



High School Academic Profile 2022-23

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During the 2019-22 academic years, HKIS courses were intermittently conducted online and Interim was canceled. With few exceptions, conventional letter grades were used for the majority of students and classes.

Modified AP exams were synchronously administered around the world by the College Board in May 2020, which meant our students had to sit for them in the middle of the night.

The normal administration of AP exams resumed in May 2021 and May 2022.

Mission

Dedicating our minds to inquiry, our hearts to compassion, and our lives to service and global understanding

An American-style education grounded in the Christian faith and respecting the spiritual lives of all

Vision

HKIS will be a leading place of learning that inspires a socially engaged community of collaborative, creative, and resilient learners dedicated to realizing their full potential.



Accreditation

Hong Kong International School is a member of the East Asia Regional Council of Schools and is fully accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.



Students

HKIS enjoys a diverse student body committed equally to academic excellence and service around the world. HKIS students are noted for being active in the community, eager to learn, as well as ambitious and entrepreneurial. **The class of 2023 consists of 187 students from 20 different countries.** Nearly 100% of a typical class pursues tertiary study, over 80% of them at colleges and universities in the United States.



School Calendar

The school operates under a 180-day calendar, divided into two semesters. The first semester begins the third week of August and concludes mid-December. The second semester begins the second week of January and concludes early June.



Student Learning Results

In addition to providing a rigorous course of study, HKIS targets student growth in six domains: Academic Excellence, Spirituality, Character Development, Self-Motivated Learning, Contributing to Society, and Chinese Culture.



School and Community

Hong Kong International School, a private coeducational day school, serves students (Pre-K to Grade 12) who seek an American-style college preparatory education in a Christian setting. It is a WASC-accredited, American-curriculum school with English as its language of instruction. Students come from business, government, and professional families. HKIS serves over 2,900 students, of whom 40% are from the United States, 23% are from Hong Kong and 37% are from 40 other countries. 749 students are enrolled in the High School.



Faculty

HKIS attracts and retains an outstanding faculty, 73% of whom hold advanced degrees, by providing a vibrant work environment and exceptional professional development opportunities. The average tenure is 11 years. The faculty-student ratio is 1:10.



Interim

Interim is an annual 7-8 day off-campus experimental service and learning program for all High School students, and a graduation requirement. The program encourages student growth by cultivating communication and leadership skills, self-awareness and self-reliance, compassion, and cross-cultural understanding. The Interim experiences form an integral part of the High School curriculum.

Counseling Practice & HKIS Policy on Early Plans

HKIS will support up to 10 college applications and counsels its students to use this allowance deliberately and wisely. HKIS students understand that early decision is a global decision, and, should they be admitted under an early decision agreement, they must withdraw applications from all other institutions. The students are also aware that their college counselors will inform all other colleges to which applications have been submitted of those decisions.

In its observation of NACAC Best Practices, when asked, HKIS will, through established reporting structures, disclose to colleges and universities disciplinary infractions that result in out-of-school student suspensions.

All HKIS seniors complete the FERPA agreement online.

HKIS's Advanced Placement Policy

- 29 AP courses offered.
- G11 and G12 students must seek special permission from administrators to pursue more than 3.0 AP credits. G10 students are limited to 1.0 AP credit.
- Students enrolled in an AP course must take the corresponding exam in May.

Class of 2022 Advanced Placement Exam Results, by Subject

Subject	5	4	3	2	1	Total Exams
2D Art & Design	5	6	3	--	--	14
3D Art & Design	1	1	--	1	--	3
Art History	3	3	4	1	--	11
Biology	22	14	3	--	--	39
Calculus AB	25	17	15	3	--	60
Calculus BC	31	5	2	--	--	38
Capstone Research	2	3	4	--	--	9
Capstone Seminar	4	8	14	--	--	26
Chemistry	30	17	5	--	1	53
Chinese Language	53	14	8	1	--	76
Computer Principles	3	4	5	1	--	13
Computer Science	4	8	3	2	5	22
Drawing	--	1	--	--	--	1
English Language & Composition	43	49	18	8	--	118
English Literature & Composition	31	21	8	--	2	62
Environmental Science	13	13	2	--	--	28
European History	5	1	--	--	--	6
French Language	6	4	--	--	--	10
Government & Politics Comparative	30	13	11	1	--	55
Government & Politics US	32	11	11	1	--	55
Human Geography	18	10	4	--	--	32
Macroeconomics	78	22	4	7	3	114
Microeconomics	61	38	9	8	3	119
Physics I	1	1	2	--	--	4
Physics II	6	13	6	--	--	25
Physics C: E & M	12	4	--	--	--	16
Physics C: Mechanics	14	2	1	--	--	17
Psychology	48	17	5	1	1	72
Spanish Language	2	1	--	--	--	3
Statistics	30	24	10	6	5	75
United States History	13	6	2	1	--	22
World History: Modern	36	10	5	3	1	55

Grading Scale

Grade	GPA
A	4.0
A-	3.67
B+	3.33
B	3.0
C	2.33
D	1.33
F	0.00

Grade Point Average & Class Rank

Hong Kong International School computes a student's Grade Point Average on a 4-point scale, using only grades earned at HKIS. HKIS neither weights grades nor uses percentage equivalents of letter grades. HKIS does not report rank in class.

Grading & Assessment Practices

HKIS uses a comprehensive standards-referenced curriculum. This leads to assessment that demonstrates what a student knows, understands, and can do in relation to clearly articulated standards and learning targets. Behaviors associated with learning (attendance, effort, participation, attitude) are reported separately from the academic grade throughout the year.

Class of 2023 Distribution of Six-Semester Cumulative GPA

GPA	Percent in Range
3.8-4.00	31.35%
3.6-3.79	27.03%
3.4-3.59	27.03%
3.2-3.39	10.27%
<3.2	4.32%

Class of 2021-23 SAT Scores

Middle 50-Percentile Scores and Mean for SAT (1600)

	2021	2022	2023
<i># of Students tested</i>	102	137	159
Evidence Based Reading & Writing	610-740 670	650-750 690	630-750 690
Mathematics	620-780 700	640-790 700	640-780 700

Class of 2021-23 ACT Scores

Middle 50-Percentile Scores and Mean for ACT (36)

	2021	2022	2023
<i># of Students tested</i>	34	23	4
Reading	22-34 29	30-35 32	30-34 32
Science	27-36 31	27-35 31	29-32 31
Math	26-35 30	28-35 31	30-33 31
English	27-35 31	29-35 32	29-33 31
Composite	26-34 30	29-35 31	30-33 31

Advanced Placement Exam Results: Overall (2020-22)

	2020	2021	2022
Candidates	463	466	474
Exams Taken	1144	1300	1253
Percent of Exams that earned Passing Scores (3+)	93	95	95
Percent of Exams that earned a 4 or 5	79	81	82

Academic Program

To earn a diploma, a student must earn a minimum of 22 credits distributed as follows: English (4), Mathematics (3), Science (2), Social Studies (2), Modern Languages (2), Religion (1.5), Visual Arts, Design & Technology and Performing Arts (1.5), P.E. (2), and electives sufficient to complete the 22 credits. Students must also complete an Interim experience and participate in a comprehensive counseling curriculum for each year of enrollment at HKIS. In the final two years of high school, each student must write and defend a Junior Research Paper and undertake and present a Senior Project.

ENGLISH

AP English Language & Composition (1)
AP English Literature & Composition (1)
Film: A Critical Introduction (.5)
Junior English (1)
Journalism (.5)
Senior English: Non-Fiction (1)
Senior English: Journey Across Cultures (1)
Senior English: The Individual & Society (1)

MATHEMATICS

Advanced Algebra (1)
Advanced Algebra (Honors) (1)
Algebra (1)
AP Calculus AB (1)
AP Calculus BC (1)
AP Statistics (1)
Applied Statistics (.5/1) / Statistics (.5)
Foundations of PreCalculus (1)
Geometry (1)
Geometry (Honors) (1)
Introduction to Differential Calculus (.5)
Introduction to Integral Calculus (.5)
Mathematics of Human Behavior (.5)
Mathematical Models (1)
PreCalculus (1)
PreCalculus (Honors) (1)
Math Advanced Topics (1)

SCIENCE

AP Biology (1)
AP Chemistry (1)
AP Environmental Science (1)
AP Physics 2 (1)
AP Physics C: Electricity/Magnetism & Mechanics (1)
Astronomy (.5)
Biology (1)
Biology (Honors) (1)
Chemistry (1)
Chemistry (Honors) (1)
Earth & Space Science (1)
Earth Science (.5)
Engineering Solutions (.5)
Forensic Science (.5)
Human Biology, Health & Sport (.5)
Introduction to Chemical Engineering (.5)
Introduction to Biotechnology (.5)
Physics (1)
Physics (Honors) (1)
Physical Science: Chemistry & Physics (.5 each)
Marine Biology (.5)

SOCIAL STUDIES

AP Capstone Seminar (1)
AP Capstone Research (1)
AP European History (1)
AP Comparative Government & Politics (.5)
AP United States Government & Politics (.5)
AP Human Geography (1)
AP Macroeconomics (.5)
AP Microeconomics (.5)
AP Psychology (1)

AP United States History (1)
AP World History: Modern (1)
Learning Service in Action: Hong Kong (.5)
Business Leadership (.5)
Community Leadership (.5)
Introduction to Psychology (.5)

MODERN LANGUAGES

MNN Advanced Chinese Literature & Society (1)
Mandarin for Near Native Learners Advanced Literature & History (1) *until May 2020*
MNN Chinese Language & Culture 1 to 5 (1 each)
Mandarin for Near Native Learners 1 to 3 (1 each) *until May 2020*
Mandarin for Near Native Learners Culture & Language (1) *until May 2020*
MNN Chinese Literature & Society (1)
Mandarin for Near Native Learners Literature & Society (1) *until May 2020*
AP Chinese Language & Culture (1)
MSL Chinese Advanced 1 to 2 (1 each)
MSL Chinese Intermediate 1 to 5 (1 each)
MSL Chinese Novice 1 to 2 (1 each)
AP French Language & Culture (1)
French Advanced (1)
French Language & Culture (Honors) (1) *until May 2021*
French Intermediate 1 to 4 (1 each)
French Novice (1)
AP Spanish Language & Culture (1)
Spanish Advanced (1)
Spanish Language & Culture (Honors) (1) *until May 2021*
Spanish Intermediate 1 to 4 (1 each)
Spanish Conversation & Culture (1) *until May 2021*
Spanish Novice (1)
Spanish 1 to 4 (1 each) *until May 2021*

RELIGION

Applied Practices of Mindfulness (.5)
Biblical Explorations (.5)
Existentialism (.5)
Jesus Christ: Movie Star (.5)
Personal Spirituality Project (.5)
Service, Society & the Sacred (.5)
Spiritual Community (.5 or 1)
Spiritual Explorations 9 to 12 (.25 each)
Comparative Religions (.5)
Searching for Self (.5)

VISUAL ART, DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY

VADT Foundation (.5)
3D Form & Function (.5)
Advanced Computer Science Studio (1)
Advanced Film Photography (.5)
Advanced Studio (.5)
Advertising & Layout Design (.5)
AP Art & Design – 2D, 3D and Drawing (1)
AP Art History (1)
AP Computer Science A: Self-Paced Study (1)
AP Computer Science Principles (1)
AP Studio Art (1)
Coding in Action (.5)

Digital Photography (.5)
Drawing & Painting (.5)
Fashion & Textiles Studio (.5)
Graphic Design (.5)
Independent Studio (.5)
Introduction to Fashion & Textiles (.5)
Introduction to Photography (.5)
Mobile App Development (.5)
Mobile Games Development (.5)
Printmaking (.5)
Product Design (.5)
Robotics (.5)
Spatial & Urban Design (.5)
Street Art (.5)

PERFORMING ARTS

Beginner Band (.5 or 1)
Chamber Strings (1)
Concert Choir (.5 or 1)
Digital Music Production & Recording (.5)
Drama Workshop I & II (.5 each)
Drama Production – Musical (.5)
Drama Production – Play (.5)
Guitar I & II (.5 each)
Madrigal Singers (1)
Makeup Design & Application (.5)
Men's Choir (1)
Orchestra (.5)
Stagecraft (.5)
String Ensemble (1)
Symphonic Band – Brass, Percussion, Woodwinds (1 each)
Wind Ensemble – Brass, Percussion, Woodwinds (1 each)
Women's Choir (1)

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Physical Education Grade 9 (.5)
Physical Education Grade 10 (.5)
Physical Education Grade 11 (.5)
Physical Education Grade 12 (.5)

INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

Architecture I (Math/Design) (.5)
Effective Speech (English/Performing Arts) (.5)
Humanities I (English/History) (1/1)
Humanities I in Action (English/History) (1/1)
Humanities II (English/History) (1/1)
Humanities II in Action (English/History) (1/1)
Moral Philosophy (Religion/Social Studies) (.5)

LEARNING SUPPORT

Learning Strategies (.5)
Strategies for Self Advocacy (.25)

DEVELOPMENTAL GUIDANCE

Counseling Seminar Program Grade 9-12

GLOBAL ONLINE ACADEMY

Consortium of the world's leading independent schools using online platforms for classrooms.

College Matriculation 2020 – 2022

A team of eight counselors offers students personalized guidance to help them understand and articulate their own interests, needs and aspirations and to choose post-secondary experiences appropriate to that understanding. Nearly 100% of our graduates pursue tertiary study, over 80% of them at colleges and universities in the US. In the last three years, HKIS graduates have attended the following institutions:

United States

American University	2
Amherst College	1
Babson College	6
Bates College	3
Beloit College	1
Berklee College of Music	2
Boston College	1
Boston University	19
Bowdoin College	3
Brandeis University	1
Brigham Young University	2
Brown University	5
Bryn Mawr College	1
California College of the Arts	1
California Institute of Technology	2
California Polytechnic State University- San Luis Obispo	1
Carnegie Mellon University	5
Case Western Reserve University	1
Claremont McKenna College	9
Clark University	2
Colby College	1
Colgate University	4
Colorado College	1
Columbia University	7
Concordia University-Irvine	1
Cornell University	10
Dartmouth College	2
Denison University	1
Drew University	1
Duke University	4
Emerson College	2
Emory University	11
Fordham University	3
George Washington University	8
Georgetown University	5
Georgia Institute of Technology	1
Georgia Military College	1
Grinnell College	1
Harvard University	2
Harvey Mudd College	1
Haverford College	2
Indiana University Bloomington	1
Ithaca College	1
James Madison University	1
Johns Hopkins University	3
Kenyon College	2
Lehigh University	1
Loyola Marymount University	8
Loyola University New Orleans	1
Marymount Manhattan College	1
Mount Holyoke College	1
Mount St. Mary's University	1
New York Film Academy	1
New York University	36
Northeast Wisconsin Technical College	1
Northeastern University	12
Northwestern University	6
Occidental College	2
Ohio Wesleyan University	1
Oregon State University	2
Pennsylvania State University	4
Pepperdine University	3
Pitzer College	1
Pomona College	1
Pratt Institute	1

Princeton University	3
Purdue University	9
Rhode Island School of Design	2
Rice University	3
Ringling College of Art and Design	1
Sacred Heart University	1
Santa Clara University	8
Sarah Lawrence College	1
Scripps College	1
Simmons University	1
Skidmore College	2
Smith College	1
Stanford University	1
Swarthmore College	1
Syracuse University	1
The New School	11
The University of Tennessee-Knoxville	2
Tufts University	8
University of Arizona	2
University of California, Berkeley	17
University of California, Davis	6
University of California, Irvine	6
University of California, Los Angeles	13
University of California, San Diego	2
University of California, Santa Barbara	6
University of Chicago	5
University of Colorado at Boulder	1
University of Denver	1
University of Hawaii at Manoa	1
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	2
University of Memphis	2
University of Miami	2
University of Michigan	7
University of Nebraska-Lincoln	1
University of North Carolina At Chapel Hill	1
University of Pennsylvania	7
University of Puget Sound	1
University of San Diego	4
University of San Francisco	1
University of South Carolina	1
University of Southern California	19
University of Virginia	3
University of Washington-Seattle Campus	1
Utah State University	1
Vanderbilt University	1
Wellesley College	1
Wesleyan University	1
Whitman College	1
Williams College	1
Yale University	3

Other Countries

Australia

University of Sydney	1
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Canada

Carleton University	1
Concordia University	1
Queen's University	2
Sheridan College Inst. of Tech & Adv. Learning	1
The University of British Columbia	12
University of Lethbridge	1
University of Ottawa	1
University of Toronto	16
University of Victoria	1
University of Waterloo	1
Western University	1

France

Edhec Business School	1
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Hong Kong

Hong Kong University of Science and Technology	2
The University of Hong Kong	1

Italy

Universita Bocconi	2
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Japan

Keio University	1
Waseda University	1

Netherlands

Erasmus University Rotterdam	1
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United Kingdom

Durham University	1
Imperial College London	2
King's College London	4
Loughborough University	1
Oxford Brookes University	1
Queen Mary University of London	1
Royal Veterinary College, University of London	1
The University of Edinburgh	2
University College London	6
University of Glasgow	1
University of Manchester	1
University of Oxford	7
University of St. Andrews	4
University of the Arts London	2