

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 Preschool through Grade 12. The WIS graduating class of 2022 numbered 68 students. Our students and their parents represent 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 11 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

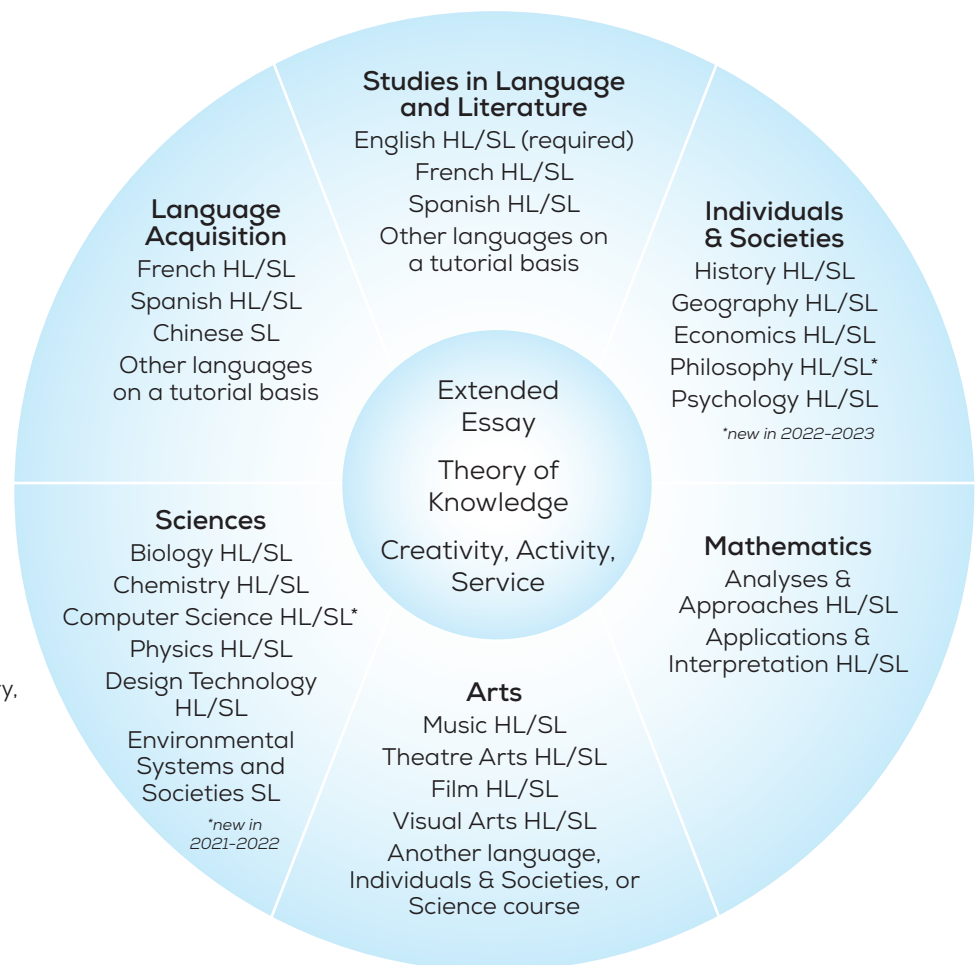
Community Service: 80 hours

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. Courses must include English, another language, math, lab science, and a social science.
2 nd Language	2 nd Language	
Math	Math	
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
	Grade 10 Project	
Community Service	Community Service	Creativity, Activity, Service
Physical Education	Physical Education	

CLASS OF 2022 HIGHLIGHTS

68 students in the Class of 2022 • **26** students were at WIS since at least Grade 1 • **97%** of students in the IB Diploma Program • **97%** of WIS candidates earned the IB Diploma while **86%** of the candidates worldwide earned the IB Diploma • **67%** of WIS IB Diplomas were the prestigious Bilingual Diploma in comparison to **28%** of world-wide candidates • **53%** of WIS students' marks were 6's or 7's • **5.53** average IB subject mark at WIS compared to **4.96** worldwide subject mark • **35** average WIS IB Diploma score compared to **32** worldwide IB Diploma score • **45** are attending college in the US • **23** are attending universities abroad • **5** are taking a gap year

STANDARDIZED TESTS

ACT & SAT MEAN SCORES

ACT Composite	31
SAT ERW	690
SAT Mathematics	680
SAT TOTAL	1370

NOTE: With many U.S. colleges/universities implementing test-optional policies for the 2022 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	18%	12%
6	35%	24%
5	31%	28%
4	15%	22%
3 and below	1.5%	13%

World IB statistics from IBO publication.

AP EXAM GRADE DISTRIBUTION

Subject	5	4	3	2	1
French	11	11	1	0	0
German	2	0	0	0	0
Italian	6	0	0	0	0
Japanese	2	0	1	0	0
Spanish	14	10	0	0	0
TOTALS	35	21	2	0	0

AWARD TOTAL

Not all Classes of 2021/2022 members were eligible due to citizenship restrictions.

3 National Hispanic Scholar	1 Posse Scholar	1 Coronat Scholar Syracuse University
22 National Merit Commended	1 Coalfire Award Nominee	1 IE High Potential Award
6 National Merit Finalist	1 Coca Cola Scholar Semifinalist	5 College Board National Recognition Program Scholar
5 Presidential Scholar Nominee		

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: 3100, Alzheimer's, Architecture, Best Buddies, Black Student Union, Book, Chess, Coding and Computing, Creative Music, Creative Writing, Engineering the Future, Feed the Homeless Youth DC, Film, Generation We, Girls Who Code, It's Academic, Las Olas, LSU, Math, Mental Health, Merch Madness, MUN, Photography, Physics, Ping Pong, Politics, Pride, Quantum Physics, Reading Partners, Robotics, Space, Speech & Debate, Squash, Students Standing

Publications: *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 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.

Letter	Scale	Descriptor
A	7	Excellent
	7-	
	6+	Very Good
6		
B	6-	Good
	5+	
	5	
C	5-	Satisfactory
	4+	
D	4	
F	4-	
	3+ and below	Failing

WIS Matriculation by Country

Belgium

Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (1)

Canada

*McGill University (12)

*University of British Columbia (4)

*University of Toronto (14)

University of Waterloo (1)

France

*Sciences Po (1)

*Université de Lille (1)

Germany

*Jacobs University (1)

Ireland

National University of Ireland (1)

Italy

*Bocconi University (1)

Netherlands

*Erasmus University Rotterdam (1)

*Tilburg University (1)

Spain

*IE University–Madrid (1)

IE University–Segovia (2)

Universidad Carlos III de Madrid (1)

Universitat Ramon Llull–La Salle (1)

Switzerland

*ETH Zurich (1)

United Kingdom

Durham University (1)

*Imperial College London (2)

London School of Economics and Political Science (1)

University College London (1)

University of Cambridge (1)

*University of Edinburgh (5)

University of Oxford (1)

University of St. Andrews (1)

University of Sussex (2)

United States of America

*Barnard College (4)

Boston College (2)

Boston University (1)

*Brown University (3)

Bryn Mawr College (2)

Bucknell University (1)

California Institute of Technology (CalTech) (2)

*California Institute of the Arts (1)

*Carleton College (1)

*Carnegie Mellon University (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 (5)

Dartmouth College (2)

Dickinson College (1)

Drexel University (1)

Embry–Riddle Aeronautical University–Daytona Beach (1)

*The George Washington University (5)

Georgetown University (4)

Georgia Institute of Technology (2)

Hamilton College (1)

Harvard University (2)

Harvey Mudd College (1)

Haverford College (2)

Indiana University Bloomington (2)

*James Madison University (1)

*Johns Hopkins University (1)

*Lake Forest College (1)

Lewis & Clark College (1)

*Macalester College (2)

Massachusetts Institute of Technology (2)

*Morehouse College (1)

*New York University (9)

Northwestern University (1)

*Oberlin College of Arts and Sciences (1)

Occidental College (1)

Pennsylvania State University–University Park (1)

Pitzer College (1)

Pomona College (1)

*Princeton University (2)

Rice University (1)

*Sciences Po–Columbia University Dual BA Program (3)

Sewanee, University of the South (1)

Spelman College (1)

*Stanford University (2)

Swarthmore College (1)

The New School (1)

*The Ohio State University (2)

Towson University (1)

Tufts University (2)

*Tulane University (1)

University of California, Berkeley (3)

*University of California, Los Angeles (6)

University of California, Santa Barbara (3)

*University of Chicago (13)

University of Maryland, Baltimore County (1)

University of Maryland, College Park (3)

University of Miami (2)

*University of Michigan (12)

University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill (3)

*University of Pennsylvania (11)

University of Pittsburgh (2)

*University of Southern California (1)

University of Vermont (1)

University of Virginia (4)

University of Washington (1)

University of Wisconsin, Madison (1)

Vanderbilt University (5)

Virginia Commonwealth University (1)

*Virginia Polytechnic Institute (Virginia Tech) (2)

*Wake Forest University (2)

Washington University in St. Louis (1)

Wellesley College (2)

Yale University (3)

(*) Indicates a university/college attended by at least one member of the Class of 2022.