



High School Academic Profile 2020-21

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Due to Covid-19, HKIS courses in 2020 were conducted online from early February to late May, and again to start the current school year. With few exceptions, conventional letter grades are being used for the majority of students and classes. Modified AP exams were synchronously administered around the world by the College Board in May 2020, which meant our students had to sit for them in the middle of the night.

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 2021 consists of 171 students from 20 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 2,800 students, of whom 46% are from the United States, 18% are from Hong Kong and 36% are from 38 other countries. 742 students are enrolled in the High School.



Faculty

HKIS attracts and retains an outstanding faculty, 69% of whom hold advanced degrees, by providing a vibrant work environment and exceptional professional development opportunities. The average tenure is 10 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. In 2019-20 school year, Interim was canceled due to COVID-19.

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.

HKIS's Advanced Placement Policy

- 29 AP courses offered.
- G11 and G12 students must seek special permission from administrators to pursue more than 3.0 AP credits. G10 students are limited to 1.0 AP credit.
- Students enrolled in an AP course must take the corresponding exam in May.

Class of 2020 Advanced Placement Exam Results, by Subject

**Modified exams online taken in the middle of the night due to Covid-19.*

Subject	5	4	3	2	1	Total Exams
2D Art & Design	6	3	--	--	--	9
3D Art & Design	--	2	--	--	--	2
Art History	2	5	2	--	--	9
Biology	23	19	6	1	--	49
Calculus AB	22	19	7	6	3	57
Calculus BC	23	5	1	1	--	30
Capstone Research	2	2	2	--	--	6
Capstone Seminar	1	11	19	1	--	32
Chemistry	32	19	6	3	--	60
Chinese Language	42	6	8	--	--	56
Computer Principles	--	2	4	--	--	6
Computer Science	8	9	2	3	1	23
English Language & Composition	33	33	24	11	3	104
English Literature & Composition	9	5	8	1	--	23
Environmental Science	19	21	2	5	1	48
French Language	6	--	--	--	--	6
Government & Politics Comparative	12	8	4	3	--	27
Government & Politics US	15	6	5	3	--	29
Human Geography	15	11	8	2	--	36
Macroeconomics	67	27	11	4	--	109
Microeconomics	56	34	13	8	1	112
Physics II	6	10	4	--	--	20
Physics C: E & M	15	3	--	--	--	18
Physics C: Mechanics	18	--	--	--	--	18
Psychology	44	17	4	1	2	68
Spanish Language	2	--	--	--	--	2
Statistics	29	28	13	6	1	77
United States History	5	6	--	--	--	11
World History: Modern	30	18	8	2	1	59

Grading Scale

Grade	GPA
A	4.0
A-	3.67
B+	3.33
B	3.0
C	2.33
D	1.33
F	0.00

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 & 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.

Class of 2021 Distribution of Six-Semester Cumulative GPA

GPA	Percent in Range
3.8-4.00	21.76%
3.6-3.79	30.59%
3.4-3.59	23.53%
3.2-3.39	15.29%
<3.2	8.82%

Class of 2019-21 SAT Scores

Middle 50-Percentile Scores and Mean for SAT (1600)

	2019	2020	2021
<i># of Students tested</i>	127	138	102
Evidence Based Reading & Writing	630-710 670	620-730 670	610-740 670
Mathematics	620-780 710	620-780 690	620-780 700

Class of 2019-21 ACT Scores

Middle 50-Percentile Scores and Mean for ACT (36)

	2019	2020	2021
<i># of Students tested</i>	63	68	34
Reading	27-34 31	25-33 29	22-34 29
Science	28-34 30	26-33 29	27-36 31
Math	29-35 31	27-34 30	26-35 30
English	29-35 31	27-35 30	27-35 31
Composite	29-34 31	27-33 29	26-34 30

Advanced Placement Exam Results: Overall (2018-20)

	2018	2019	2020
Candidates	475	449	463
Exams Taken	1291	1293	1144
Percent of Exams that earned Passing Scores (3+)	92	91	93
Percent of Exams that earned a 4 or 5	77	74	79

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 enrollment 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: A 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)
Architecture 1 (.5)
AP Calculus AB (1)
AP Calculus BC (1)
AP Statistics (1)
Foundations of PreCalculus (1)
Geometry (1)
Geometry (Honors) (1)
History of Math (.5)
Introduction to Differential Calculus (.5)
Introduction to Integral Calculus (.5)
Mathematics of Human Behavior (.5)
Mathematical Models (1)
PreCalculus (1)
PreCalculus (Honors) (1)
Statistics (.5)
Advanced Mathematical Topics (1)

SCIENCE

AP Biology (1)
AP Chemistry (1)
AP Environmental Science (1)
AP Physics 1 (1)
AP Physics 2 (1)
AP Physics C: Electricity/Magnetism and Mechanics (1)
Astronomy (.5)
Biology (1)
Biology (Honors) (1)
Chemistry (1)
Chemistry (Honors) (1)
Earth and Space Science (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: Modern (1)
Learning Service in Action: Cambodia/Philippines (.5 each)
Business Leadership (.5)
Introduction to Psychology (.5)
Peace Studies (.5)
Moral Philosophy (.5)

MODERN LANGUAGES

Chinese Language and Culture (1)
AP French Language and Culture (1)
AP Spanish Language and Culture (1)
French 1 to 4 (1 each)
French Conversation & Culture (1)
French Language & Culture (Honors) (1)
Mandarin as a Second Language Novice 1 & 2 (1 each)
Mandarin as a Second Language Intermediate 1 to 5 (1 each)
Mandarin as a Second Language Advanced 1/ AP Chinese (1)
Mandarin as a Second Language Advanced 2 (1)
Mandarin for Near Native Learners 1 to 3 (1 each)
Mandarin for Near Native Learners Culture and Language (1)
Mandarin for Near Native Learners Literature and Society (1)
Mandarin for Near Native Learners Advanced Literature and History (1)
Spanish 1 to 4 (1 each)
Spanish Conversation and Culture (1)
Spanish Language and Culture (Honors) (1)

RELIGION

Applied Practices of Mindfulness (.5)
Biblical Explorations (.5)
Existentialism (.5)
Jesus Christ: Movie Star (.5)
Moral Philosophy (.5)
Personal Spirituality Project (.5)
Service, Society and the Sacred (.5)
Spiritual Community (.5 or 1)
Spiritual Explorations 9 to 12 (0.25 each)

VISUAL ART, DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY

VADT Foundation (.5)
3D Form & Function (.5)
Advanced Computer Science Studio (1)
Advanced Film Photography (.5)
Advanced Studio (.5)
Advertising & Layout Design (.5)
AP Art & Design – 2D, 3D and Drawing (1)
AP Art History (1)
AP Computer Science A (1)
AP Computer Science Principles (1)
Coding in Action (.5)
Digital Photography (.5)
Drawing & Painting (.5)
Fashion and Textiles Studio (.5)
Graphic Design (.5)

Independent Studio (.5)
Introduction to Fashion & Textiles (.5)
Introduction to Photography (.5)
Mobile App Development (.5)
Mobile Games Development (.5)
Printmaking (.5)
Product Design (.5)
Robotics (.5)
Spatial & Urban Design (.5)
Street Art (.5)

PERFORMING ARTS

Chamber Strings (1)
Concert Choir (.5 or 1)
Drama Workshop I & II (.5 each)
Drama Production – Musical (.5)
Drama Production – Play, Non-Musical (.5)
Effective Speech Communication (.5)
Guitar I & II (.5 each)
High School Beginner Band (.5 or 1)
Madrigal Singers (1)
Makeup Design and Application (.5)
Men's Choir (1)
Music Theory & Composition Design (.5)
Orchestra (.5)
Stagecraft for the Theater (.5)
String Ensemble (1)
Symphonic Band – Brass or Winds (1)
Wind Ensemble – Brass or Winds (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

Architecture I (Math/Design) (.5)
Effective Speech Communication (English/Performing Arts) (.5)
Existentialism (Religion/Social Studies) (.5)
Humanities I (English/History) (1/1)
Humanities I in Action (English/History) (1/1)
Humanities II (English/History) (1/1)
Humanities II in Action (English/History) (1/1)
Moral Philosophy (Religion/Social Studies) (.5)
Peace Studies (Religion/Social Studies) (.5)

LEARNING SUPPORT

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

DEVELOPMENTAL GUIDANCE

Counseling Seminar Program Grade 9-12

GLOBAL ONLINE ACADEMY

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

College Matriculation 2018 – 2020

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	3	Purdue University	9
Appalachian State University	1	Reed College	1
Art Center College of Design	1	Rhode Island School of Design	2
Azusa Pacific University	1	Rhodes College	1
Bates College	2	Rice University	2
Berklee College of Music	3	Ringling College of Art and Design	1
Biola University	1	Rochester Institute of Technology	1
Boston College	3	Sacred Heart University	1
Boston University	17	San Diego State University	1
Bowdoin College	1	Santa Clara University	16
Brandeis University	2	School of Visual Arts	1
Brown University	6	Scripps College	2
California Institute of Technology	1	Skidmore College	3
Carleton College	1	Smith College	2
Carnegie Mellon University	3	St. Olaf College	1
Chapman University	1	Stanford University	3
Claremont McKenna College	6	Syracuse University	2
Colgate University	6	Texas A&M University	1
College of the Holy Cross	1	Texas Tech University	1
College of William and Mary	1	The George Washington University	5
Columbia University	5	The New School	10
Concordia University-Irvine	1	The University of Arizona	1
Cornell University	16	The University of Texas, Austin	1
Dartmouth College	3	Trinity College	1
DePaul University	2	Trinity University	1
Drew University	1	Tufts University	13
Duke University	3	Tulane University	1
Emerson College	2	Union College – New York	1
Emory University	7	University of Arizona	1
Endicott College	1	University of California, Berkeley	13
Fairfield University	1	University of California, Davis	2
Florida Institute of Technology	1	University of California, Irvine	1
Fordham University	2	University of California, Los Angeles	11
Franklin & Marshall College	1	University of California, San Diego	3
Furman University	1	University of California, Santa Barbara	7
Georgetown University	8	University of California, Santa Cruz	1
Georgia Institute of Technology	3	University of Chicago	5
Grinnell College	1	University of Colorado at Boulder	1
Hartwick College	1	University of Hawaii at Manoa	2
Harvard University	2	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	6
Haverford College	1	University of Massachusetts, Amherst	2
Indiana University Bloomington	1	University of Miami	3
Ithaca College	1	University of Michigan	6
Johns Hopkins University	4	University of Nebraska-Lincoln	1
Kenyon College	1	University of Oregon	1
Lafayette College	1	University of Pennsylvania	12
Lehigh University	1	University of Pittsburgh	1
Lipscomb University	1	University of Puget Sound	1
Loyola Marymount University	7	University of Richmond	2
Loyola University Chicago	2	University of Rochester	1
Loyola University New Orleans	1	University of San Diego	3
Macalester College	1	University of San Francisco	2
Marymount California University	1	University of South Carolina	2
Miami University, Oxford	1	University of Southern California	20
Michigan State University	2	University of Utah	1
Mount Holyoke College	1	University of Vermont	1
New York Film Academy	1	University of Virginia	4
New York University	30	University of Wisconsin-Madison	1
Northeast Wisconsin Technical College	1	Utah Valley University	1
Northeastern University	15	Virginia Military Institute	1
Northwestern University	9	Wake Forest University	1
Occidental College	1	Washington State University	1
Oregon State University	2	Washington University in St. Louis	1
Pennsylvania State University	4	Wesleyan University	1
Pitzer College	1	Whitman College	2
Pomona College	1	Williams College	1
Princeton University	1	Yale University	1

Other Countries

Australia

University of Sydney	1
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Canada

Queen's University	2
Sheridan College Inst. of Tech & Adv. Learning	1
The University of British Columbia	8
University of Toronto	12
University of Victoria	1
University of Waterloo	1

France

The American University of Paris	1
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Hong Kong

Chinese University of Hong Kong	2
City University of Hong Kong	1
Hong Kong Polytechnic University	1
Savannah College of Art and Design – SCAD, Hong Kong	1
University of Hong Kong	1

Ireland

University College Dublin	1
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Italy

Universita Bocconi	1
Universita Cattolica del Sacro Cuore	1

Japan

International Christian University	1
Keio University	1

Netherlands

Universiteit Utrecht	1
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Switzerland

Ecole Hôtelière de Lausanne	1
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United Kingdom

Architectural Association School of Architecture	1
Durham University	3
Imperial College London	2
King's College London	7
Loughborough University	1
Royal Veterinary College, University of London	1
The London School of Economics & Political Science	2
The University of Edinburgh	7
University College London	5
University of Birmingham	1
University of Bristol	1
University of Cambridge	1
University of Glasgow	1
University of Oxford	3
University of St. Andrews	5
University of the West of England	1