



THE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL IN GENOA

SINCE 1966

2021 - 2022 High School Academic Profile

*Our school's mission is for everyone to demonstrate the ISG community themes of
RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, AND REACHING FOR EXCELLENCE.*

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ISG H.S. CODES

College Board School Code:
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001380

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UCAS Centre Number:
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THE SCHOOL

The International School in Genoa was founded in 1966 as a private, co-educational day school to serve the needs of the international and national communities in Liguria. ISG is the only school in Liguria that offers a complete international education in the English language for all students from Pre-School (age 3) to Grade 12 (age 18) leading to the achievement of both the ISG High School Diploma and the International Baccalaureate Diploma.

The International School in Genoa is one of only 8 schools in Italy accredited by CIS, the Council of International Schools. It is a UNICEF ambassador school and a founding member of AIBWSI, the Association of IB World Schools in Italy.

ISG moved in 2009 to its fourth site: the beautiful grounds of a restored 14th-century Benedictine abbey. The move was necessitated in large part by the consistently increasing student population.



HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULUM

The content of all main academic subjects in the 9th - 10th grades at ISG provides the foundation for the academic rigors of the IB Diploma Programme, which all ISG students follow in the 11th - 12th grades.

The IB Diploma Programme requires students to study six main academic subjects, including at least two languages, one social science, one experimental science, and a mathematics course. Exams are set and marked by external examiners. Each subject is graded on a scale of 1 to 7. To earn the IB diploma a student must gain a minimum of 24 points in six subjects, complete a program of extra-curricular activities (CAS), participate in a course called the Theory of Knowledge, and write an original 4,000-word thesis paper (Extended Essay).

The vast majority of 11th - 12th grade ISG students are full IB Diploma candidates; only a few are IB course candidates.

The school is also currently a candidate to offer the IB MYP.

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IB DIPLOMA PROGRAMME SUBJECT OFFERINGS

IB Diploma Programme courses available to the class of 2022 include the following:

- Group 1 - English A: literature, Italian A: literature, Spanish A: literature
- Group 2 - English B, French B, French *ab initio*, Italian B, Spanish B, Spanish *ab initio*
- Group 3 - History, Economics
- Group 4 - Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Physics
- Group 5 - Math: Analysis and Approaches, Math: Applications and Interpretation
- Group 6 - Visual Arts

All subjects are offered at both Higher and Standard level (except the *ab initio* languages, which are SL only).

The class of 2023 will have the additional options of German B, Mandarin B, Mandarin *ab initio*, and Psychology.

ISG BY THE NUMBERS

- 1** We are the only school in the entire region of Liguria offering a complete international program for students from Pre-School through 12th grade, and ours is the only accredited school (by the Council of International Schools) in the region. We are also the only school in Liguria to serve as an SAT and a PSAT testing center. Our students have come not only from Genoa (population over 600,000, and the capital city of the province and region), but also from as far away as Savona and La Spezia.
- 4** The school has 4 IB DP examiners / exam authors (physics, history, world studies EE, and visual arts) on staff.
- 12** ISG graduates have gone on to study at excellent universities in 12 different countries (the USA, the UK, Italy, Canada, France, Spain, the Netherlands, Switzerland, Denmark, Hungary, Sweden, and Monaco). Some have earned significant merit-based scholarships.
- 27** ISG has traditionally offered 27 different after-school activities for secondary students, including sports and activities (baseball, soccer, rugby, Spanish dancing, table tennis, Taekwondo, volleyball, Zumba), languages (Chinese, Greek, Latin, French), music (recorder, clarinet, piano, percussion, violin, violoncello, and the high school musical) as well as arts and crafts, computer, yearbook, school newspaper, and SAT prep. Our students also can participate in the school's Model United Nations club and have participated in MUN events throughout Europe. (*As restrictions from the Covid-19 pandemic are easing, we will begin to offer the above options again shortly.*)
- 34** In the last five years of testing, the overall average score of ISG students on their IB diplomas was 34 points (out of a maximum possible 45).
- 56** This is the school's 56th year of operation. A high school program was begun in the fall of 2000 and the school was authorized to start teaching the IB diploma programme in the fall of 2002.
- 97.7%** Since we had our first high school graduating class in the spring of 2004, 97.7% of our candidates have earned the IB diploma. Our students' success is due to a very close student-teacher-family relationship and high academic standards.
- 324** The school currently has 324 students enrolled in all grades. The high school population has experienced particular growth from its original 13 to its current 94 of today.

ISG IB RESULTS 2017 – 2021

	May 2021	May 2020	May 2019	May 2018	May 2017
ISG pass rate	100%	100%	100%	93.3%	94.1%
<i>World-wide pass rate</i>	<i>88.96%</i>	<i>85.18%</i>	<i>77.8%</i>	<i>78.2%</i>	<i>78.4%</i>
ISG: Highest score of all candidates	45	43	39	36	40
ISG: Average score of all who earned the diploma	37.2	35.9	32.9	30.5	32.3
<i>World-wide average score</i>	<i>33.02</i>	<i>31.34</i>	<i>29.65</i>	<i>29.76</i>	<i>29.88</i>
ISG: Average subject grade	5.82	5.68	5.14	4.80	5.19
<i>World-wide average subject grade</i>	<i>5.19</i>	<i>5.08</i>	<i>4.77</i>	<i>4.79</i>	<i>4.81</i>

GRADING / RANKING / WEIGHTING / HONORS

Secondary School students at ISG are graded on a 1 - 7 scale, with the following corresponding grade points:

GRADE	COMMENT	PERCENT	LETTER	GRADE POINTS
7	Excellent performance	90 - 100%	A+	4.3
6	Very good performance	80 - 89%	A	4.0
5	Good performance	70 - 79%	B	3.0
4	Satisfactory performance	60 - 69%	C	2.0
3	Mediocre performance	50 - 59%	D	1.0
2	Poor performance	20 - 49%	F	0.5
1	Very poor performance	0 - 19%	F	0.0

GRADING FROM JANUARY 2021:

Semester grades are not averaged. They indicate the student's current level of achievement at the end of the semester. The results of summative assessments throughout the semester and end-of-semester exams inform teachers' evaluations of students' current achievement levels.

GRADING PRE-JANUARY 2021:

- Semester 1 grades = (40% of Q1 grade) + (40% of Q2 grade) + (20% S1 exam grade)
- Semester 2 grades = (40% of Q3 grade) + (40% of Q4 grade) + (20% S2 exam grade)

RANKING AND WEIGHTING:

ISG does not rank students and we do not weight grades. The grades for all courses count towards GPA's.

HONOR ROLL:

Awarded each semester to students who have earned at least a "6" as a semester grade in all classes.

COURSE CREDITS/GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

All students (including transfer) must meet all ISG requirements in order to earn the ISG High School Diploma.

In general, each semester of a course offered in the high school is worth 0.5 credits; a year-long course is worth 1 credit. The student must successfully complete the course (i.e., earn at least a passing grade of "3") in order to earn the credit.

In order to graduate from ISG, a student must earn a minimum total of 26 credits according to the following guidelines:

English	4 credits
Mathematics	4 credits
Science	4 credits
History	4 credits
Modern Languages: Italian, French, Spanish	4 credits
Electives (e.g. Technology, Art, Music, TOK, or Options from other subjects)	6 credits
TOTAL	26 credits

Creativity, Action, Service is graded on a Pass/Fail basis only and does not carry any credit.

The student must also earn a minimum cumulative average of at least an IB mark "4" for all courses taken over the four years of high school, and in all cases, an ISG Diploma cannot be issued unless the final requirements for grades 11 and 12 are met. Course credit is only awarded in subjects for which a student earns at least a "3."

*N.B. The above graduation requirements are valid for the classes of 2022 and 2023.
They will change for the class of 2024.*

SCHOOL YEAR

The school year has 180 days and is divided into two semesters beginning early September and February.

Core academic subjects for 10th - 12th grade students meet for 60 minutes four times per week.
Core academic subjects for 9th grade students meet for 60 minutes three times per week.

OUR COMMUNITY

Faculty, Students and Parents

ISG faculty members are highly-qualified professionals. Many have advanced degrees in their fields; one holds a Ph.D. They are native speakers of or fluent in English. High School faculty members come from the USA, the UK, Australia, Belgium, Canada, China, Egypt, Germany, Italy, Romania, and Spain. The school continues to have strong enrollments, with students representing 30 different nationalities. The majority of students are Italian and many enter ISG at a very early age. All high school students speak at least two languages and are university-bound. ISG students are protagonists in the life of the school and have opportunities to serve as Student Mentors or Student Council representatives and participate in initiatives such as Model United Nations events. ISG parents are mostly professionals, working in industry, banking, commerce, or tourism.

Genoa

Along 30 km of the magnificent Italian Riviera, nestled between the Sea of Liguria and the Apennine mountains, lies Genoa, the 6th largest city in Italy with a population of around 600,000. The capital of the Region of Liguria and one of the four original maritime republics of Italy, the port city of Genoa has one of the most extensive and interesting historic districts of any city in Europe. Many of the historic “*Rolli*” palaces in the city center have been declared UNESCO world heritage sites, and the old harbor (“*Porto Antico*”) area, recently restored by the world-famous architect and Genoa native Renzo Piano, is host to the second-largest aquarium in Europe. Genoa has a long tradition of banking and one of the oldest banks in the world, the *Banca di San Giorgio*, was founded in Genoa. Genoa is home to the international IIT, the Italian Institute of Technology, involved in robotics research and related sciences, as well as to Fincantieri, Ansaldo Energia, and a number of international shipping companies such as MSC Cruises. Genoa is a major Italian economic center and forms the southwestern vertex of the Milan-Turin-Genoa economic triangle. The economy of Liguria is based on commerce and tourism as well as high-quality and high-tech products. Annual international events in Genoa include the Genoa Science Festival, the Boat Show, EuroFlora, and the Nicolò Paganini International Violin Contest.

In 2004 Genoa was named a European Capital of Culture.

THE IMPACT OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

2021 - 2022 school year

The school reopened on 1 September 2021 for full in-person learning.

Class of 2022 (12th grade):

- 10 days of virtual learning in first semester, necessitated by a positive case in the 12th grade class.
- End-of-semester exams scheduled in January 2022 for all HS students and in June 2022 for 9th-11th grade students.
- No other changes made to our assessment model or grading system for these classes.
- SAT testing available in October, December, and May.

2020 - 2021 school year

From November 2020 - Spring 2021, all high school students spent most of this period in virtual learning. Some flexibility was given for in-person learning for lessons that required the use of laboratories and for students with learning disabilities.

Class of 2022 (11th grade):

- E-learning model with synchronous learning in all subjects during high school closures.
- End-of-semester exams administered in June 2021 only (end of 2nd semester), and only for class of 2022.
- Starting with 2nd semester report cards, semester grades are not averaged. They indicate the student’s current level of achievement at the end of the semester. (N.B. This change was not due to Covid, but to a planned revision of our assessment policy.)
- No other changes made to our assessment model or grading system.
- SAT testing available for a small number of students in September, October, December, and May.

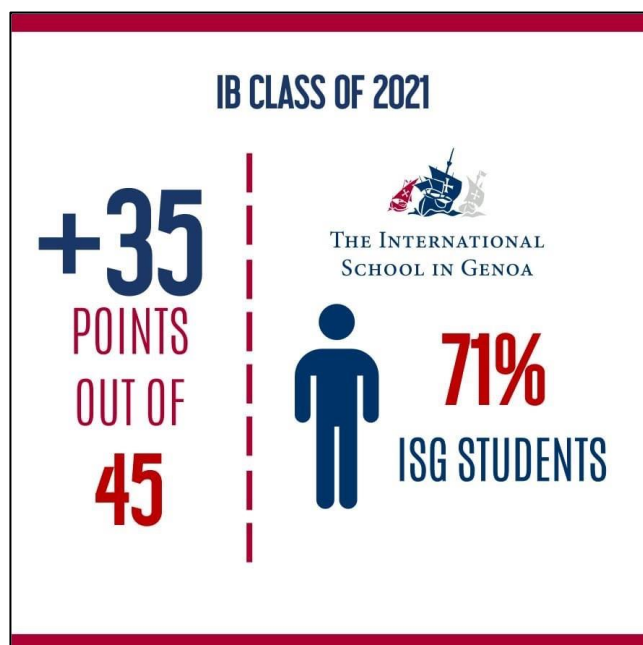
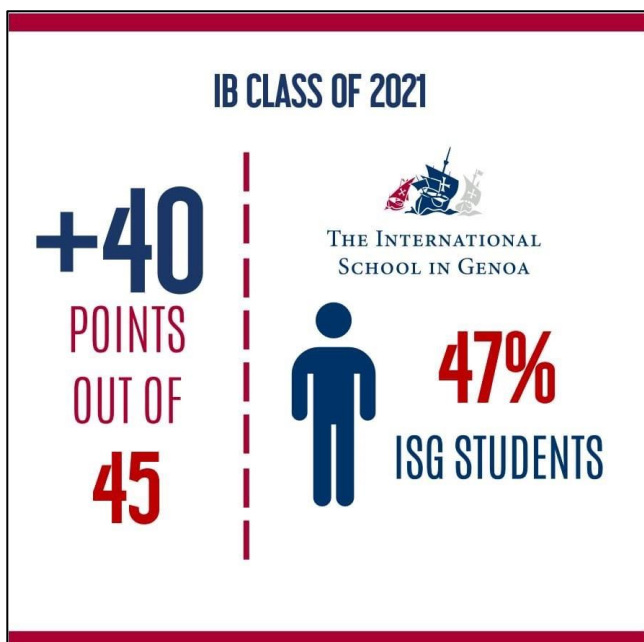
2019 - 2020 school year

Our school was fully closed from 24 February 2020 through the end of the school year. All learning took place virtually.

Class of 2022 (10th grade):

- E-learning model with a combination of synchronous and asynchronous learning.
- No end-of-semester exams in June 2020 (end of 2nd semester) for any HS students.
- No other changes made to our assessment model or grading system for these classes.
- No spring SAT testing available.

THE CLASS OF 2021



UNIVERSITY OFFERS SINCE 2017

United Kingdom

- Aberystwyth University
- Anglia Ruskin University
- Bath Spa University
- Bishop Burton College
- Bournemouth University
- Bristol, University of the West of England
- Brunel University London
- [Cass Business School, London \(now Bayes\)](#)
- City, University London
- De Montfort University
- [Durham University](#)
- Goldsmiths, University of London
- [Hartpury University](#)
- [Hult International Business School](#)
- [Imperial College London](#)
- Istituto Marangoni London
- Keele University
- [King's College London](#)
- Kingston University London
- Leeds Trinity University
- London School of Economics (LSE)
- London South Bank University
- Loughborough University
- Middlesex University London
- Newcastle University
- [Oxford Brookes University](#)
- Queen Mary University of London
- Regent's University London
- [Royal Holloway, University of London](#)
- SOAS University of London
- St Mary's University
- University College London (UCL)

United Kingdom

- University of Aberdeen
- University of Bath
- [University of Bath, IFY](#)
- University of Birmingham
- University of Brighton
- [University of Bristol](#)
- University of Central Lancashire
- University of Chester
- [University of Chichester](#)
- [University of Derby](#)
- University of East Anglia (UEA)
- University of East London
- University of Edinburgh
- University of Essex
- University of Exeter
- University of Glasgow
- University of Hull
- University of Kent
- University of Leeds
- [University of Leicester](#)
- University of Manchester
- University of Nottingham
- [University of Oxford](#)
- [University of Reading](#)
- University of Roehampton
- University of Sheffield
- University of Southampton
- University of Surrey
- [University of Sussex](#)
- [University of the Arts London](#)
- University of the Highlands and Islands
- University of Warwick
- University of Westminster
- University of York
- Warwickshire College
- Writtle University College

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United States of America

- [American University](#)
- [Boston University](#)
- [Columbia University](#)
- [Fashion Institute of Technology](#)
- [Fordham University](#)
- [George Mason University](#)
- [Georgia Tech](#)
- [Harvard University](#)
- [LIM College](#)
- [Lone Star College](#)
- [Manhattan College](#)
- [New York University](#)
- [Northeastern University](#)
- [Purdue University](#)
- [Queens College, City University of New York \(CUNY\)](#)
- [Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute](#)
- [Seton Hall University](#)
- [Suffolk University](#)
- [The George Washington University](#)
- [Tufts University](#)
- [University of California, Berkeley](#)
- [University of California, Irvine](#)
- [University of California, Los Angeles](#)
- [University of California, Santa Barbara](#)
- [University of Colorado, Boulder](#)
- [University of Michigan, Ann Arbor](#)
- [University of North Carolina, Wilmington](#)
- [University of Tampa](#)
- [Worcester Polytechnic Institute \(WPI\)](#)

Italy

- [Free University of Bozen-Bolzano](#)
- [Humanitas University](#)
- [IULM - University of Languages and Communication](#)
- [John Cabot University](#)
- [Nuova Accademia di Belle Arti Milano \(NABA\)](#)
- [Politecnico di Milano](#)
- [Politecnico di Torino](#)
- [UniCamillus - Saint Camillus International University of Health Sciences](#)
- [Università Bocconi](#)
- [Università Campus Bio-Medico](#)
- [Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore](#)
- [Università degli Studi di Firenze](#)
- [Università degli Studi di Genova](#)
- [Università degli Studi di Scienze Gastronomiche](#)
- [Università Vita-Salute San Raffaele](#)

Other

- **BELGIUM:** [KU Leuven](#)
- **CANADA:** [Bishop's University](#), [Dalhousie University](#), [Mount Allison University](#), [University of Alberta](#), [University of British Columbia](#), [York University](#)
- **CHINA:** [New York University Shanghai](#), [University of Hong Kong](#)
- **FRANCE:** [Emlyon Business School](#), [ESCP Europe Business School](#), [L'Institut de Physique de Nice](#), [Sciences Po](#), [University of London Institute in Paris](#)
- **HUNGARY:** [McDaniel College \(Budapest\)](#)
- **PRINCIPALITY OF MONACO:** [International University of Monaco](#)
- **SPAIN:** [ESADE](#), [Harbour.Space University](#), [IE University](#), [La Salle University](#), [Les Roches Marbella Global Hospitality Education](#), [Universidad Europea de Madrid](#)
- **SWITZERLAND:** [École hôtelière de Lausanne](#), [Webster University Geneva](#)
- **THE NETHERLANDS:** [Delft University of Technology - TU Delft](#), [Erasmus University Rotterdam](#), [Hanze University of Applied Sciences](#), [Maastricht University](#), [The Hague University of Applied Sciences](#), [Tilburg University](#), [University of Amsterdam](#), [University of Groningen](#), [Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam](#), [Webster University Leiden](#)

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