



Mission

Our mission is to be an exemplary learning community—enriched by differences, informed through inquiry, global in reach.

School and Community

Washington International School is an independent, coeducational day school serving the international and American communities in the nation's capital. Founded in 1966, WIS was one of the first schools in the US authorized to implement the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program (DP).

The school enrolls 900 students in Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 12. The WIS graduating class of 2021 numbered 66 students. Our students and their parents represent more than 100 nations. Approximately 15% of students receive financial aid.

Faculty

Faculty and staff members come from more than 30 countries. Over seventy percent of the faculty hold master's degrees or higher.

Class Size

The average Upper School class size is 10 students.

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THE WIS EXPERIENCE

Curriculum

All students are enrolled in a rigorous college preparatory curriculum. Two key components of our curriculum are internationalism and the learning of more than one language. In the primary years, our youngest students are fully immersed in French or Spanish; children in Grades 1–5 follow a dual-language program in English and either French or Spanish. By the time they get to the upper grades, most students are fluent in their second language.

All students in Grades 11 and 12 follow the International Baccalaureate (IB) curriculum, a highly demanding honors program. While nearly all students pursue the full IB Diploma Program, some choose to take a different combination of higher and standard level courses, making them eligible to receive individual Certificates, rather than the Diploma.

Over their four years in the Upper School, students will have completed:

English: 4 years

Math: 4 years (including algebra, geometry, trigonometry and calculus for all)

2nd Language: 4 years

Additional Language: optional

Social Sciences: 4–7 years

Lab Sciences: 4–7 years

Arts Courses: 2 years required

Grade 10 Project: ½ year

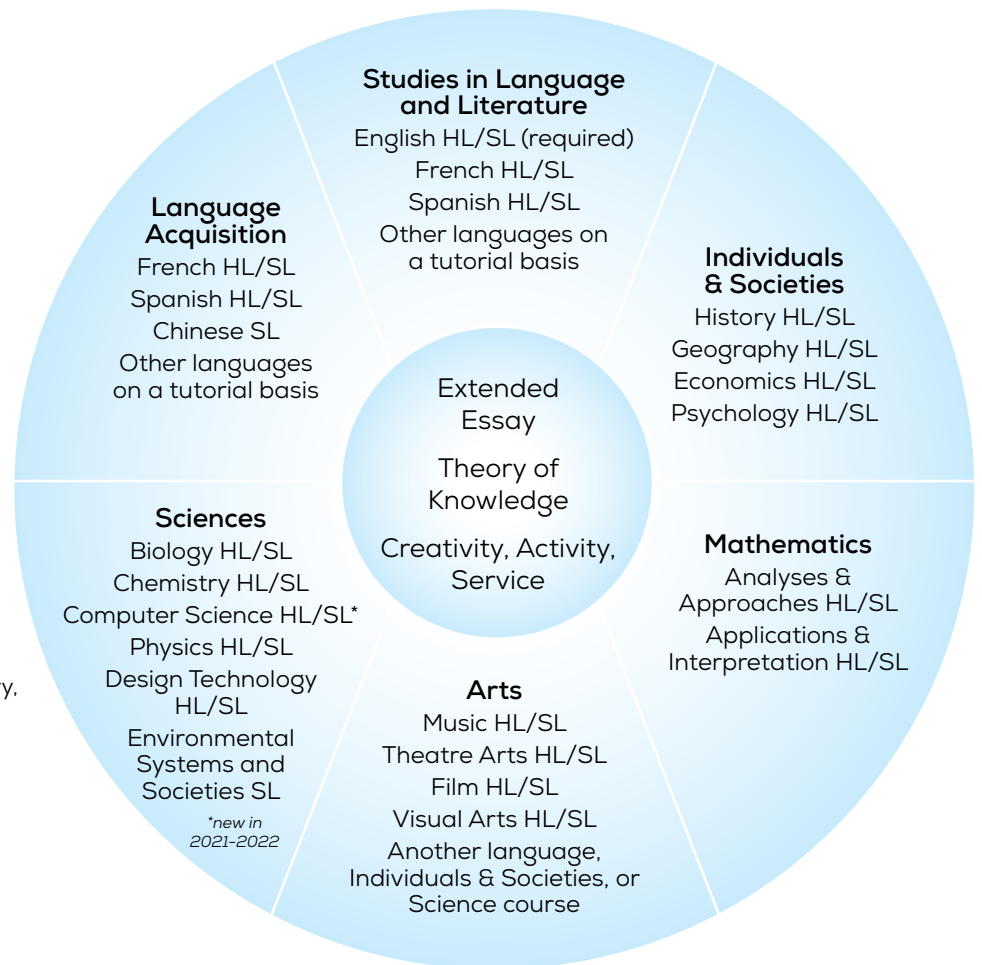
Community Service: 80 hours

Theory of Knowledge: 1½ years

Physical Education 2–4 years

IB Diploma Program

In Grades 11 and 12 students must select one subject from each of the six groups.



UPPER SCHOOL COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Grade 9	Grade 10	Grades 11 and 12
English	English	Students select a mix of DP Higher Level and DP Standard Level classes.
2 nd Language	2 nd Language	
Math	Math	Courses must include English, another language, math, lab science, and a social science.
Geography (semester)		
History (semester)	History	
Choice of two: Biology/Chemistry/Physics	Continuation of two: Biology/Chemistry/Physics	Theory of Knowledge Extended Essay
Choice of at least two electives: Chinese, Design Technology, Jazz Ensemble, Journalism, Narrative Film, Photography, Programming and Computer Science, Symphonic Band, Theatre Arts, Third Science, Visual Art 2D or 3D, Vocal Music	Choice of at least two electives: Chinese, Design Technology, Geography, Jazz Ensemble, Journalism, Narrative Film, Photography, Programming and Computer Science, Symphonic Band, Theatre Arts, Third Science, Visual Art 2D or 3D, Vocal Music	Optional Electives: Advanced Photography, *Advanced Robotics, Chinese Conversational, Design Technology, Instrumental Music, Journalism, Narrative Film Production, Theatre Arts, Visual Arts, Vocal Music, Yearbook <i>*new for 2021-2022</i>
	Grade 10 Project	
Community Service	Community Service	Creativity, Activity, Service
Physical Education	Physical Education	

CLASS OF 2021 HIGHLIGHTS

66 students in the Class of 2021 • **29** students were at WIS since at least Grade 1 • **94%** of students in the IB Diploma Program • **100%** of WIS candidates earned the IB Diploma while **89%** of the candidates worldwide earned the IB Diploma • **71%** of WIS IB Diplomas were the prestigious Bilingual Diploma in comparison to **27%** of world-wide candidates • **57%** of WIS students' marks were 6's or 7's • **5.68** average IB subject mark at WIS compared to **5.33** worldwide subject mark • **36** average WIS IB Diploma score compared to **33** worldwide IB Diploma score • **57*** are attending college in the US • **7*** are attending universities abroad • **5** are taking a gap year

*three gap year students who have committed to universities are included in these totals

STANDARDIZED TESTS

ACT MEAN SCORES

ELA	28.7
English	30.6
Math	28.8
Reading	31.7
Science	30
STEM	29.7
Writing	8.3
Composite	30.3

SAT MEAN SCORES

ERW	700
Mathematics	690
TOTAL	1380

NOTE: With many U.S. colleges/universities implementing test-optional policies for the 2021 admissions cycle, ACT and SAT results are from a smaller pool of students than in previous years.

IB EXAM GRADE DISTRIBUTION

Exam Grade	WIS %	World %
7	23%	17%
6	34%	26%
5	32%	28%
4	10%	20%
3 and below	1%	9%

World IB statistics from IBO publication.

AWARD TOTAL

Not all Classes of 2020/2021 members were eligible due to citizenship restrictions.

5 National Hispanic Scholar	5 Presidential Scholar Nominee
21 National Merit Commended	1 Posse Scholar
4 National Merit Finalist	1 Coalfire Award Nominee
4 National Recognition Program Scholar	1 Coca Cola Scholar Semifinalist

AP EXAM GRADE DISTRIBUTION

Subject	5	4	3	2	1
French	8	3	2	1	0
Spanish	3	5	0	0	0
TOTALS	11	8	2	1	0

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

On top of the demands of their IB classes, WIS students participate in multiple extracurricular activities on campus and off. Some of our offerings at WIS include:

Clubs: ACLU Debate, Architecture, Best Buddies, Black Student Union, Chess, Coding and Computing, Creative Writing, Engineering the Future, Feed the Homeless, Girls Who Code, Latinx/Hispanic Student Union, Math, Mental Health, Merch Madness, MUN, Oxfam, Photography, Politics, Pride, Quantum Physics, Reading Partners, Space, Squash, Students Standing, UNICEF

Publications: *Devils & Dreamers*, *International Dateline*, Yearbook

Sports: Basketball, Cross Country, Golf, Soccer, Softball, Swimming, Tennis, Track, Ultimate Frisbee, Volleyball

Student Government: International Student Union

Theater Productions: Fall & Spring Musicals, Winter Play, Senior Produced Plays

GRADING SYSTEMS

Transcripts

The school uses an internal 7-point scale for grading students in 9-12 (see chart at right). Not all of the work that students are graded on will be included in the final IB mark; therefore grades on the transcript should not be interpreted as predicted IB grades.

Ranking and Weighting

WIS does not rank its students. Acknowledging the significant demands of the IB curriculum, a weighting scheme is used which recognizes the comparative difficulty of higher level courses. Courses designated as HL have a weight of 1.1. All courses award .5 credits per semester with the following exceptions: Grades 9 and 10 Phys. Ed. and Theory of Knowledge courses are .3 credits per semester; Grade 10 Project is .3 credits in fall semester of Grade 10 year; courses with 11/12 in the title are .2 credits per semester.

GRADE	DESCRIPTOR
7	Excellent
7-	
6+	Very Good
6	
6-	Good
5+	
5	
5-	Satisfactory
4+	
4	
4-	Failing
3+ and below	

WIS Matriculation by Country

Australia

University of Queensland (1)

Belgium

Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (2)

Canada

McGill University (8)

*University of British Columbia (4)

*University of Toronto (13)

University of Waterloo (1)

Ireland

*National University of Ireland (1)

Spain

Charles III University of Madrid (1)

*IE University–Segovia (2)

*Universitat Ramon Llull–La Salle (1)

Switzerland

University of Zurich (1)

United Kingdom

Durham University (2)

Imperial College London (1)

London School of Economics and Political Science (1)

*University College London (1)

University of Aberdeen (1)

University of Bristol (3)

University of Cambridge (2)

University of Edinburgh (4)

University of Exeter (1)

University of Oxford (1)

University of St. Andrews (1)

University of Sussex (2)

University of Warwick (1)

United States of America

Babson College (1)

*Barnard College (2)

*Boston College (2)

Boston University (2)

*Brown University (2)

Bryn Mawr College (2)

Bucknell University (1)

*California Institute of Technology (CalTech) (3)

*Colby College (1)

College of the Holy Cross (1)

*College of William & Mary (5)

Colorado College (2)

*Columbia University (1)

Connecticut College (1)

The Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science & Art (1)

*Cornell University (3)

Dartmouth College (3)

Davidson College (1)

*Dickinson College

Drexel University (1)

Duke University (2)

Embry–Riddle Aeronautical University–Daytona Beach (1)

Emory University (1)

*The George Washington University (5)

*Georgetown University (5)

Georgia Institute of Technology (2)

*Hamilton College (1)

*Harvard University (2)

Harvey Mudd College (1)

*Haverford College (3)

*Indiana University Bloomington (2)

Ithaca College (1)

*Lewis & Clark College (1)

*Massachusetts Institute of Technology (2)

New York University (9)

Northeastern University (1)

*Northwestern University (1)

*Occidental College (1)

Pennsylvania State University–University Park (1)

*Pitzer College (1)

*Pomona College (1)

Pratt Institute (1)

*Rice University (1)

*Sciences Po–Columbia University Dual BA Program (1)

*Sewanee, University of the South (1)

*Spelman College (2)

*Stanford University (1)

Swarthmore College (1)

The New School (1)

The Ohio State University (1)

Towson University (1)

*Tufts University (3)

University of Arizona (1)

University of California, Berkeley (3)

*University of California, Los Angeles (5)

*University of California, Santa Barbara (3)

*University of Chicago (9)

University of Colorado, Boulder (1)

University of Maryland, Baltimore County (1)

*University of Maryland, College Park (3)

*University of Miami (2)

*University of Michigan (11)

*University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill (4)

*University of Pennsylvania (11)

University of Pittsburgh (2)

University of Southern California (1)

*University of Vermont (1)

*University of Virginia (6)

University of Washington (1)

University of Wisconsin, Madison (1)

*Vanderbilt University (5)

Virginia Commonwealth University (1)

*Virginia Polytechnic Institute (Virginia Tech) (1)

*Wake Forest University (1)

Washington University in St. Louis (2)

*Wellesley College (2)

*Yale University (3)

(*) Indicates a university/college attended by at least one member of the Class of 2021.