



## ISB COMMUNITY

Founded in 1980, ISB is an independent, coeducational, not-for-profit day school for students in Early Years 2 through Grade 12. ISB offers English-medium instruction for expatriate students. The school has enrolled approximately **1,800** students from **70** countries and regions for the 2024-2025 school year.

Accreditation by external organizations has long been recognized in international school circles as a highly effective means of initiating and maintaining school improvement and demonstrating alignment with a set of publicly stated standards. ISB is currently accredited by the following external organizations: **Council of International Schools (CIS)**; **New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC)**; **National Center for Curriculum Study and Textbook Development (NCCT) – China Ministry of Education.**

## DISTINCTIVE PROGRAMS @ ISB



### Social-Emotional Learning

Our SEL concepts and skills are not a detour from our academic learning; instead, they provide the on-ramps to learning. Our EY-12 SEL programs are crucial parts of being a mission-driven school. Every High School student engages in our mentoring program and IB students also have SEL support through their Advisory classes, which provide structure to the IB core. This focus on SEL complements and enriches our academic curriculum.



### Pathways Program

The Pathways Program offers students voice and choice in their final two years of the ISB Diploma. Students are challenged to explore their own ideas, learn beyond the classroom, and transform their learning by making connections across content areas and making an impact. Students will take a combination of IB and ISB courses or just ISB courses to fulfill the ISB Graduation Requirements. In addition to an accredited ISB Diploma, students can also receive an Impact Certificate and/or Microcredentials with the required course credits.



### Interdisciplinary Classes

We believe interdisciplinary learning is the intentional and experiential inquiry into complex and relevant issues. Through this approach, students are empowered to deepen understanding around a central theme in a challenging and joyful context with real-world application. These courses are double-blocked and students engage in courses such as Science and Engineering, Civics and Social Entrepreneurship, and Action in a Developing World.

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

A minimum of 24 credits is required for graduation; a full-year course earns one credit. The credits listed below are required. Elective courses, including at least two from the subject areas marked with an asterisk (\*), complete the 24 credits.

4 *English	3 *Laboratory Sciences
3 *Social Studies	2 Physical Education/Health
3 *Mathematics	1 Visual/Performing Arts
2 *World Languages/EAL	

## POLICIES AND PROCEDURES OF NOTE

- ISB believes that students and universities alike are better served when students make well-considered choices and we therefore limit Seniors to a maximum of 12 university applications. UCAS and University of California (up to five) count as one.
- ISB students and parents sign and submit an application integrity agreement before university applications are submitted. This agreement ensures understanding of the Guide to Ethical Practice in College Admission outlined by the National Association of College Admission Counseling (NACAC).
- ISB policy allows for a maximum of one counselor recommendation and two teacher recommendations unless otherwise required by a university.

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## GRADES

ISB uses standards-based grading and reporting on a 1-7 grading scale. Students receive a formal summative grade only at the end of each course. Grade point averages are not weighted and students are not ranked. 3 is a passing grade. Predicted grades are issued during Semester 1 of Grade 12, are based on academic evidence and teachers' professional judgement, and will be accurate within .4 points of grades achieved.

Grade	Descriptor	Grade	Descriptor
7	Excellent	3	Mediocre
6	Very Good	2	Poor (no credit awarded)
5	Good	1	Very Poor (no credit awarded)
4	Satisfactory		

## ISB'S VISION AND MISSION

Empowered with purpose and compassion.

We are an inspiring international community in Beijing, where thinkers and leaders find their place in the world and serve others. So that our learning is at its best, we build strong relationships and set high expectations together. We are committed to challenging and joyful learning with the freedom to explore.

## MEET THE CLASS OF 2025

This year's Senior class has 112 members, with 93 full IB Diploma candidates. ISB reports incidents of out-of-school suspension. Grades from all courses at ISB are included in calculating a student's cumulative GPA. Grades from other schools are not included, and are not reported on ISB's transcript. ISB does not report class rank.

### 2024 INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE RESULTS

#### Average IB diploma score



#### 2024 IB grade distribution

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Group 1 A Languages			2	8	53	30	3	96
Group 2 B Languages			2	2	16	35	18	73
Group 3 Social Sciences				21	26	39	16	102
Group 4 Science		2	13	21	37	27	25	123
Group 5 Mathematics			2	8	23	28	21	82
Group 6 Arts					5	13	7	29

## CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Leadership roles within the school are open to students serving on the Student Council (STUCO), on Peer Helpers, on the Dragon Council (Activities Council), as well as on executive committees of other student-led clubs. ISB tradition is that students serve in no more than two leadership roles at a time to ensure leadership is open to all. A robust performing arts program includes band, jazz band, choir, dance, orchestra and theater. Our MUN delegates attend multiple conferences across the year, including attending the THIMUN event in Singapore, and hosting the renowned BEIMUN conference here at ISB, now in its 32nd year. Varsity and JV teams in 13 different sports compete in conference play with other international schools on mainland China as well as across the Asia region. Student records will contain references to the following international school conferences and organizations:

#### Athletics

ISAC - International Schools Athletic Conference (Beijing + Tianjin)  
ACAMIS - Association of Chinese and Mongolian International Schools  
CHINA CUP - China/Hong Kong Athletics Conference  
APAC - Asia Pacific Activities Conference

#### Performing Arts

AMIS - Association of Music in International Schools  
APAC - Asia Pacific Activities Conference  
ISTA - International Schools Theater Association

#### Student Clubs

Aperture  
 Photography  
 Badminton Club  
 Blue Fire Dance  
 BJ Student Press  
 Buddy Magazine  
 Business Club  
 Charity Fashion Show  
 Code Olympians  
 Debate  
 Dear Letterbox  
 Dragon Chef  
 Dragon Council  
 Dragon Dispatch (student news)  
 Draxonics Design  
 Filmism  
 Green Impact  
 Hope for Homes (HFH)  
 History Club  
 ISB Live  
 Jazz Band  
 HS Choir  
 Makers Club  
 Mandel Math  
 Mediheal

Model United Nations (MUN)  
 Nightingale Charity Club (NCC)  
 Peer Helpers  
 Philharmonic  
 Prism  
 Psych Club  
 Regeneration Science Fair  
 Robotics  
 Roots & Shoots  
 Student Anti Bias Anti Racism (SABAR) Club  
 Science Club  
 Ski Club  
 Sports Med Club  
 Student Council (STUCO)  
 Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)  
 Tutoring Center  
 Thespians  
 Ultimate Frisbee  
 We for She  
 World Scholars Cup  
 Yearbook

## ACCREDITATIONS



## 2024-2025 ACADEMIC COURSE OFFERINGS

### ENGLISH

English 9  
English 10  
Mass Media and Journalism  
IB English A: Literature SL  
IB English A: Literature HL  
IB English A: Language and Literature SL  
IB English A: Language and Literature HL  
IB English B: HL  
Literature and Social Justice

### MATH

Math 9  
Math 9+  
Math 9 Advanced  
Math 10  
Math 10+  
Math 10 Advanced  
Business Math: Finance and Design  
IB Mathematics: Analysis and Approaches SL  
IB Mathematics: Analysis and Approaches HL  
IB Mathematics: Applications and Interpretation SL  
IB Mathematics: Applications and Interpretation HL  
Math: Data Science

### CHINESE & WORLD LANGUAGES

Chinese Foundation  
Intermediate Chinese I  
Intermediate Chinese II  
Advanced Chinese I  
Advanced Chinese II  
Theory of Knowledge IB 11 (Chinese)  
Chinese Language and Literature 9  
Chinese Language and Literature 10  
IB Mandarin Ab Initio SL  
IB Mandarin B SL  
IB Mandarin B HL  
Special Topics in Chinese Studies 1  
IB Chinese A: Language and Literature SL  
IB Chinese A: Language and Literature HL  
French: Beginning  
French: Intermediate  
French: Advanced  
Spanish: Beginning  
Spanish: Intermediate  
Spanish: Advanced  
IB French B SL

IB French B HL  
IB Spanish Ab Initio SL  
IB Spanish B SL  
IB Spanish B HL  
IB Self-Taught Language A: Literature SL

### SCIENCE

Science and Engineering 9  
Science and Engineering 10  
Science 9  
Science 10  
Anatomy and Physiology  
Medical Microbiology and Advanced Laboratory Technique  
IB Physics SL  
IB Physics HL  
IB Biology SL  
IB Biology HL  
IB Chemistry SL  
IB Chemistry HL  
IB Environmental Systems and Societies SL  
IB Sports Exercise and Health Science SL  
IB Sports Exercise and Health Science HL  
IB Computer Science SL  
IB Computer Science HL  
Food science and Technology

### SOCIAL STUDIES

Asia and the World I  
Asia and the World II  
Civic and Social Entrepreneurship 9  
Action Research 10  
IB Geography SL  
IB Geography HL  
IB Economics SL  
IB Economics HL  
IB Psychology SL  
IB Psychology HL  
IB History SL  
IB History HL  
Philosophy and Development of Society  
Behavioral Economics

### PERFORMING ARTS

Stagecraft  
Theatre: Acting and Ensemble  
Theatre: Physical Theatre and Devising  
Concert Orchestra  
Concert Band  
Concert Choir  
Music Studio Production  
The Theatre Studio Experience  
IB Music SL

IB Music HL  
IB Theatre SL  
IB Theatre HL

### VISUAL ARTS & MEDIA

Film Studies: Introduction to Visual Literacy  
Art 1: Seeing Like an Artist  
Art 2: Thinking Like an Artist  
The Studio Art Experience  
Photography 1  
Photography 2  
Filmmaking 1  
Filmmaking 2  
IB Film SL  
IB Film HL  
IB Art SL  
IB Art HL

### PE/HEALTH

P.E. and Health 9  
P.E. and Health 10  
Independent Fitness and Physical Health: Sem 1  
Independent Fitness and Physical Health: Sem 2

### DESIGN & STEAM

3D Modelling and Mechanics  
Game Design  
Design Studio  
Graphic Design  
Product Design  
Introduction to Programming

### INDEPENDENT COURSES

EAL 9  
EAL 10  
Guided Study  
Tutor Training I  
Tutor Training II  
Impact Project  
Work Experience

## SAT TESTING RESULTS

Class of 2024

Evidence Based Reading and Writing

630-700

Math

750-800

Total

1,390-1,470

## MEMBERSHIPS



# CLASS OF 2024 UNIVERSITY ADMISSIONS OFFERS

This list is correct as of September 10, 2024. ISB is proud of all its newest alumni, whether they have identified a best-fit university or chosen another option like a bridge year or military service. Some members of ISB's Class of 2024 are still in the process of applying for college and have yet to receive offers of admission, notably from universities in South Korea, Singapore, Australia, and New Zealand. **Universities listed below with at least one enrolled ISB graduate appear in bold type.** (And each set of brackets indicates the number of offers where the number is larger than one.)

## UNITED STATES

American University  
Appalachian State University  
**Babson College** (2)  
Bates College (2)  
**Berklee College of Music**  
**Boston College** (4)  
**Boston University** (4)  
Brandeis University  
**Brigham Young University** (3)  
**Carleton College**  
**Carnegie Mellon University** (3)  
Case Western Reserve University  
**Christopher Newport University**  
**Columbia University in the City of New York**  
Concordia University  
**Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art**  
Cornell University  
**Davidson College**  
Dean College  
DePaul University  
Dickinson College  
Duke University  
**Emerson College** (2)  
**Fordham University** (3)  
Franklin and Marshall College  
**Full Sail University**  
George Mason University (2)  
**Harvey Mudd College**  
James Madison University (2)  
Kent State University  
Lafayette College  
Loyola Marymount University (2)  
Michigan State University  
**New York University** (5)  
**Northeastern University** (5)  
**Northwestern University**  
Ohio State University-  
Main Campus (2)  
**Pennsylvania State University-Main Campus** (3)  
Pepperdine University  
**Purdue University-Main Campus** (4)  
**Rhode Island School of Design** (3)  
Rochester Institute of Technology  
Rutgers University-  
New Brunswick (3)  
**Rutgers University-Newark**  
Santa Clara University

Savannah College of Art and Design

**Seattle University**  
Suffolk University  
Texas A & M University-  
College Station (2)  
**Texas State University**  
The College of Wooster  
**The New School**  
**Tufts University** (2)  
Union College  
**University at Buffalo**  
University of California-  
Berkeley  
University of California-  
Davis (5)  
University of California-  
Irvine (6)  
University of California-  
Los Angeles  
University of California-  
Merced  
University of California-  
Riverside (3)  
**University of California-San Diego** (7)  
University of California-  
Santa Barbara  
University of California-  
Santa Cruz (4)  
**University of Chicago**  
**University of Connecticut** (3)  
University of Delaware  
University of Denver  
**University of Florida**  
**University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign** (6)  
University of La Verne (2)  
University of Maryland-  
College Park (2)  
University of Minnesota-  
Twin Cities  
University of Oregon  
University of Portland  
**University of Rochester** (7)  
**University of San Francisco**  
University of Southern  
California  
University of Virginia-  
Main Campus  
University of Washington-  
Bothell Campus  
University of Washington-  
Seattle Campus (2)  
University of Wisconsin-  
Madison  
University of the Pacific (2)  
Utah State University (2)  
Utah Valley University (2)  
**Vassar College**

Virginia Polytechnic Institute  
and State University  
Washington State University  
Washington University in  
St Louis  
West Virginia University  
Western Washington  
University  
**Wheaton College**  
Whitman College  
William & Mary University

## UNITED KINGDOM

Birmingham City University  
Bournemouth University  
Brunel University London  
Durham University  
Imperial College London  
**King's College London, University of London** (2)  
Lancaster University  
London Metropolitan  
University  
Loughborough University  
Manchester Metropolitan  
University  
Queen Mary University of  
London  
Queen's University Belfast  
Solent University  
(Southampton)  
University College London  
University of Bristol  
University of Derby  
University of Exeter  
University of Glasgow  
University of Liverpool  
University of Manchester (3)  
University of Southampton  
University of St Andrews (2)  
University of Surrey  
University of Sussex

## CANADA

**Brock University**  
**Conestoga College**  
**McGill University**  
**McMaster University** (3)  
**OCAD University**  
Queen's University (5)  
**Simon Fraser University** (4)  
Toronto Metropolitan  
University  
Trent University  
University of Alberta  
**University of British Columbia** (12)  
University of Calgary (2)  
University of Guelph  
University of Ottawa (3)

University of Toronto (15)  
University of Waterloo (2)  
Western University (5)  
Wilfrid Laurier University  
York University (5)

## CHINA HONG KONG

City University of  
Hong Kong  
The Chinese University of  
Hong Kong (2)  
The Hong Kong Polytechnic  
University  
The Hong Kong University of  
Science and Technology (6)  
**The University of  
Hong Kong** (11)

## NETHERLANDS

**Erasmus University  
Rotterdam**  
Leiden University  
Maastricht University  
Radboud University  
**University of Amsterdam**  
University of Groningen

## AUSTRALIA

Monash University (2)  
University of Melbourne (2)  
The University of  
Queensland  
The University of Sydney

## KOREA

Korea University  
Sungkyunkwan University  
**Yonsei University** (3)

## IRELAND

**Trinity College of Dublin**  
University College Dublin

## SINGAPORE

**LASALLE College of the Arts**  
**Nanyang Technological  
University** (3)