

# High School Info Night No.1

**General Information | Program & Dual Diploma**

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Wednesday, September 9, 2020, 7pm



**Celebrating  
20 years**

**2000–2020**

**German  
International  
School  
of  
Silicon Valley**



# High School Info Nights

## **High School Info Night 1** | General Information

Wednesday, September 09, 7pm

## **High School Info Night 2** | Studying in the USA – Application Process

Wednesday, September 16, 7pm

## **High School Info Night 3** | Studying in Germany

Tuesday, September 22, 7pm



# GISSV High School

20 years GISSV

First graduates in 2009

12th graduation class in 2020 (13th in 2021)

146 GISSV alumni (166 in 2021)

Studying in USA, Germany/Europe World



# Dual Accreditation & Dual Diploma



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GISSV is accredited in Germany and in the USA



We offer an outstanding bilingual program that culminates in a dual diploma:

**DIA**

Deutsches Internationales Abitur

**HSD**

California High School Diploma

# University Application World Wide

with the DIA	with the High School Diploma (and scores from the SAT/ACT)
All our students can apply to German and European universities	All our students can apply to American colleges





# DIA

Deutsches Internationales Abitur	
deutsch	international
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Preparation and access to German and European Universities and Hochschulen</li><li>● Application at German Universities as a “Bildungsinländer”</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Bilingual format, focus on bilingualism</li><li>● Integration of country-specific requirements, exams, and diplomas (USA/CA)</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Education towards global citizenship</li><li>● Outstanding educational program ending with written and oral exams</li><li>● Exam format “colloquium” focuses on project-based and cross-curricular studies</li></ul>	



# DIA

Studying in Germany

Application at German Universities as a “Bildungsinländer”

→ **High School Info Night 3** | Studying in Germany  
with experts from DAAD & TU9





# California High School Diploma

Our High School Diploma fulfills the UC requirements!

→ **High School Info Night 2** | Studying in the USA, Application Process  
with Jennifer Krejcik (College Counselor)



# How we prepare our students



# How do we prepare our students?

- Homeroom teacher, Mentor, Counselors
- Field Trips (9,10,11)
- Exchange Programs (9,10,11), Collaborations
- Berufs- und Studienorientierung and Counseling  
Berufspraktikum / Job Shadowing Week (10)
- Facharbeit / Research Paper (11)
- SAT preparation and exams on campus  
AP Courses and exams on campus (10,11,12)
- Extracurricular Activities, Clubs, ...



# Support System

**Homeroom Teacher**

**Mentor**

**Head of High School**

High School - Gymnasiale Oberstufe - DIA

**Career Counselor  
for German Universities**

Berufs- und Studienorientierung  
Internship Coordinator  
German University Application

**Counselor for  
American Colleges & Universities**

US College and Career Counseling  
US standardized tests  
US college application






# Field Trips – Exchange Programs – Collaborations

	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
Field Trip	Sacramento (UC Davis) or San Luis Obispo (Cal Poly)	Portland (Lewis & Clark College)	Santa Barbara (UCSF) or San Diego (UCSD) or ...	
Exchange Programs	Germany (Dresden) France (Bordeaux) Chile (Valparaiso)			
Collaborations	in class projects with ESG			
		Exchange (School, Companies, Universities)		



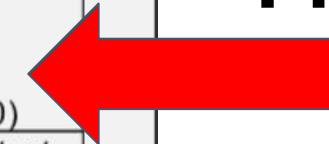
## GISSV Exchange Programs 2019/20

Where?	Dresden/Germany 	Valparaíso/Chile 	Bordeaux/France 
Who?	9 <sup>th</sup> graders , 10 <sup>th</sup> graders with outstanding grades	9 <sup>th</sup> /10 <sup>th</sup> graders	9 <sup>th</sup> /10 <sup>th</sup> graders
When go our students?	<b>3 months</b>  April to July (4/20 - 7/17/2020)	<b>3 weeks</b>  March/April (3/30 - 4/10/2020)	<b>3 weeks</b>  March/April (3/30 - 4/10/2020)
Hosting guest students	Hosting is an important part of the program  August to November (8/19 - 11/11/2019)	Hosting is an important part of the program  January (1/13 - 1/31/2010)	Hosting is an important part of the program  February/March (2/18 - 3/6/2020)
What?	Marie-Curie Gymnasium Dresden  regular lessons, graded	Deutsche Schule Valparaiso  regular lessons, no grades	Saint-Joseph de Tivoli  regular lessons, no grades
Deadlines	<b>September, 13th</b> personal description + motivational letter from students <b>October</b> Q&A for applicants and parents <b>November</b> beginning to match		
Selection process	"The selection process considers academics, social skills, recommendations from teachers, cultural benefits for the particular student, language gain, availability to go the following year, <b>and</b> : the availability or choices made in France, Chile and Germany."		
Costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• airplane ticket , (possibly Visa costs)</li> <li>• pocket money for food, extras, trips</li> <li>• you pay tuition at GISSV</li> </ul>		

Please let us know if you are interested in one of our programs by September 11th! Contact us at [mzilger@gissv.org](mailto:mzilger@gissv.org) and [cschapeler@gissv.org](mailto:cschapeler@gissv.org)

# Exchange program

France/Chile:  
**03/23/20**  
-  
**04/10/20**



# BeSO

## Berufs- und Studienorientierung

BeSO facilitates individualized discussion and feedback about career choices to give students a sense of security to make fitting, informed, and goal-oriented choices after completing high school.

- Information/Suggestions
- Support
- Guests/Experts
- subject in grade 11





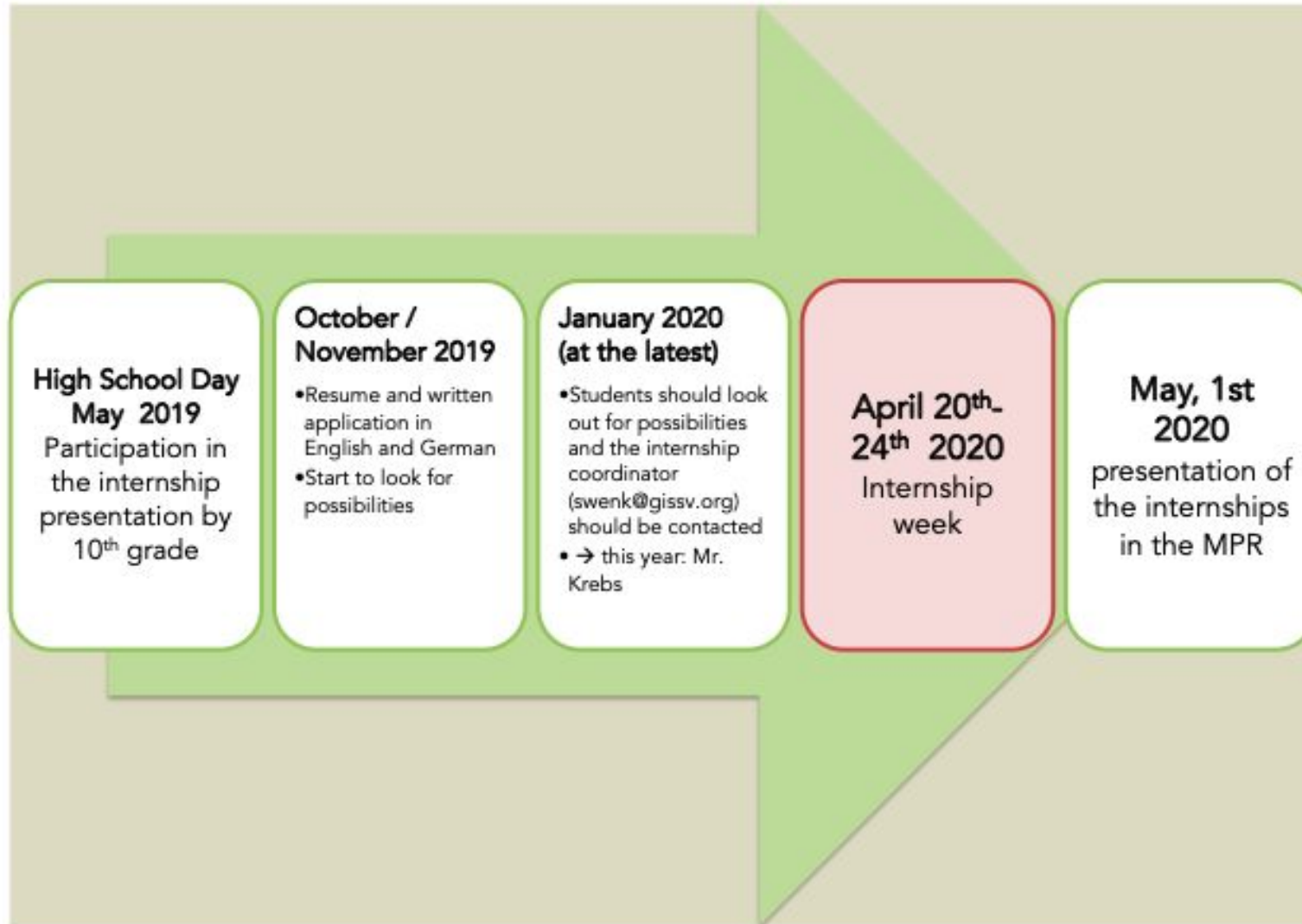
# Internship program/Shadowing week

## General facts:

- Shadowing week for all 10<sup>th</sup> graders:
  - Local business/company
  - Accompany, if possible participate in any activity that makes up a typical work day
  - Better understanding of different job environments
- Students are covered by our school insurance
- Non-disclosure agreement provided by GISSV
- Unpaid
- 5 business days



# Schedule





### Last year:

- Creative Drive SF
- Mountain View Recreation Division
- Office de tourisme & des congrès Montpellier Méditerranée Métropole
- Spiralmoon Media Inc.
- Monika Stone Skin
- Stanford Bio-x
- YMCA
- University of Berkeley, Department of Neuroscience
- Khan Academy
- Study.com
- Santa Clara Superior Court
- Trade Winds Aviation

# Facharbeit / Research Paper

- Article, 8...12 pages
- replaces written exams in one subject
- 8 weeks (Jan–Mar)
- meetings with subject teacher



# **US Tests & Exams**

**PSAT10**

**PSAT/NMQST**

**SAT**

**AP Exams**



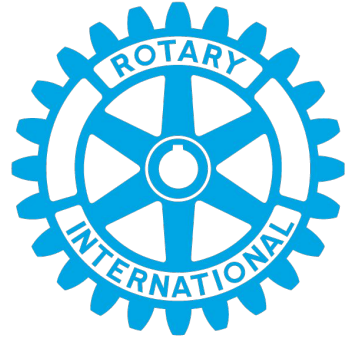
# Extracurricular Activities & Clubs

- Orchestra, Music Theater, ...
- Soccer, Basketball, Tennis, ...
- Entrepreneur
- MUN, ...
- Interact, ...



# Interact

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- **International Action**
  - International organization of *community service*
  - Fosters *leadership*
  - Promotes international understanding & peace
  - Affiliated with Rotary International
  - 14,911 Interact Clubs world-wide
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- ➔ Many community service & social events on a regional level
  - ➔ Learn leadership skills + make friends all over the Bay Area





# Some Details



# High School

## Abitur & High School Diploma

Grade 9		Grade 10		Grade 11		Grade 12							
...		Sekundarstufe I		...		MSA ZK							
		...				Gymnasiale Oberstufe (Sekundarstufe II)		...		DIA			
				Einführungsphase		Qualifikationsphase							
						Semester 1		Semester 2		Semester 3		Semester 4 Abitur Exams	
...		HIGH SCHOOL								...		HSD Transcript	
Year 1		Year 2				Year 3				Year 4			



# Subjects

		Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
Aufgabenfeld I	Deutsch	■	■	■	■
	Englisch	■	■	■	■
	Französisch	□	□	□	□
	Spanisch	□	□	□	□
	Spanisch 10		□	□	□
	Kunst	■	■	■	■
	Musik	■			
Aufgabenfeld II	Geschichte	■	■	■	■
	Ethik	■	■	■	■
	Economics	■	□	□	□
	Erdkunde	■			
Aufgabenfeld III	Mathematik	■	■	■	■
	Informatik		□	□	□
	Biologie	■	■	□	□
	Chemie	■	■	□	□
	Physik	■	■	□	□
	Sport	■	■	■	■
	Beso			◆	
	American History		●	●	
	AP Chemistry		○	○	
	AP Micro Economics			○	
	AP Music Theory			○	○
	AP Calculus				○
	AB Biology				○



# Anforderungsbereiche

Students are taught and tested based on **three performance levels**

Anforderungsbereich I	Anforderungsbereich II	Anforderungsbereich III
Understanding	Reorganisation	Transfer & Critical Evaluation
Understanding of given material and reproduction	Reorganisation of given material, e.g. analysis and interpretation	Going beyond the text or problem, apply knowledge in new context
≈30%	≈50%	≈20%



# Grades

9&10	Note	1 -			+ 2 -			+ 3 -			+ 4 -			+ 5 -			6
11&12	Punkte	15	14	13	12	11	10	09	08	07	06	05	04	03	02	01	00
	%	95	90	85	80	75	70	65	60	55	50	45	40	34	27	20	0
	US	A+			A		A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	D-	F
	unweighted GPA	4						3			2			1			



# Mittlerer Schulabschluss (Grade 10)

## Mittlerer Schulabschluss

- **3 Zentrale Klassenarbeiten** (written exams) in German, English, Math (in March)
- determine  $\frac{1}{3}$  of subject grade in grade 10
- permits access to Qualifikationsphase (at GISSV or any German High School)

## Realschulabschluss

- **2 Abschlussarbeiten** (written exams) in German and English or Math (in March)
- **1 Oral Exam** (in May or June)
- determine  $\frac{1}{2}$  of subject grade in grade 10
- permits access to Einführungsphase if grades fulfill some requirements



# Abitur Exams

exam	form	date	subjects / requirements		
1	written exam	Jan/Feb	Deutsch	min. 2 AF since grade 9	all 3 AF  min. half in German
2	written exam		Englisch / 2. FS / Mathematik		
3	written exam		not Ethik not Kunst not Sport		
4	oral exam	May/June	not Kunst not Sport	min. 1 exam in German	
5	presentation/ colloquium			since grade 10	





# AP Courses

in transcript

	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
Deutsch			<b>AP German Lang/Cult</b>	
Englisch			<b>AP Engl Lang/Comp</b>	<b>AP Engl Lit/Cult</b>
Französisch			AP French Lang/Cult	
Spanisch			AP Spanish Lang/Cult	
Spanisch 10			AP Spanish Lang/Cult	
Kunst				
Musik			AP Music Theory	
Geschichte				
Ethik				
Economics			AP Micro Economics	
Erdkunde				
Mathematik				AP Calculus AB
Informatik			AP Computer Science	
Biologie				AP Biology
Chemie			AP Chemistry	
Physik				
Sport				



# Tests and Exams

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	<b>PSAT</b>	PSAT/NMSQT	
		SAT	SAT
AP Exams			

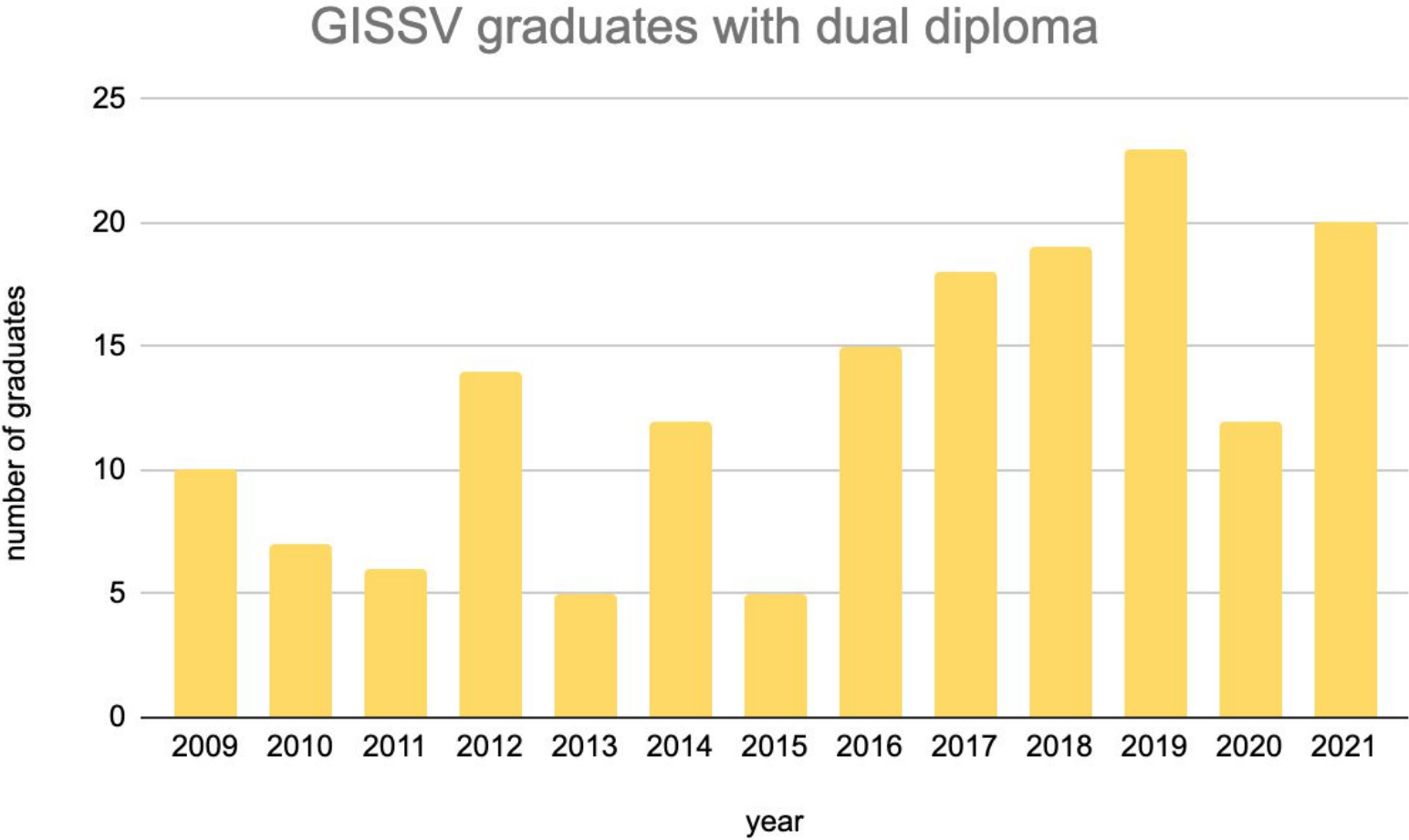


# Some numbers



# Graduates

In numbers



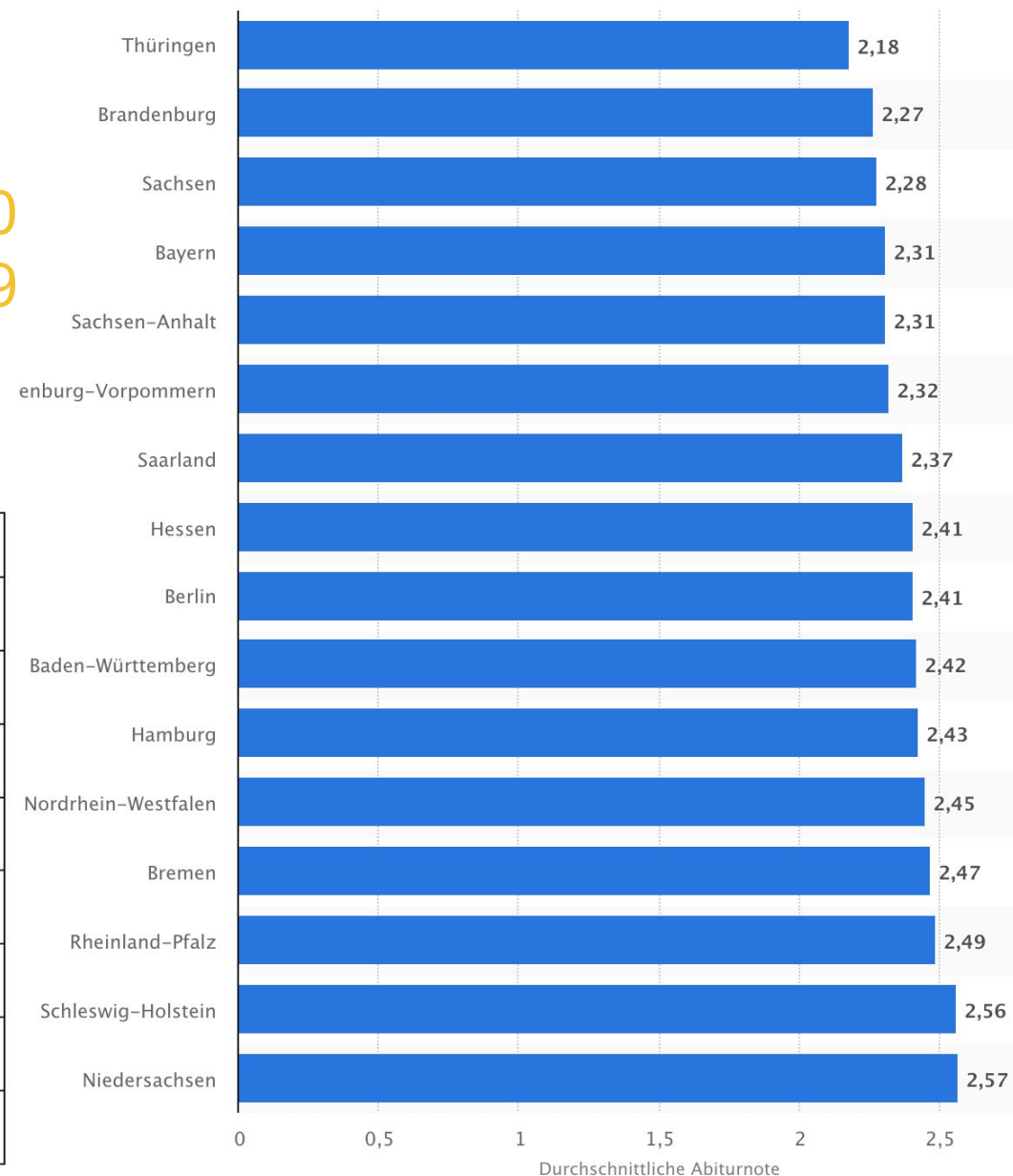
# Graduates

## In numbers

GISSV 2.01 in 2020  
& 2.06 in 2019

### Statistik zu den Abiturprüfungen T1 und T2 (Nord- und Südhalbkugel)

Jahr	Notenschnitt
2012	2,4
2013	2,4
2014	2,3
2015	2,3
2016	2,5
2017	2,3
2018	2,5
2019	2,2



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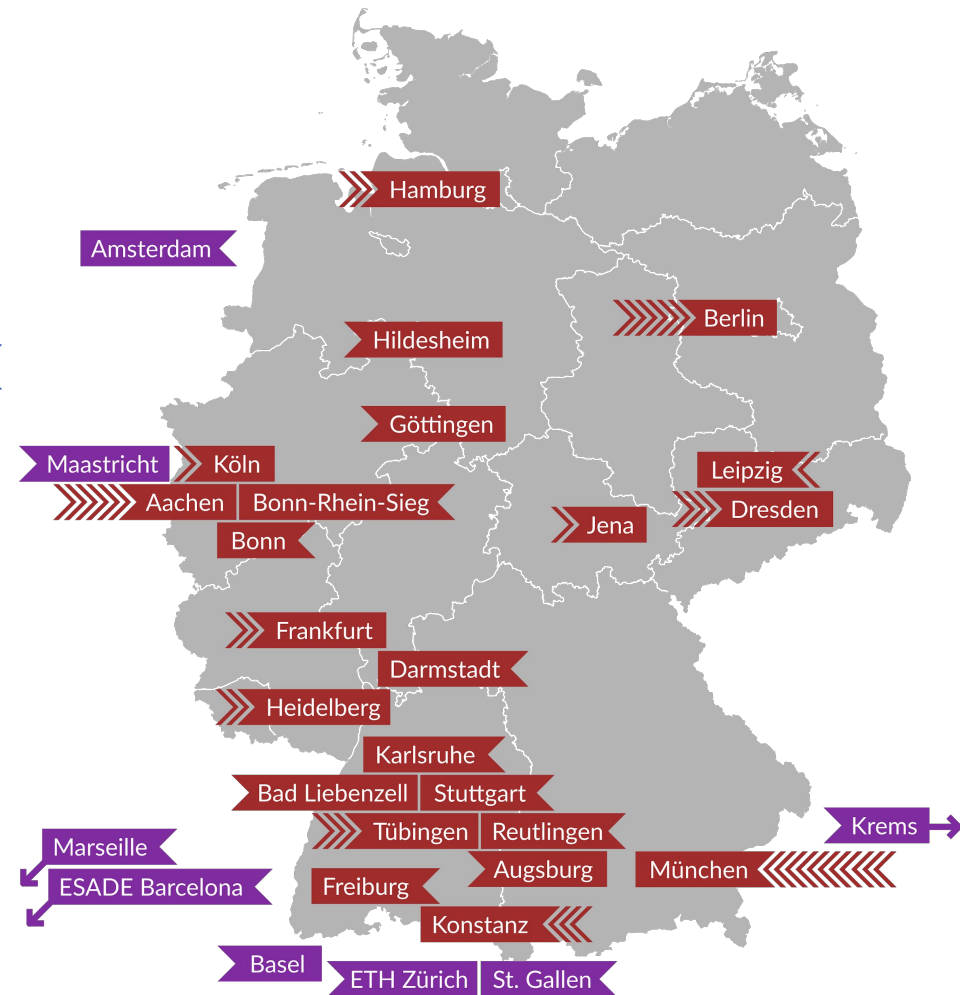
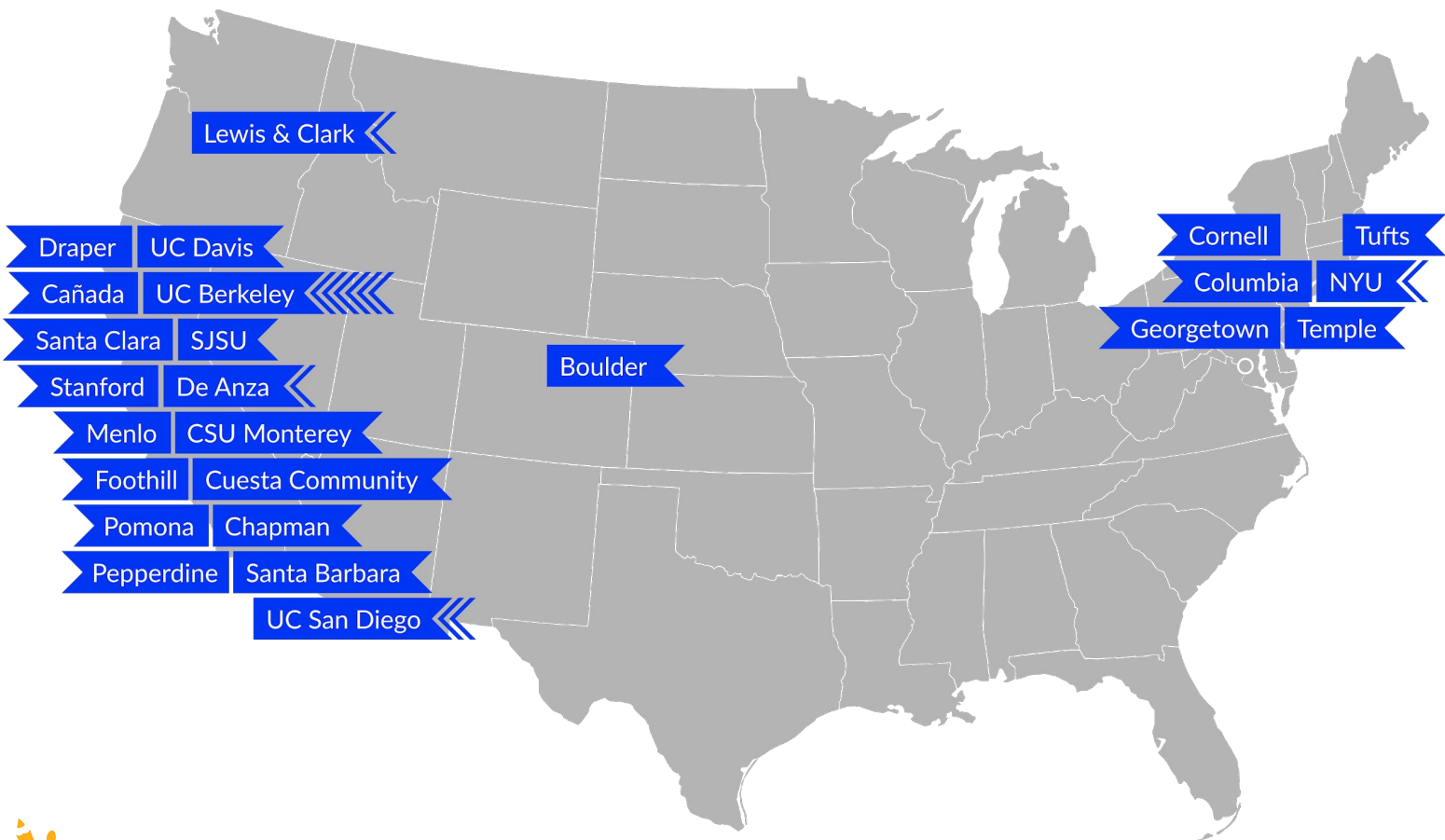
2009-2019

Europa	Deutschland	53%	71%
USA			29%



# Graduates

Where do they study?



# GISSV Graduates at US Universities





