cattolica del Sacro Cuore**
- Università degli Studi di Roma 'Tor Vergata'
- Universitat Ramon Llull - La Salle
- **Universiteit Leiden**
- **Universiteit Maastricht**
- **Universiteit Twente**
- Universiteit van Amsterdam
- University College Maastricht
- University of Groningen
- **University of Southern Denmark, Sønderborg**
- **Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam**
- Webster University (Geneva)

### Israel

- IDC Herzliya- Raphael Recanati International School

### United Kingdom

- **Bath College**
- Birmingham City University
- **Bournemouth University**
- Brunel University London
- Cardiff University
- **Central Saint Martins College of Art & Design**
- Chelsea College of Art and Design
- City and Guilds of London Art School
- **City University of London**
- Coventry University
- **Durham University**
- **Goldsmiths, University of London**
- **Imperial College London**
- Istituto Marangoni, London
- **King's College London**
- Kingston University
- Lancaster University
- **London College of Communication**
- **London College of Fashion**
- London Metropolitan University
- **Loughborough University**
- Middlesex University
- Newcastle University
- Oxford Brookes University
- **Queen Mary University of London**
- Ravensbourne
- Regent's University London
- **Royal Holloway, University of London**

## United Kingdom

- **School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London**
- Sheffield Hallam University
- Staffordshire University
- **The Glasgow School of Art**
- **The University of Edinburgh**
- **The University of Manchester**
- **The University of Nottingham**
- **The University of Sheffield**
- **The University of Warwick**
- **University College Birmingham**
- **University College London**
- University for the Creative Arts
- University for the Creative Arts at Epsom
- University for the Creative Arts at Farnham
- **University of Bath**
- **University of Birmingham**
- University of Brighton
- University of Bristol
- University of East Anglia
- University of East London
- University of Essex
- **University of Exeter**
- **University of Kent**
- University of Leeds
- University of Newcastle
- **University of Reading**
- University of Southampton
- **University of St Andrews**
- **University of Surrey**
- **University of Sussex**
- **University of the Arts London**
- **University of West London**
- University of Westminster
- **University of York**

## United States

- AMDA College and Conservatory of the Performing Arts
- **American University**
- ArtCenter College of Design
- **Babson College**
- **Barnard College**
- Bentley University
- Berkeley College NYC Midtown Location
- **Berklee College of Music**
- Boston College
- **Boston University**
- **Brandeis University**
- **Brown University**
- **Bryant University**
- Bryn Mawr College
- Bucknell University
- California College of the Arts (San Francisco)
- California Institute of Technology
- **California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo**
- California State Polytechnic University - Pomona
- California State University, Fresno
- California State University, Fullerton
- California State University, Long Beach
- California State University, Los Angeles
- **Carnegie Mellon University**
- Case Western Reserve University
- Chapman University
- Claremont McKenna College
- Clark University
- College of William & Mary
- Columbia College Chicago
- **Columbia University**
- Connecticut College
- Cornell University
- **Dartmouth College**
- **Dickinson College**
- Drew University
- Drexel University
- **Duke University**
- Emerson College
- **Emory University**
- Fairfield University
- Florida Institute of Technology
- **Fordham University**
- George Mason University
- **Georgetown University**
- **Georgia Institute of Technology**
- Hamilton College - NY
- Harvey Mudd College
- Hope College
- Hult International Business School - Boston
- Irvine Valley College
- Ithaca College
- **Johns Hopkins University**
- Johnson & Wales University (Providence)
- **Keiser University - West Palm Beach**
- Lafayette College
- **Lehigh University**
- **Loyola Marymount University**
- Lynn University
- Manhattan College
- **Marist College**
- Maryland Institute College of Art
- Marymount Manhattan College
- Massachusetts College of Art and Design
- **Massachusetts Institute of Technology**
- **MCPHS - Massachusetts College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences**
- Michigan State University
- Musicians Institute
- New York Institute of Technology
- **New York University**
- **Northeastern University**

## United States

- Northwestern University
- Otis College of Art and Design
- Pace University, New York City
- Pennsylvania State University
- Pepperdine University
- Pomona College
- Pratt Institute
- Princeton University
- Purdue University
- Quinnipiac University
- Rhode Island School of Design
- Rice University
- Ringling College of Art and Design
- Rochester Institute of Technology
- Roger Williams University
- Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
- Rutgers University-New Brunswick
- San Diego State University
- San Francisco State University
- San Jose State University
- Santa Clara University
- Sarah Lawrence College
- Savannah College of Art and Design
- School of the Art Institute of Chicago
- **School of Visual Arts**
- Scripps College
- Skidmore College
- Southern California Institute of Architecture
- St. John's College
- **Stanford University**
- Suffolk University
- Syracuse University
- Temple University
- **The George Washington University**
- **The New School**
- The University of Arizona
- The University of Iowa
- The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- The University of Tampa
- **The University of Texas, Austin**
- Trinity University
- **Tufts University**
- **Tulane University**
- **University of California, Berkeley**
- **University of California, Davis**
- **University of California, Irvine**
- **University of California, Los Angeles**
- University of California, Merced
- University of California, Riverside
- **University of California, San Diego**
- University of California, San Francisco
- University of California, Santa Barbara
- University of California, Santa Cruz
- **University of Chicago**
- University of Colorado at Boulder
- **University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign**
- University of Maryland, College Park
- University of Massachusetts, Amherst
- University of Massachusetts, Boston
- **University of Miami**
- University of Michigan
- University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
- **University of Pennsylvania**
- University of Richmond
- University of Rochester
- University of San Diego
- University of San Francisco
- University of South Florida, Tampa
- **University of Southern California**
- University of the Pacific
- University of Utah
- University of Vermont
- **University of Virginia**
- **University of Washington**
- University of Wisconsin, Madison
- Vanderbilt University
- **Vassar College**
- **Virginia Tech**
- Wake Forest University
- Washington University in St. Louis
- **Wellesley College**
- Wentworth Institute of Technology
- Wesleyan University
- **Wheaton College MA**
- Whittier College
- Woodbury University
- **Worcester Polytechnic Institute**
- Yale University

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