



Secondary School Profile

2021 / 2022

INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF HAMBURG



Mission: As an international community of learners we nurture inquiring minds, compassionate hearts and balanced lives.

Vision: ISH is a welcoming and inclusive community where innovative thinkers teach and learn together. We believe in the power of education to develop global citizens who lead lives of purpose and meaning.

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THE SCHOOL

The International School of Hamburg (ISH) is a co-educational day school enrolling students from Primary 1 (age 3) to Grade 12. It was founded in 1957 and is the oldest international school in Germany. In 2010 the school moved to its present campus situated in a residential district in the west of Hamburg (approx. 30 minutes from the city centre). The school has over 700 students from more than 55 nationalities.



THE FACULTY

The school employs 123 teachers. It is an experienced faculty with about one-third having been at ISH for more than 10 years. They come from 24 different countries with most from the UK (26) and Germany (26), followed by the USA (24).



THE STUDENTS

The student body is highly diverse with the most highly represented nations being the UK, the USA, Japan, India, Spain, The Netherlands, Korea and Germany. Student enrolment for grades 9–12 is presently (September 2021) as follows:

Grade 12: 78 **Grade 11: 70**
Grade 10: 62 **Grade 9: 59**

The average class size is 18.



ACADEMIC PROGRAMME AND CURRICULUM

The language of instruction at ISH is English. The IB Middle Years Programme is the framework for our curriculum in Grades 6 to 10. The International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP) and the IB Career Related Programme (IBCP) are offered in Grades 11 and 12. The majority of students take the full diploma, with a smaller cohort enrolled in the IBCP & courses (certificate) option. ISH has been an IB world school since the 1970s and we have an experienced faculty which includes IB examiners and workshop leaders. The MYP, CP and DP are led by Coordinators who assist the faculty in ensuring the best possible delivery of subject knowledge and skills to our students.



ACCREDITATIONS

ISH is accredited by the Council of International Schools (CIS) and the New England Association of School and Colleges (NEASC). In addition, ISH is a member of the European Council of International Schools, the North-West European Council of International Schools, the Association of German International Schools, the International ACAC and the International Baccalaureate Organisation. Through these, ISH is affiliated with over 600 international schools worldwide.



GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Students complete 8 semesters, have satisfactory participation in the CAS programme (Grades 11 and 12), and earn a minimum of 24 credits in grades 9–12 in:

English	3 credits	Creative Arts	2 credits
Science	3 credits	Social Studies	3 credits
Mathematics	2 credits	1 Foreign Language	2 credits
Physical Education	1.5 credits	Other (Electives)	7.5 credits (Visual Ed., Music, Drama, ICT, etc.)

In some cases, transfer students who meet the overall credit requirements may have certain course requirements waived.

IBDP SUBJECTS CURRENTLY OFFERED

- Biology (HL/SL)
- Chemistry (HL/SL)
- Economics (HL/SL)
- Design (SL)
- Economics (HL/SL)
- English A Language & Literature, Literature (HL/SL)
- English B (HL/SL)
- Environmental Systems & Societies (SL)
- French Language & Literature (HL/SL)
- Geography (HL/SL)
- German A Language & Literature (HL/SL)
- German B (HL/SL)
- German ab initio (SL)
- History (HL/SL)
- Mathematics AA (HL/SL)
- Mathematics AI (HL/SL)
- Physics (HL/SL)
- Spanish B (HL/SL)
- Theatre (HL/SL)
- Visual Arts (HL/SL)

Additional mother tongue language may be available upon request.

IB CAREER-RELATED PROGRAMME (CP)

- BTEC Level 3 Certificate Art and Design
- BTEC International Level 3 Sports Science
- BTEC International Level 3 Business

SAT RESULTS – GRADES 11 AND 12

SAT Reasoning Scores between 09/2020 and 05/2021 12 students, of which 67% are non-native English speakers, took the test.

SAT Summary	Evidence-Based Reading and Writing	Math	Total
Mean Scores	592	608	1.200
Mid 50%	540–660	530–680	1.070–1.340

GRADING SYSTEM & SUGGESTED CONVERSION TO US SYSTEM

7	Excellent	A+
6	Very Good	A/A-
5	Good	B+
4	Satisfactory	B
3	Mediocre	C
2	Poor	F
1	Very Poor	F

GPA AND RANKING POLICY

We do not compute GPA or provide class ranking. There is no appropriate ranking system that would adequately take account of the mobility of international students, many of whom have transferred from schools in countries with different grading systems. Due to the challenging and demanding nature of IB Diploma Programme courses, they are considered to

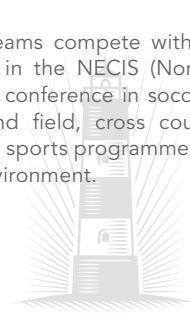
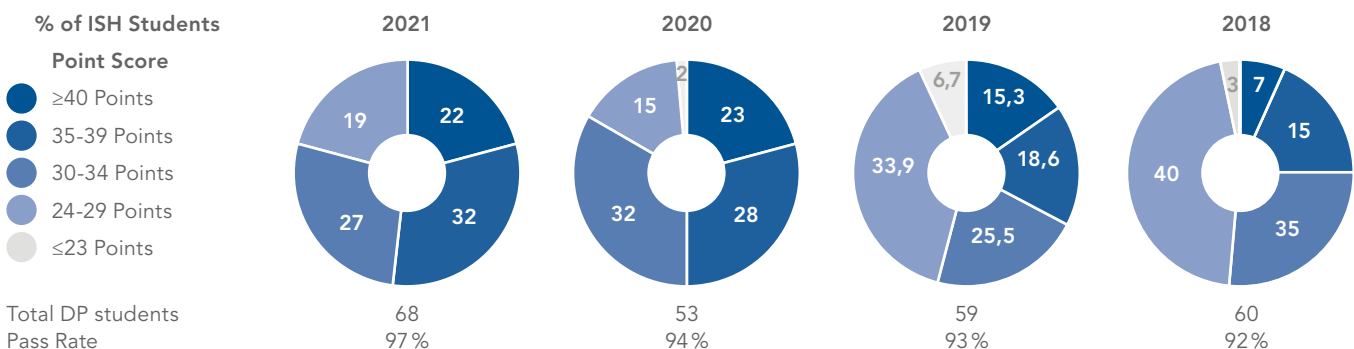
be honours-level courses, particularly the ones taken at the Higher Level. Students may obtain the IB Diploma* or DP courses (certificates), in addition to the ISH high school diploma. For IB DP students, we limit the number of classes to 3 higher level and 3 standard level classes.

*(DP or career-related CP)

DISTRIBUTION OF IB CP + DP SCORES

IBCP (First IBCP graduating class at ISH) · Pass Rate: 100% · Bilingual Diplomas: 60% · Career-Related Pathways: BTEC Art & Design, BTEC Sport · Total of students registered for the IBCP: 10

Average IBDP scores (May 2021), International School of Hamburg: 34.9 • World Average: 33.0



College Placement

Over 85% of ISH graduates matriculate at Colleges and Universities. Some students may decide to take a gap year, complete an apprenticeship or fulfill their military obligations prior to entering higher education. Over the past four years, ISH graduates have been accepted at the following institutions. **Universities marked with an asterisk* indicate Class of 2021 matriculation; **denotes more than one student enrolled:**

CANADA

McGill University
University of British Columbia
University of Toronto*
University of Western Ontario

UNITED STATES

Art Center College of Design
Boston University
College of William & Mary
Dartmouth College
Drexel University
Emerson College
Emory University
Eugene Lang College The New School
Fordham University
Hobart & Williams Smith Colleges
Kenyon College
Macalester College*
Manhattan College
Miami University (OH)
Michigan State University
New York University
Northeastern University
Nova Southeastern University
Parsons School of Design/The New School*
Pennsylvania State University
Purdue University
Quinnipiac University
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rochester Institute of Technology
Rutgers University
SCAD
Scripps College*
Skidmore College
University of Arizona
University of Chicago*
University of Colorado, Boulder
University of Connecticut
University of Delaware
University of Michigan, Dearborn
University of Pittsburgh
University of Rochester
UC San Diego
UC Santa Barbara
UCLA
Vanderbilt University
Virginia Tech*
Xavier University

IRELAND

Trinity College Dublin
University College Dublin
University College Cork

UNITED KINGDOM

Aberystwyth University*
Arts University Bournemouth
Bangor University
Cambridge University
City University London*
Hult University
Imperial College London*
King's College London
London College of Communication*
London School of Economics
University College London**
Oxford University
Oxford Brookes University
Queen Mary University of London
Regent's University London
SOAS U of London*
University of the Arts London**
University of Aberdeen
University of Bath
University of Brighton*
University of Bristol
University of Cardiff
University of Durham
University of Edinburgh**
University of Essex
University of Exeter*
University of Glasgow*
University of Greenwich*
University of Kent*
University of Leeds
University of Liverpool
University of London
University of Manchester*
University of Newcastle
University of Nottingham
University of Sheffield
University of St. Andrews**
University of Warwick**
University of Westminster*
University of York*

BELGIUM

University of Antwerp*
Ghent University
KU Leuven*

BULGARIA

Medical University Sofia*

DENMARK

Aarhus University*
Copenhagen Business School**
DTU Copenhagen

FRANCE

Parson School of Design, Paris
Sciences Po

ITALY

Bocconi University**
NABA Milan

NETHERLANDS

Eindhoven University of Technology
Erasmus University Rotterdam*
Hanze U of Applied Sciences
Leiden University**
Leiden University College
Maastricht University**
Maastricht University College
Rotterdam University of Applied Science
Tilburg University*
TU Delft**
University of Amsterdam**
University of Groningen*
Van Hall Larenstein U of Applied S.*
VU Amsterdam*

POLAND

University of Gdansk

SPAIN

ESADE University*
IE University

SWEDEN

Lund University**
Stockholm School of Economics

SWITZERLAND

École Hôtelière de Lausanne
Franklin University
UNIL

GERMANY

European Medical School, Oldenburg
Frankfurt School of Finance & Management
Humboldt Universität
Kühne Logistics University*
Munich Business School
TU München
Universität Greifswald
Universität Heidelberg
Universität Leipzig
WHU Otto Beisheim School of Management
FH Münster*

ASIA PACIFIC

Chuo University, Japan
Hitotsubashi University, Japan
Kagawa Nutrition University, Japan
Keio University, Japan*
Kyoto University, Japan
Macquarie University, Australia
Seoul National University, Korea
Sophia University, Japan
University of Tasmania, Australia*
University of Tokyo, Japan
Waseda University, Japan
Yonsei University, Korea