

# PROFILE 2021 - 2022



24-50 Franklin D. Roosevelt Drive, New York, NY 10010-4046  
[www.unis.org](http://www.unis.org) | Tel. (212) 684-7400 | CEEB #333423

Founded in 1947, the United Nations International School (UNIS) is celebrating its 74th year as an independent college preparatory day school. With approximately 1,600 students from pre-kindergarten through twelfth grade, the school is accredited by the Council of International Schools (CIS) and chartered by the New York State Board of Regents. There are two campuses: in Queens, schooling children from kindergarten through eighth grade, and a pre-kindergarten through twelfth-grade school in Manhattan. The High School at UNIS is called Tutorial House. Overall, the students represent over 100 countries and speak dozens of languages.

## IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON THE UNIS COMMUNITY

- On March 7, 2020 UNIS moved from in-person to virtual instruction for all students for the remainder of the 2019-2020 academic year and all co-curricular activities were suspended. Despite the quick move to online learning, students were held to the same high standard and received grades according to the IB 7-point scale.
- In the 2020-2021 academic year, students met with their teachers and classmates synchronously in a hybrid model, with one day in school followed by one day online; a small subset of students have opted to remain fully online. While many co-curricular activities resumed, some, like sports and theater, were suspended.
- In the 2021-2022 academic year, all but a few students have returned to school in person; a very small group is learning remotely. Athletics have resumed for fully vaccinated students.



## MISSION AND GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Under the auspices of the United Nations and guided by its ideals, UNIS provides an inclusive and diverse learning environment in which rigorous international programs foster academic excellence, innovation, creativity and cross-cultural communication to educate and inspire its students to become an active force in shaping a better world: peaceful, compassionate and sustainable.



Dan Brenner, PhD, Executive Director

Antoine Delaitre, Principal of the Tutorial House

Paul Greene, Co-Director of College Counseling, [prgreene@unis.org](mailto:prgreene@unis.org)

Tiffani Hooper, Co-Director of College Counseling, [thooper@unis.org](mailto:thooper@unis.org)

Sarah Jahries, Associate Director of College Counseling, [sjahries@unis.org](mailto:sjahries@unis.org)

Danielle Jakob, Associate Director of College Counseling, [djacob@unis.org](mailto:djakob@unis.org)

Brooke Smith, Associate Director of College Counseling, [bsmith@unis.org](mailto:bsmith@unis.org)

Shardae Bonaparte, Administrative Assistant, [sbonaparte@unis.org](mailto:sbonaparte@unis.org)

# UNIS | PROFILE 2021 - 2022

## A MULTILINGUAL ENVIRONMENT

Multilingualism permeates the UNIS campus, in the school's mission, curriculum, and student activities. All eight official languages of the United Nations are offered at UNIS, and taught by native speakers. The Modern Language department, the largest faculty at UNIS, organizes many events to enrich students' learning and the community. All students begin the study of French or Spanish in Kindergarten and another second language (Arabic, Chinese, German, Italian, Japanese or Russian) in Middle School. UNIS students usually take three languages, including English, through Grade 10.

In Grades 11 and 12, students continue to study two or three languages, including English, to meet IB Diploma requirements; in the Class of 2021, 26% of students graduated with the Bilingual IB Diploma. The French mother tongue program is known as the Francophone program which includes the option to study Humanities (Grades 9-10) and Theory of Knowledge (Grades 11-12) in French. In addition, UNIS fosters the study of other mother tongue languages through an after-school program with UNIS-approved tutors.

## PREPARATION FOR THE IB (GRADE 9-10):

- Required courses are English or English Language Learning (ELL), two modern languages, mathematics, sciences, humanities, physical education and health (in grade 9). Students must select up to two electives.
- Elective subjects include Visual Art, Drama, Game Design in Java and many more.
- Languages offered are Arabic, Chinese, English, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Russian and Spanish. English Language Learning (ELL) is also offered at each grade level.

### IB PROGRAM (GRADE 11-12):

The International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Program is a rigorous, externally assessed, two-year college preparatory program, in which candidates are expected to choose six courses: two languages (including at least one at the native speaker level), a social science, an experimental science, a mathematics course, and an elective course (one of the arts, or a second social science, or a second science, or a third language). In order to obtain an IB Diploma, three of these courses must be taken at the Higher Level (IBH), and three at the Standard Level (IBS). IB Diploma candidates must also meet the following core requirements:

- Follow an epistemology course, known as Theory of Knowledge (ToK).
- Develop their civic responsibility through Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS) projects.
- Complete an Extended Essay, a 4,000-word individual research paper.

## A STRONG CONNECTION WITH THE UNITED NATIONS

About 50% of our families are affiliated with the United Nations, and students are frequently given the opportunity to participate in events connected with the UN:

- Our yearly UN Day emphasizes the ideals of the UN Charter.
- Students are frequently invited to the UN Headquarters for various events (e.g. UN General Assembly, International Day of Peace, Signature of the Paris Climate Accord in 2016, UNICEF events, etc).
- The UNIS graduation takes place in the General Assembly Hall of the UN Headquarters in New York.

## A VIBRANT STUDENT LIFE

46 clubs, committees, and publications: 9 Activism/Political, 9 Media/Publication, 8 Advocacy, 7 Academic, 7 Arts/Recreation, and 6 Cultural clubs. Many increase awareness for causes and raise money to support them. Students participate in academic conferences such as Model UN and the Student Diversity Leadership Conference, and a range of student-led programs such as the annual UNIS-UN, Model UN, and Human Rights conferences, and Teen Tech New York. The student newspaper UNISverse, Literary Magazine LitMag, and Yearbook provide numerous editorial opportunities.

## STUDENT ACTIVISM

- The UNIS-UN Conference is a yearly student-led event focusing on a major social theme, with students from around the world. Organized by Grade 11-12 students, the conference is held in the UN General Assembly. The topic of the 2021 conference was *"A Global Catastrophe: The Impact of COVID-19."* The conference was held in a mostly virtual format and featured speakers such as Dr. Anthony Fauci, Christiane Amanpour, and Dr. Sanja Gupta.
- The Human Rights Project allows students to meet with local activists on a range of social justice issues, and to write and co-direct a play derived from their experience. Recent topics have included segregation in NYC (2019), health disparities (2018), and mass incarceration (2017).
- The Human Rights Conference is another yearly student-led event held at UNIS and the UN headquarters, focused on a human rights issue. The topic of the 2019-2020 conference was *"Defending Women's Rights: Gender Justice."*

## THE ARTS AND ATHLETICS

- **Arts:** Extensive Music, Theater, Film and Visual Arts productions, performances, and exhibitions.
- **Music:** Tutorial House music ensembles include the Jazz Band, Senior Wind Ensemble/String Ensemble/Senior Chorus, and the Vocal Chamber Ensemble. Several annual concerts, including Graduation performance at the United Nations General Assembly and a Spring Carnegie Hall concert.
- **Theater:** Several major annual productions, including original plays, musicals, Theatre Workshop plays, student-directed one-act plays, and a multilingual International Festival of Performing Arts.
- **Visual Arts and Film:** Visual arts students produce and curate a body of work for exhibition. The 2021 art exhibition titled "Unmuted" was shown publicly in NYC's Chelsea art district. Visual art students also work with UNIS theater productions to create sets and costumes. Film students use college-level film production equipment to complete works for submission into local and national film festivals.
- **Athletics:** 8 Varsity Sports: Baseball, Basketball, Cross Country, Soccer, Softball, Tennis, Track and Field (indoor and outdoor), Volleyball; 15 Varsity Teams; 3 Junior Varsity Teams (Grades 9 & 10).



# PROFILE 2021 - 2022 | UNIS

## OUR FACULTY MEMBERS:

High School faculty members	96
Countries represented	29
Doctoral degrees	9
Masters degrees	69
Faculty speaking two or more languages	66%

## UNIS GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

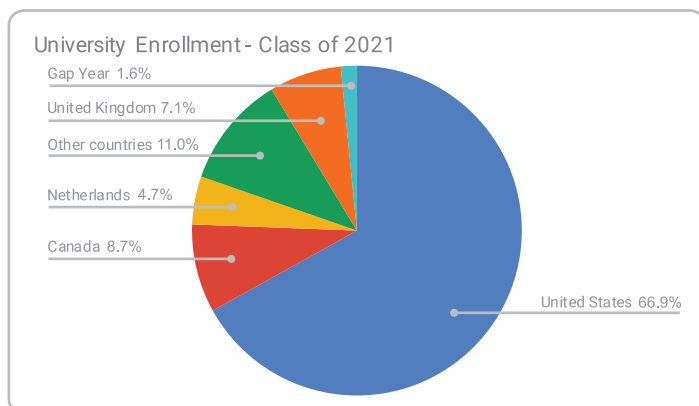
26 credits are required for the UNIS High School Diploma as well as 30 hours of community service each year

English	4
Mathematics	4
Science	4
Humanities	4
Modern Language	4
Physical Education	2
Health	0.5
Electives	2
Community Service	1
Extended Essay/Senior Project	0.5
<b>Total Required</b>	<b>26</b>

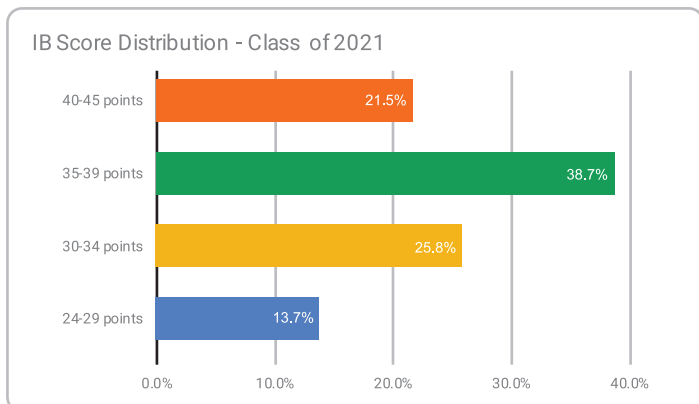
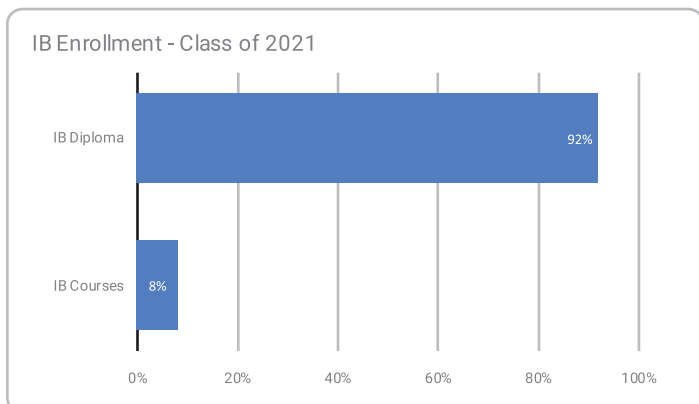
## A DIVERSE STUDENT BODY

Students enrolled grades 9-12	528
Grade 12 enrollment	130
UN affiliation	50%
Nationalities represented	48
Two or more nationalities	33

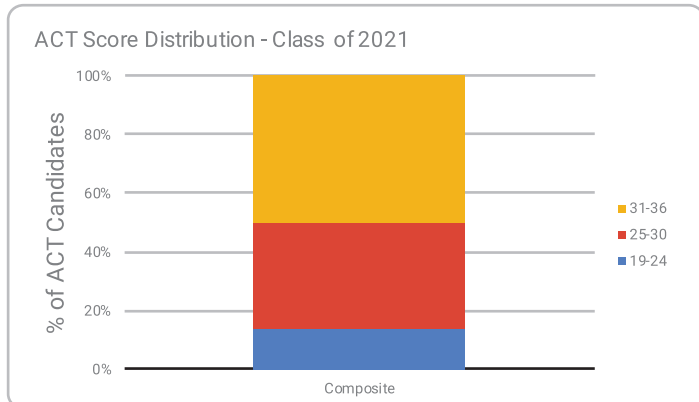
## UNIVERSITY ENROLLMENT - CLASS OF 2021



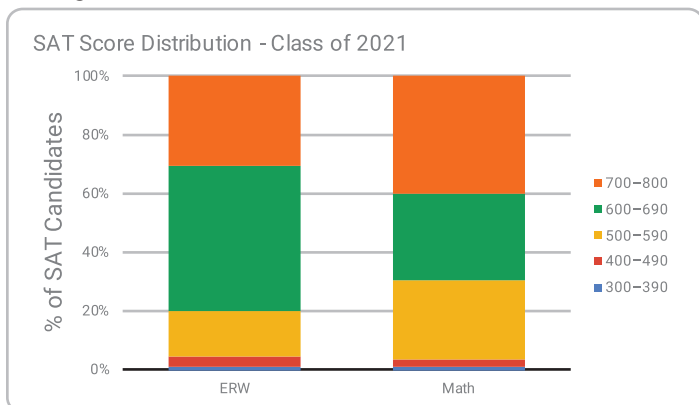
## AVERAGE ACT SCORES (CLASS OF 2021):



## Composite: 30



## Average SAT Scores: ERW 646 Math 645



Many students in the Class of 2021 either did not test or chose not to submit scores.

# UNIVERSITY ENROLLMENT CLASSES 2017 - 2021

## UNIVERSITIES IN THE UNITED STATES

Albright College  
American University  
Amherst College (4)  
[Babson College](#) (4)  
[Bard College](#) (8)  
[Barnard College](#) (9)  
[Bates College](#) (2)  
Beloit College  
Bentley University (2)  
[Berklee College of Music](#)  
[Boston College](#) (2)  
[Boston University](#) (4)  
[Bowdoin College](#)  
[Brandeis University](#) (4)  
Brown University (2)  
Bryn Mawr College (2)  
Bucknell University  
Canisius College  
Carnegie Mellon University (4)  
[Case Western Reserve](#) (3)  
Chapman University  
City University of New York:  
Baruch College (4)  
Guttman Community College  
Hunter College (2)  
Clark University (2)  
Colby College  
Colgate University (2)  
[College of William & Mary](#)  
[Colorado College](#) (2)  
Columbia University (2)  
Connecticut College  
Cooper Union  
[Cornell University](#) (14)  
Depaul University  
[Dickinson College](#) (2)  
Drexel University  
Duke University (4)  
Elon University  
[Emerson College](#) (4)  
Emory University (4)  
[Fordham University](#) (14)  
George Mason University (2)  
George Washington University (11)  
[Georgia Institute of Technology](#) (2)  
Gettysburg College  
Goucher College  
[Hamilton College](#) (2)  
Hampton University (2)  
Harvard University  
Harvey Mudd College (2)  
[Haverford College](#) (3)  
Hofstra University (2)  
[Howard University](#) (4)  
Illinois Institute of Technology  
[Indiana University Bloomington](#)  
Ithaca College (5)  
[Johns Hopkins University](#) (3)  
Kenyon College (2)

Lafayette College (2)  
Lehigh University (2)  
Loyola Marymount University  
Lynn University (2)  
Macalester College (2)  
[Marist College](#)  
Marymount Man. College (2)  
Mount Holyoke College  
[New York University](#) (22)  
[Northeastern University](#) (21)  
Northwestern University (2)  
Oberlin College (4)  
Occidental College (6)  
[Pace University](#) (3)  
Pennsylvania State University (4)  
Pitzer College (2)  
Pomona College  
Princeton University (2)  
Purdue University (2)  
[Reed College](#) (2)  
Rhode Island School of Design (4)  
[Rice University](#) (2)  
[Rochester Institute of Technology](#) (2)  
[Rutgers University](#)  
San Diego State University  
[Sarah Lawrence College](#) (4)  
[Scripps College](#) (2)  
[Skidmore College](#) (9)  
Smith College (3)  
Stanford University  
State University of New York:  
Albany  
Binghamton (2)  
Buffalo  
[Fashion Institute of Technology](#) (5)  
Purchase College (2)  
[Stony Brook](#) (4)  
Stevens Institute of Technology (2)  
Suffolk University  
[Swarthmore College](#) (5)  
Syracuse University  
[Temple University](#) (2)  
The New School (7)  
Trinity College  
[Tufts University](#) (4)  
Tulane University (2)  
[Union College](#) (2)  
University of California:  
[Berkeley](#) (8)  
Davis  
[Irvine](#)  
[Los Angeles](#) (6)  
[San Diego](#) (5)  
Santa Barbara  
Santa Cruz  
[University of Chicago](#) (5)  
[University of Colorado Boulder](#)  
[University of Illinois, Urbana Champaign](#)  
University of Maryland (3)  
[University of Miami](#) (10)

[University of Michigan, Ann Arbor](#) (3)  
University of Pennsylvania (2)  
[University of Richmond](#)  
[University of Rochester](#)  
University of San Francisco (3)  
University of Washington  
University of Wisconsin (2)  
[Vassar College](#) (7)  
Villanova University (3)  
Virginia Military Institute  
Wagner College  
Wake Forest University  
[Washington University in St. Louis](#) (7)  
Wellesley College  
Wesleyan University (10)  
Williams College  
Worcester Polytechnic Institute.  
[Yale University](#)

## UNIVERSITIES OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES

### Armenia

Fondation Université Française en Arménie

### Australia

University of Canberra  
Monash University

### Austria

[Wirtschaftsuniversität WU Vienna](#)

### Canada

Bishops University  
[Concordia University](#) (12)  
[McGill University](#) (10)  
McMaster University  
Queens University (3)  
[University of British Columbia](#) (7)  
[University of Toronto](#) (11)  
[Vancouver Film School](#)

### China

[Hong Kong University of Science & Technology](#)  
NYU Shanghai (3)

### Czech Republic

Charles University Law School Prague

### Denmark

[University of Southern Denmark](#)

### Estonia

University of Tallin

### Finland

[Aalto University](#) (2)

### France

[American University of Paris](#) (4)  
Sciences Po (2)

### Germany

Bard College Berlin  
[Heidelberg University](#)  
Ludwig Maximilian Universität München  
Technion Israel Institute of Technology

## Ireland

[Trinity College Dublin Medical School](#)  
Trinity College Dublin/Columbia University Dual Program  
University College Dublin

## Italy

[Bocconi University](#)  
[Istituto Europeo di Design, Milan](#)  
Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Rome

## Japan

[Kyoto University of Advanced Science](#)  
Sophia University (2)

## Netherlands

[Amsterdam University College](#) (3)  
Erasmus University College  
[Erasmus University Rotterdam](#) (2)  
[Leiden University College](#)  
Radboud College

Technical University Delft  
[University College Maastricht](#) (2)  
University College Utrecht  
University of Amsterdam (2)  
University of Groningen  
[University of Twente](#)

## Spain

[ESADE](#)  
IE University Madrid  
Universidad de Navarra  
Universidad Europea de Madrid

## Switzerland

EHL-Ecole hôtelière de Lausanne

## United Kingdom

Bath Spa University  
[King's College London](#) (3)  
[London College of Fashion](#)  
London School of Economics (4)  
Manchester Metropolitan University  
Northumbria University  
[Queen Mary, University of London](#) (3)  
SOAS: School of Oriental & African Studies (2)  
University College London (3)  
University of Aberdeen  
University of Bath (2)  
University of Birmingham  
University of Bristol (2)  
[University of Dundee](#)  
[University of Edinburgh](#) (3)  
University of Exeter (4)  
University of Goldsmiths  
University of Kent (3)  
University of Leeds (3)  
University of Liverpool  
[University of Manchester](#)  
University of Oxford (3)  
University of Royal Holloway (3)  
University of Sheffield  
University of Southampton (2)  
University of Sussex  
[University of St. Andrew](#) (6)  
[University of the Arts London](#) (2)

(Number in brackets represents the five year total; highlighted universities represent the Class of 2021)