# PROFILE 2022 - 2023



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Founded in 1947, the United Nations International School (UNIS) is celebrating its 75th year as an independent college preparatory day school located in Manhattan. 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. 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 inperson 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 opted to remain fully online for the year. While many cocurricular activities resumed, some, like sports and theater, were suspended.
- In 2021-2022, the majority of students were on campus full-time; however, some students remained fully remote. Most cocurricular activities resumed.
- Education in 2022-2023 is again in person with no remote option. All cocurricular activities have resumed.







### **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.



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### 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 2022, 38% 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). Three of these courses must be taken at the Higher Level (IBH) and three at the Standard Level (IBS) to obtain an IB Diploma. 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

Approximately 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, 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 2022 conference was titled *Food for Thought: A Sustainable Approach to Food Security*. The conference was held in a mostly virtual format and featured speakers Seth Goldman, Co-Founder of Eat the Change<sup>™</sup>, PLNT Burger, and Honest Tea; Abby Maxman, President and CEO of Oxfam America; and Mary Ellen McGroarty, Representative and Country Director for the World Food Programme (WFP) in Afghanistan.
- UNIS' long-standing partnership with NYC Commission on Human Rights (NYCCHR) together hosted the 2022 webinar *Hypatia*, bringing to light the many struggles that gender minorities face in STEM.
- 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, health disparities, and mass incarceration.
- The Human Rights Conference is another yearly student-led event held at UNIS and the UN headquarters, focused on a human rights issue.

# 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 a 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 2022 art exhibition titled "Liminal Space" was shown publicly in NYC's Caelum Gallery. Visual art students also work with UNIS theater productions to create sets and costumes. Film students use collegelevel film production equipment to complete works for submission to 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).

### **OUR FACULTY MEMBERS:**

High School faculty members	123
Countries represented	35
Doctoral degrees	12
Masters degrees	76
Faculty speaking two or more languages	79%

#### **UNIS GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

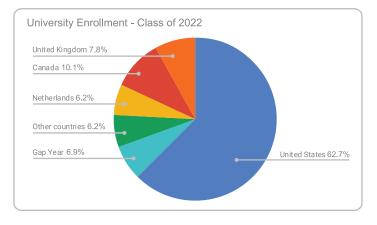
26 credits are required for the UNIS High School Diploma as well as 30 hours of community service each year

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
Total Required	26

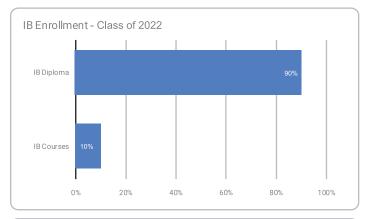
# **A DIVERSE STUDENT BODY**

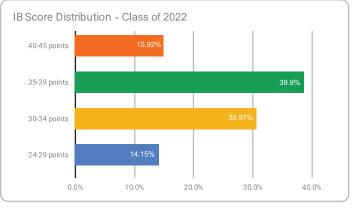
Students enrolled grades 9-12	519
Grade 12 enrollment	128
UN affiliation	50%
Nationalities represented	74
Two or more nationalities	137

# **UNIVERSITY ENROLLMENT - CLASS OF 2022**



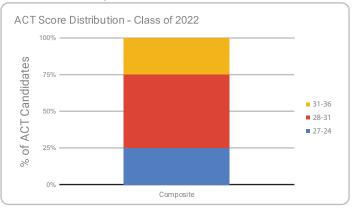
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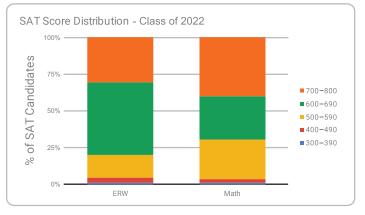


Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, students were limited in their ability to test. Many students in the Class of 2022 either did not test or chose not to submit test scores.

#### Average ACT Composite Score: 30



#### Average SAT Scores: ERW 665 Math 665



# UNIVERSITY ENROLLMENT CLASSES 2018 - 2022

#### UNIVERSITIES IN THE UNITED STATES

Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences Albright College American University Amherst College (3) Babson College (5) Bard College (8) Barnard College (7) Bates College (2) Bentley University (2) Berklee College of Music Boston College (3) Boston University (3) **Bowdoin College** Brandeis University (3) Brown University (2) **Canisius College Carleton College** Carnegie Mellon University (3) Case Western Reserve University (3) Chapman University City University of New York: Baruch College (3) **Guttman Community College** Hunter College (3) John Jay College of Criminal Justice **Queens College Clark University** Colby College **Colgate University** College of William & Mary Colorado College (2) Columbia University (2) **Connecticut College Cooper Union Cornell University (13) DePaul University** Dickinson College (3) **Drexel University** Duke University (3) Elon University (2) Emerson College (3) Emory University (4) Emory University, Oxford College Fordham University (9) George Mason University (2) George Washington University (11) Georgia Institute of Technology (2) Gettysburg College Goucher College Hamilton College (3) Hampton University Harvey Mudd College Haverford College (3) Hofstra University (2) Howard University (5) Indiana University Bloomington Ithaca College (3) Johns Hopkins University Kenyon College King's College, Pennsylvania

Lafayette College (2)

Lehigh University (3) Loyola Marymount University Lynn University (2) Macalester College (2) Manhattan College Marist College Marymount Manhattan College (2) Mount Holyoke College New York University (18) Northeastern University (23) Northwestern University (2) Oberlin College (3) Occidental College (4) Pace University (2) Pennsylvania State University (3) Pitzer College Princeton University (4) **Reed College** Rhode Island School of Design (3) **Rice University** Rochester Institute of Technology (3) **Rutaers University** San Diego State University (2) Santa Clara University Sarah Lawrence College (4) School of the Art Institute of Chicago (2) Scripps College (2) Skidmore College (10) Smith College (3) Stanford University State University of New York: Albany Binghamton (2) Buffalo Fashion Institute of Technology (4) Oswego Purchase College (2) Stony Brook (7) Stevens Institute of Technology (4) Suffolk University Swarthmore College (4) Syracuse University (2) Temple University (2) The New School (7) Tufts University (7) Tulane University (4) Union College (2) University of California: Berkeley (5) Davis Irvine (2) Los Angeles (6) San Diego (4) Santa Barbara Santa Cruz University of Chicago (5) University of Colorado, Boulder (2) University of Illinois, Urbana Champaign

University of La Verne University of Maryland (3) University of Massachusetts, Boston University of Miami (7) University of Michigan, Ann Arbor (2) University of Pennsylvania (2) University of Pittsburgh University of Richmond (2) University of Rochester University of San Francisco (3) University of Southern California University of Washington (2) University of Wisconsin (2) Vassar College (7) Villanova University (3) Virginia Military Institute Virginia Tech (2) Wagner College Wake Forest University (2) Washington University in St. Louis (6) Wesleyan University (6) Williams College Worcester Polytechnic Institute Yale University (3) UNIVERSITIES OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES Australia University of Canberra

#### Monash University Austria

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#### Canada

Concordia University (14) McGill University (16) McMaster University University of British Columbia (4) University of British Columbia, Okanagan University of Toronto (11) Vancouver Film School

China

NYU Shanghai (2) **Czech Republic** 

Charles University Law School Prague

Denmark University of Southern Denmark

Finland Aalto University

France

American University of Paris (2) École Nationale Supérieure d'Architecture de Paris-La Villette ESCP Europe Business School

Sciences Po Paris

Germany Bard College Berlin Heidelberg University Ludwig Maximillian Universität München Munich University of Applied Sciences Technion Israel Institute of Technology

# Ireland

Trinity College Dublin Medical School Trinity College Dublin/Columbia University **Dual Program** italy

Bocconi University Istituto Europeo di Design, Milan

#### Japan

Kyoto University of Advanced Science Sophia University (2)

#### Netherlands

Amsterdam University College Erasmus University College (2) Erasmus University Rotterdam (2) Hotelschool The Hague Leiden University College Technical University Delft **Tilburg University** University College Maastricht (2) University College Utrecht University of Amsterdam (3) University of Groningen University of Twente (2) Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam (2) Wageningen U and Research Centre

#### Norway

University of Oslo (2)

#### Spain ESADE

IE University Madrid (2) Universidad de Navarra Universidad Europea de Madrid

Sweden **Uppsala University** 

Switzerland EHL-Ecole hôtelière de Lausanne (2)

**United Kinadom** Bath Spa University Goldsmiths, University of London King's College London (3) London College of Fashion London School of Economics (4) Manchester Metropolitan University Newcastle University Northumbria University Queen Mary, University of London (3) Royal Holloway, University of London (4) SOAS: School of Oriental & African Studies (2) University College London (6) University of Aberdeen University of Bath (2) University of Birmingham University of Bristol University of Dundee University of Edinburgh (2) University of Exeter (5) University of Glasgow University of Kent (3) University of Leeds (3)

University of Liverpool University of Manchester University of Oxford (3) University of Sheffield University of Southampton University of St Andrews (5) University of the Arts London