

Profile 2021/22 for Colleges and Universities

ZIS Upper School Campus at a Glance

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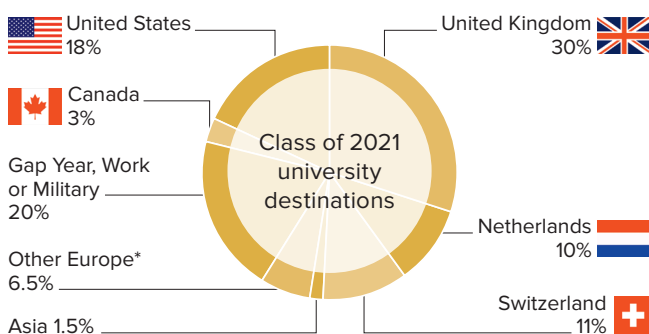
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| 521 Total students Grades 9–12 | 126 Students in the Class of 2022 | 70 Number of AP and IB courses offered in 2021/22 |
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Accreditation/Memberships



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 2021 University Destinations (119 students)



*excluding Netherlands and Switzerland

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 expatriate population in the greater Zurich area. Our three campuses hold approximately **1,200 students** representing over **70 countries** and more than **40 mother tongue languages**.

Upper School Faculty

The 72 full-time and part-time Upper School faculty have an **average of 18 years teaching experience** and over six years with the school. **73% 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 Credit Requirements

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| English | 4 credits |
| Math | 3 credits |
| Science | 3 credits |
| Social Sciences | 3 credits |
| World Languages | 2 credits |
| Creative Arts | 2 credits |
| Physical Education | 2 credits |
| Additional Elective Classes | 4 credits |
| Total credits required | 23 credits |

- The vast majority of our students earn 28 credits
- All students are required to take German in Grade 9
- 1 credit = 1 class year

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 in Grades 9 and 10.

COVID-19 Response

In response to COVID-19, ZIS implemented an online Continuous Learning Plan (CLP) from March 18, 2020 until the end of the 2020 school year. The Class of 2022 was in Grade 10. Classes met regularly and students' 2nd semester grades continued to be based on formative and summative assessments as well as demonstrated subject area proficiency. All co-curricular activities were cancelled. During the 2020/21 school year, ZIS was fortunate to resume in person classes with the exception of a two-week return to CLP (online learning) in February 2021. Throughout the year, students who could not attend class in person due to COVID quarantine protocol continued their studies via a hybrid model – joining classes virtually and through the Google classroom. A limited number of extra-curricular activities resumed if social distancing (no contact sports) could be maintained. ZIS-facilitated post Grade 11 internship placements were mostly virtual.

Academic Pathways Offered

ZIS offers multiple academic pathways. Students can take Advanced Placement courses (AP), ZIS Upper 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.

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 four HL courses in the IB Diploma. Therefore, it is unusual to see four HL courses.

Policy for Reporting Disciplinary History

ZIS reserves the right to 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 and ACT Tests

In recent years, and particularly this year, our students have had less access to SAT 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.

| A | A (4.00) | A- (3.67) |
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| "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. | | |
| B | B+ (3.33) | B- (2.67) |
| "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. | | |
| C | C+ (2.33) | C- (1.67) |
| "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). | | |
| D | D+ (1.33) | D- (0.67) |
| "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. | | |
| F | F (below 0.67) | |

ZIS Upper School Courses

Creative Arts: Foundation Art & Design; Studio Art; Digital Graphic Design; Design Tech I; Art and Design Tech; Digital Photography; Essential Theater; Acting & Directing; Music Studio I–III; Creative Music; Concert Band; String Orchestra; Vocal & Choral Music

English: English as an Additional Language (EAL); English 9; English 10; English Literature; English Language; English Research & Composition; Digital Journalism I-III

Mathematics: Integrated Mathematics 1A–1C; Integrated Mathematics 2A–2C; Integrated Mathematics 3C; PreCalculus; Personal Finance

Physical Education: Physical Education/Health 9; Physical Education & Wellness 10; Fitness & Wellness

Science: Coordinated Science I–II; Computer Science STEM; Project Based Science; Honors Biology; Honors Chemistry; Applied Design (STEM); Design Tech II; Sports Science

Social Studies: History I–II; Global Studies; Contemporary History

World Language: French I–V; German I–V; Spanish I–V; Fluent I & II French; Level VI Fluent German Studies; Fluent I & II German Standard Level; Fluent I & II Spanish

Advanced Placement (AP) Courses

Creative Arts: Drawing; 2-D Art & Design; 3-D Art & Design; Music Theory

Mathematics: Calculus AB; Calculus BC; Statistics

Science: Biology; Chemistry; Computer Science A; Computer Science Principles; Physics 1; Physics 2

Social Studies: Art History; European History; World History; Psychology; Human Geography; Economics

International Baccalaureate (IB) Programme

Group 1, Studies in Language & Literature: English A: Literature HL/SL; English A: Language & Literature HL/SL; French A: Language & Literature HL/SL; German A: Language & Literature HL/SL; Spanish A: Language & Literature HL/SL; IB A Literature SL Self-taught

Group 2, Language Acquisition: French ab initio SL; French B HL/SL; German B HL/SL; Spanish ab initio SL; Spanish B HL/SL

Group 3, Individual & Societies: History HL/SL; Psychology HL/SL; Economics HL/SL; Geography HL/SL; Environmental Systems & Societies SL

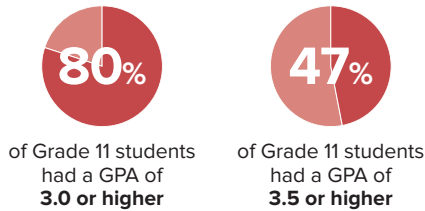
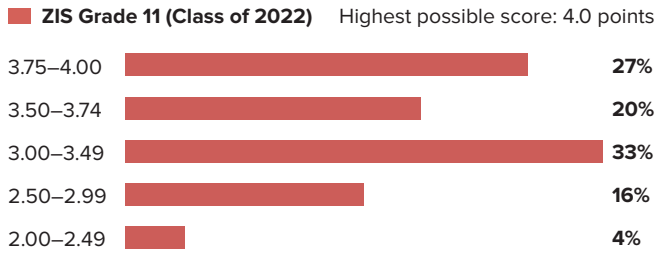
Group 4, Experimental Sciences: Biology HL/SL; Chemistry HL/SL; Physics HL/SL; Environmental Systems & Societies SL

Group 5, Mathematics: Mathematics SL Applications & Interpretations; Mathematics HL/SL Analysis & Approaches

Group 6, Arts: Visual Arts HL/SL; Theater Arts HL/SL; Music HL/SL

Results at a Glance

Grade 11 Final Unweighted Grade Point Average (GPA) Distribution for Class of 2022

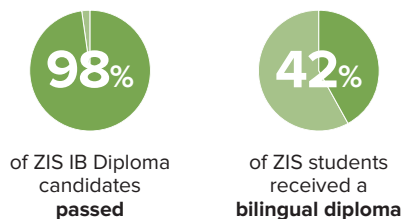


Note: 5 students had a GPA of 4.0

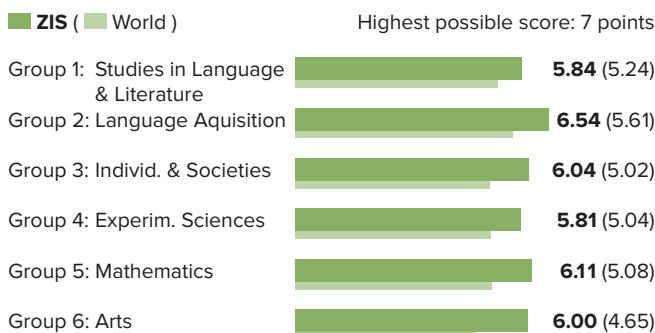
International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Results 2021

■ ZIS (■ World) Highest possible score: 45 points
Number of IB Diploma candidates: 50

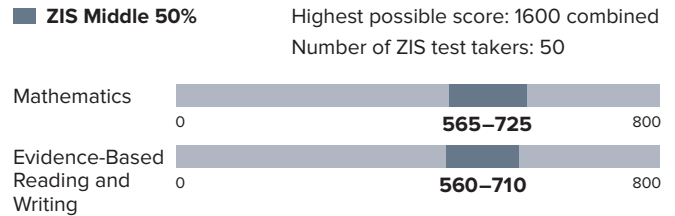
Total points obtained by candidates:



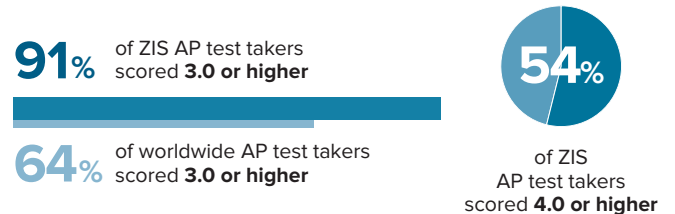
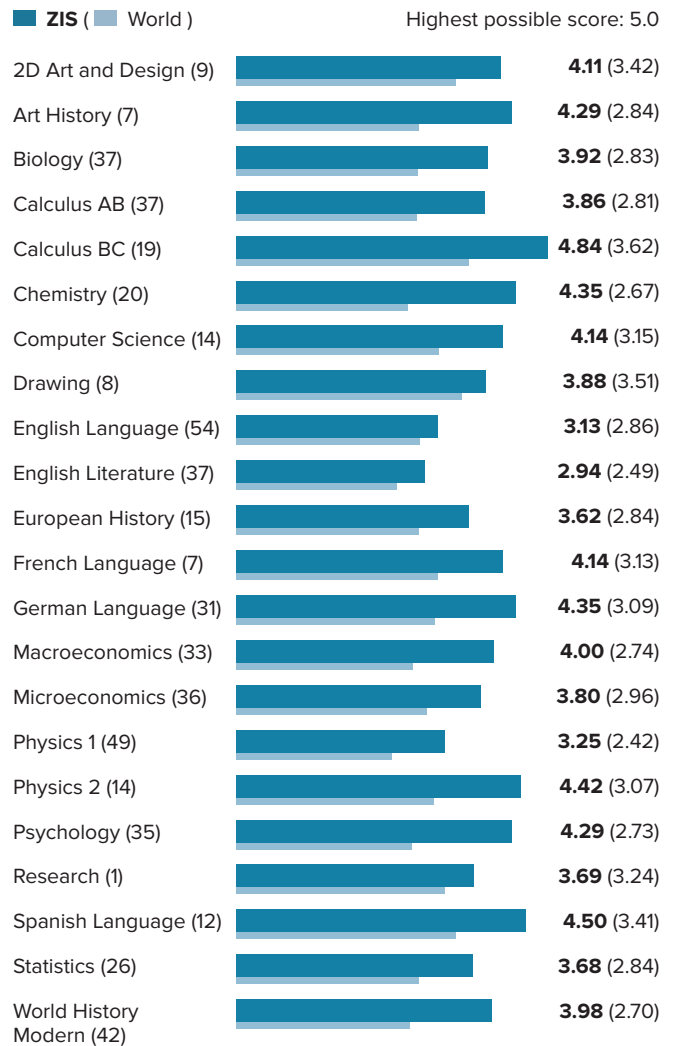
Average International Baccalaureate (IB) Scores by Subject Groups 2021



SAT Reasoning Scores ZIS Class of 2022



Average Advanced Placement (AP) Subject Scores 2021



- 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 course parentheses indicates the number of candidates who sat the exam

University Matriculations

Colleges and universities attended by ZIS Graduates 2018–21:



Austria

Medical University of Vienna
MODUL University Vienna*



Canada

Bishop's University
Concordia University*
McGill University*
University of Toronto*
University of Waterloo
Western University
Ontario College of Art & Design (OCAD)



France

American University of Paris
Collège Universitaire de Sciences Po



Germany

University of Konstanz



Hong Kong

The University of Hong Kong



Italy

Humanitas University
Istituto Marangoni
John Cabot University*
Universita Bocconi*
University of Pavia



Netherlands

Amsterdam University College*
Amsterdam University of Applied Sciences
Delft University of Technology*
Eindhoven University of Technology*
Erasmus University College
Erasmus University Rotterdam*
Hotel School, The Hague
Leiden University*
Maastricht University*
Tilburg University
University College Utrecht
University of Amsterdam*
University of Groningen*
Utrecht University*
Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam



Singapore

National University of Singapore



Spain

CEU San Pablo University
ESADE Business School*
IE University*
Loyola University Andalusia
Universidad Catolica de Murcia
University of Navarra



Sweden

Umea University
Uppsala University*



Switzerland

École hôtelière de Lausanne*
Ecole Polytechnique Federale de Lausanne
Franklin University Switzerland
Glion Institute of Higher Education
Les Roches Schools of Hotel Management
SHL Schweizerische Hotelfachschule Luzern
Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich
– ETH Zurich*
University of Lausanne
University of St. Gallen*
University of Zurich*



United Kingdom

Arts University Bournemouth
Brighton and Sussex Medical School*
Brunel University London
Canterbury Christ Church University
Cardiff University*
Central Film School London
City University of London*
Durham University*
ESCP Business School
Glasgow Caledonian University
Goldsmiths, University of London*
Hult International Business School*
Imperial College London*
King's College London*
Lancaster University*
London Metropolitan University
London School of Economics and Political
Science, University of London*
Loughborough University*
Newcastle University*
Norwich University of the Arts
Nottingham Trent University
Oxford Brookes University
Queen Mary University of London*
Queen's University Belfast
Regent's University London*
Robert Gordon University
Royal Holloway, University of London*
Royal Veterinary College
Sheffield College
The Royal Central School of Speech
and Drama
University Centre South Essex
University College London*
University of Aberdeen*
University of Bath*
University of Bristol*
University of Buckingham
University of Dundee
University of Edinburgh*
University of Essex
University of Exeter*
University of Glasgow
University of Leeds*
University of Manchester*
University of Nottingham*
University of Oxford*
University of Reading*
University of Sheffield*
University of St Andrews
University of Stirling
University of Surrey*
University of Sussex*
University of the Arts London*
University of Warwick*

University of West London
University of Westminster
University of Winchester
University of York*



United States of America

American University
Augsburg University
Babson College
Bates College
Boston College*
Boston University*
Brigham Young University-Provo
Brown University
Bucknell University
Calvin College
College of William and Mary
Columbia College Chicago
Cornell University
Culinary Institute of America
Curry College
Dartmouth College*
Davidson College
Emerson College
Emory University
Florida Institute of Technology
Fordham University
George Washington University
Georgetown University
Gettysburg College
Keene State College
Michigan State University
Mount Holyoke College
New York University*
Northeastern University*
Northwestern University*
Parsons School of Design
Pennsylvania State University – Abington
Purdue University*
Quinnipiac University
Rhode Island School of Design
Saint Edward's University
Savannah College of Art and Design
Southern Methodist University
The George Washington University
The New School
Trinity University
Tufts University*
Tulane University of Louisiana
University of California
– Berkeley*
– San Diego
– Santa Barbara
– Los Angeles
University of Chicago
University of Colorado at Boulder*
University of Denver
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
University of Miami
University of New Mexico
University of Pennsylvania
University of Southern California*
University of Tennessee, Knoxville
University of Virginia
University of Wisconsin – Madison
Wake Forest University
Wellesley College
Western State Colorado University
Worcester Polytechnic Institute

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