

Profile 2019/20 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 **three campuses** hold approximately **1,300 students** representing over **55 countries** and more than **40 mother tongue languages**.

Upper School Faculty

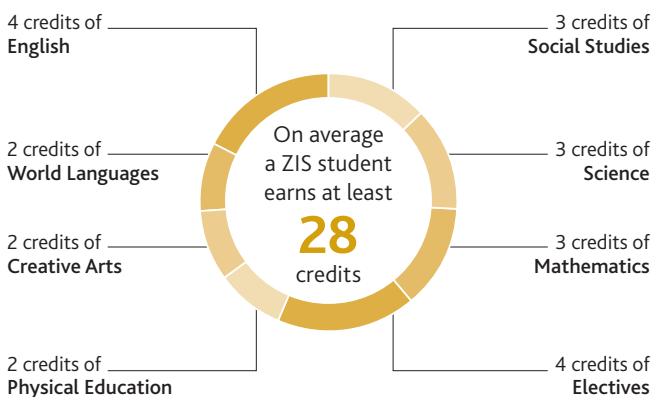
The 72 Upper School full-time and part-time faculty have an **average of 17 years teaching experience** and over six years with the school. **75% hold MA/MS or higher degrees**, and most have taught at other international schools throughout the world. Native speakers teach our world language courses.

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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493

Students in
Grades 9–12

126

Students in our
senior class
(2020)

73

Number of AP
and IB courses on
offer in 2019/20

Accreditation/Memberships

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



Class of 2019 University Destinations (141 students)



United Kingdom (39%)	United States (19%)	Europe (15%)
Other or gap year (20%)	Switzerland (5%)	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.

Academic Pathways Offered

ZIS offers multiple academic pathways. Students can take Advanced Placement courses (AP), High School Courses, or International Baccalaureate Diploma courses (IB). **We value our AP and IB pathways equally.** This is reflected in our academic advising and in our student course choices. All students enrolled in IB/AP courses are required to take the external exam.

Access to AP, 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

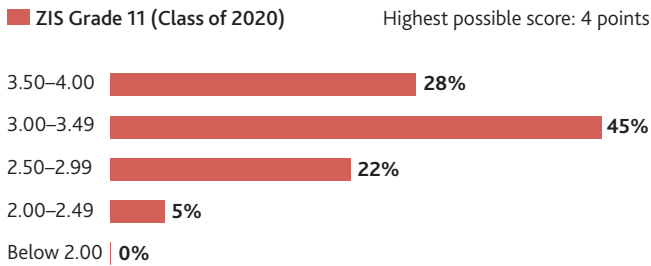
- AP Courses at ZIS:**
- **Arts:** Studio Art Drawing, 2D Design, 3D Design, Music Theory
 - **English:** Language & Composition, Literature & Composition
 - **Mathematics:** Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Statistics, Computer Science
 - **Science:** Biology, Chemistry, Physics 1, Physics 2
 - **Social Studies:** 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 2020



of Grade 11 students had a GPA of 3.0 or higher



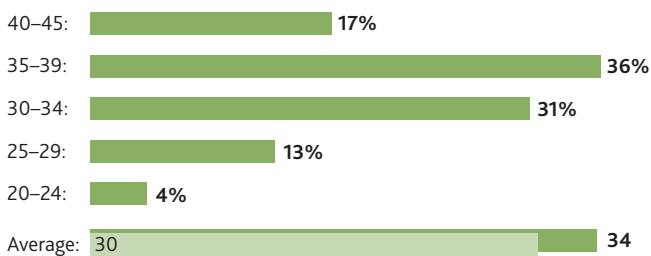
of Grade 11 students had a GPA of 3.5 or higher

International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Results 2019

■ ZIS ■ World Highest possible score: 45 points

Number of IB Diploma candidates: 78
Pass rate: 94% (73 out of 78)

Total points obtained by candidates:



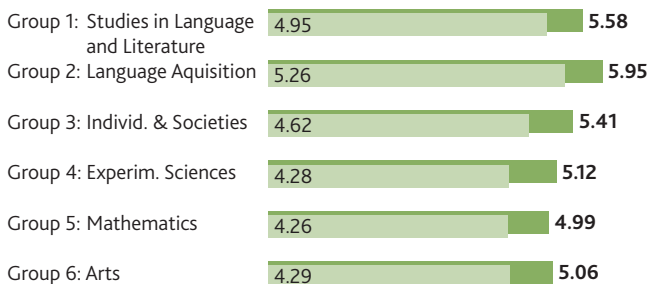
of IB Diploma candidates passed



of students received a bilingual diploma

Average International Baccalaureate (IB) Scores by Subject Groups 2019

■ ZIS ■ World Highest possible score: 7 points



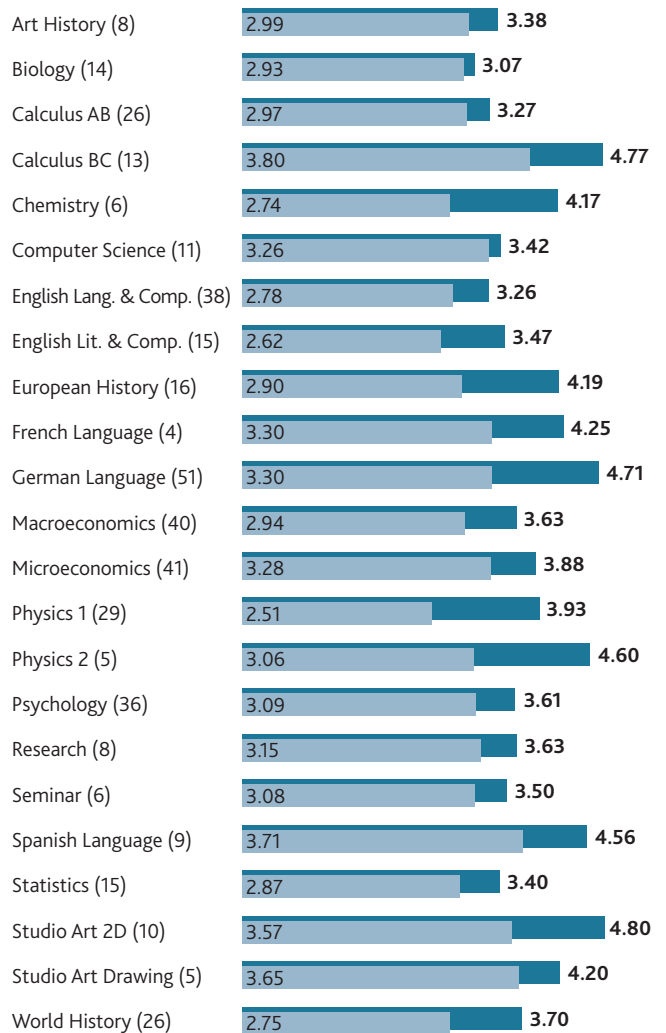
SAT Reasoning Scores ZIS Class of 2020

■ ZIS Mean Highest possible score: 800 each (1600 combined)

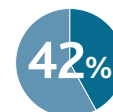


Average Advanced Placement (AP) Subject Scores World and ZIS 2019

■ ZIS ■ World Highest possible score: 5



of AP test takers scored 3.0 or higher



of students in Grades 10–12 enrolled in one or more AP classes

- 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 (2017–19) have been offered admission to leading institutions worldwide including:

United States

American Film Institute
American University
Arizona State University
Art Center College of Design
Babson College
Bard College
Barnard College
Bates College
Bentley University
Berklee College of Music
Boston College
Boston University
Brandeis University
Bryant University
Bucknell University
Butler University
California College of the Arts
(San Francisco)
Calvin College
Case Western Reserve University
Chapman University
Claremont McKenna College
Clemson University
Colgate University
College of William & Mary
Columbia University
Concordia University – Irvine
Dartmouth College
Elon University
Emerson College
Fairleigh Dickinson University
– Florham Campus
Florida Institute of Technology
Fordham University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Georgia Tech Scheller College
of Business
Gettysburg College
High Point University
Indiana University at
Bloomington
Johnson & Wales University
– Providence
Keene State College
Kennesaw State University
Kenyon College
Lesley University
Loyola Marymount University
Lynn University
Marist College
Marymount Manhattan College
Massachusetts College of Art
and Design
Merrimack College
Miami University, Oxford
Michigan State University
New Jersey Institute of
Technology
New York Film Academy
– New York City
New York University
North Carolina State University
Northeastern University
Northern Arizona University
Northwestern University
Pace University New York City
Pennsylvania State University
– Abington
– State College
Pomona College
Purdue University
Quinnipiac University
Reed College
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rhode Island School of Design
Rutgers University
– New Brunswick

Sacred Heart University
Saint Joseph's University
San Diego State 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
Skidmore College
Southern Methodist University
St. Edward's University
St. John's University
Stevens Institute of Technology
Suffolk University
Syracuse University
Texas Tech University
The College of New Jersey
The George Washington
University
The Naropa University
The New School
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
– Santa Cruz
University of Chicago
University of Colorado at Boulder
University of Colorado at Denver
University of Delaware
University of Georgia
University of Illinois
– Chicago
– Urbana-Champaign
University of Maryland,
College Park
University of Massachusetts,
Amherst
University of Miami
University of Michigan
University of Oregon
University of Rhode Island
University of San Francisco
University of Southern California
University of Tennessee, Knoxville
University of Vermont
University of Virginia
University of Washington
University of Wisconsin, Madison
Wake Forest University
Washington State University
Washington University in
St. Louis
Wellesley College
Wesleyan University
Western Colorado University
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
Brighton and Sussex Medical
School
Bristol University
British and Irish Modern Music
Institute
Brunel University London
Canterbury Christ Church
University
Cardiff Metropolitan 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
Falmouth University
Glyndwr University
Goldsmiths, University of London
Heriot-Watt University
Hull York Medical School
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 College of Fashion
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
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
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 Medway School of Pharmacy
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 London
University of Aberdeen
University of Bath
University of Bedfordshire
University of Birmingham
University of Brighton
University of Bristol
University of Central Lancashire
University of Chester
University of Derby
University of Dundee
University of East Anglia
University of East London
University of Essex
University of Exeter
University of Glasgow
University of Gloucestershire
University of Greenwich
University of Hertfordshire
University of Kent
University of Leeds
University of Leicester
University of Liverpool
University of Manchester Institute
of Science & Technology
University of Plymouth
University of Portsmouth
University of Reading
University of Roehampton
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
Webster Vienna Private University

Canada

Brock University
Concordia University – Montreal
McGill University
McMaster University
Ontario College of Art & Design
(OCAD)
Pearson College
Queen's University
Ryerson University
University of British Columbia
(Okanagan)
University of British Columbia
(Vancouver)
University of Toronto
University of Waterloo
Western University

Denmark

Copenhagen Business School

France

Istituto Marangoni Paris
SKEMA Business School
The American University of Paris

Germany

Ecole de Mode Internationale
Berlin
ESCP Europe Business School
– Berlin
Ludwig Maximilians Universität
München

Israel

IDC Herzliya – Raphael Recanati
International School

Italy

Humanitas University
John Cabot University
Libera Università Internazionale
degli Studi Sociali Guido Carli
The American University of Rome
Università Bocconi

Netherlands

Amsterdam University College
Amsterdam University of Applied
Sciences
Erasmus Universiteit Rotterdam
Erasmus University College
Hotelschool The Hague
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 Twente
Universiteit van Amsterdam
University College Groningen
University of Groningen
Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

Qatar

Georgetown University School of
Foreign Service

Spain

CEU Cardenal Herrera University
Escola Superior d'Administració i
Direcció d'Empreses (ESADE)
IE University – Madrid Campus
IE University – Segovia
Instituto de Empresa Business
School
Saint Louis University, Madrid

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