



The International School of Brussels

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Established in 1951, the International School of Brussels (ISB) is a diverse community located in the capital of Belgium. Our international location is reflected in the school culture, built to develop independent learners and global citizens. ISB is the oldest and largest English medium international school in Belgium.

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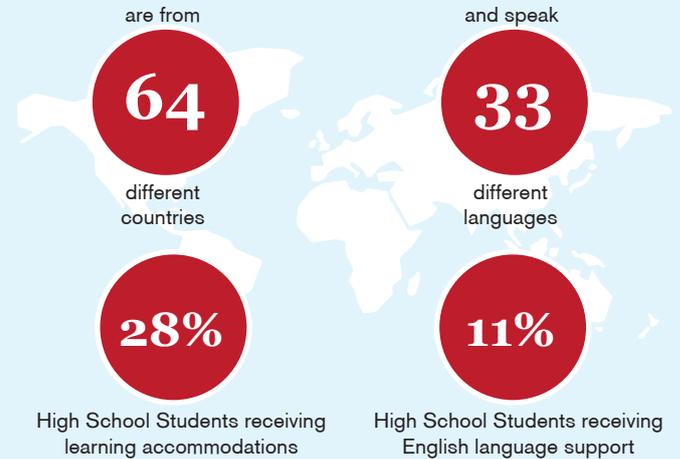
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Everybody included

The International School of Brussels (ISB) operates within a non-selective, open enrollment admission policy. Our students:



Everybody challenged

At ISB, we are committed to developing students who have the capacity to learn throughout their lives. All students at ISB receive a US High School Diploma upon graduation. Students add challenge to their programme through any of the following curricular enhancements:

IB Diploma Programme Courses

IB Careers-Related Programme

Pearsons BTEC Level 3 Diploma

College Board AP Coursework

(AP beginning academic year 2022-2023)

Our qualified and experienced faculty are passionate and committed educators, many of whom hold advanced degrees, are IB trainers or examiners.

Everybody successful

We believe there is not one correct path for students, but rather that each student must decide how they want to leave a mark after leaving ISB. The postsecondary plans of the **164** students in the Class of 2022 included:



By the Numbers

High School Enrollment
Grades 10 -12



Class of
2023





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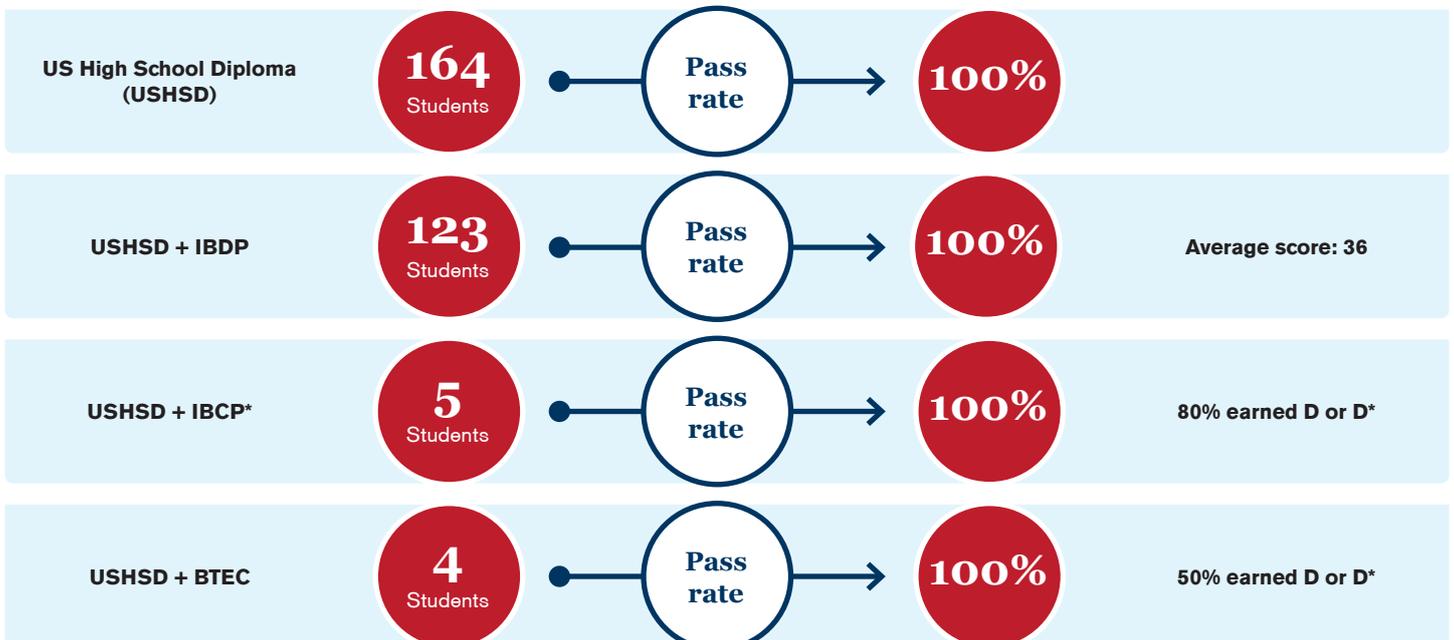
Grading Scale

The chart below is a representation of the ISB grading structure in the Upper School. The High School includes Grades 10-12; the grading scale is different for Grade 9, which is housed in the Middle School. Please note that ISB does not grade with or report using percentages; the equivalency is shared here to support universities and external organizations who are more familiar with this model. As our grades are ultimately tied to descriptive indicators, it is possible for a student to have an ISB grade that falls in-between two numbers (such as 5.5).

ISB has an open enrollment policy which produces a diverse student body with students joining us from many different educational systems from around the world. In line with our school's mission and values, ISB does not calculate Grade Point Average (GPA) or rank our students.

Formative & Skills Descriptor	IB Grades	AP Grades	BTEC Grades		ISB Grades	Basic Grade Descriptor		Recommended Equivalency for GPA Calculations
Effective Application	7	High 5	D*	Converts to	7	Exemplary	Converts to	100%
	6	Low 5	D		6	Very Good		95%
Emerging Application	5	4	M		5	Good		89%
	4	3	P		4	Proficient		79%
Developing	3	2	NA		3	Developing		69%
Beginning/ Does Not Meet	2	1	F		2	No Credit		Not calculated
Does Not Meet	1	1	F		1			

Pathway statistics, Class of 2022



* The IBCP pathway was first introduced at ISB in the Class of 2021 cohort. AP Courses have been introduced as of the 2022-2023 academic year.



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Graduation Requirements

In four years of study, students undertake up to 30 full year credits, with 8 courses in grades 9 & 10 and 7 courses in grades 11 & 12. Students are required to complete:



English



Science &
Technology



Mathematics



Arts



Social Science



Additional

Course offerings 2022-2023, Grades 10-12

Language & Literature

IB English Literature A SL/HL
IB English Language & Literature A SL/HL
IB French A Literature SL/HL
IB French A Language & Literature SL/HL
IB Dutch Language & Literature A SL/HL
IB Japanese A Language & Literature SL/HL
IB Self-Taught Language A Language & Literature SL
AP English Language & Composition
English 10,11,12
French 10
Dutch 10
Spanish 10

Language Acquisition

IB English B SL/HL
IB French B SL/HL
IB Dutch B SL/HL
IB Spanish B SL/HL
IB French Ab Intio SL
IB Spanish Ab Initio SL
English Language Development (ELD) - Bridging
English Language Development (ELD) - Intermediate
English Language Development (ELD) - Foundational
English Language Development (ELD) - Intensive
French 1-4
Dutch Language
Spanish 1-3

Arts

Performance Arts

IB Theater Arts SL/HL
IB Music SL/HL
AP Music
Symphonic Band
Advanced Strings
Choir
Digital Music
Theater
Design for Theater & Backstage Tech

Visual Arts

IB Visual Arts SL/HL
BTEC Art & Design
Studio Art
Drawing
Graphic Design
Textile Design & Fashion

Math

IB Mathematics Analysis & Approaches SL/HL
IB Mathematics Applications & Interpretations SL/HL
Integrated Mathematics Extended
Integrated Mathematics
Math 10, 11, 12

Science & Technology

IB Physics SL/HL
IB Chemistry SL/HL
IB Biology SL/HL
IB Computer Science SL/HL
IB Environmental Systems & Societies SL
IB Sports Exercise & Health Science SL/HL
IB Design Technology SL/HL
AP Physics 1
BTEC Sport (Development, Coaching & Fitness)
Computer Programming
Design Technology
Integrated Science 10

Social Sciences

IB History SL/HL
IB Global Politics SL/HL
IB Geography SL/HL
IB Psychology SL/HL
IB Environmental Systems & Societies SL
IB Economics HL
IB Business Management SL/HL
AP Microeconomics
AP European History
BTEC Business
Challenge & Change in the 21st Century
History & Social Sciences 10
ELD Social Sciences 10
Introduction to Business & Economics

Physical Education/Health

Physical Education/Health

Required Core

USHS Diploma Core:

Advisory
Wellbeing
Community Engagement

IBDP Core:

IB Theory of Knowledge (TOK)
IB Theory of Knowledge in French
CAS (Creativity, Action & Service)
Extended Essay

IBCP Core

IB Personal & Professional Skills (PPS)
Reflective Project
Language Development



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University Acceptances 2020-2022

At the International School of Brussels, we strive to be a place where all students are included, challenged and successful. We are proud of the diversity of interests, talents and skills this list represents.

UK

Abertay University
Aberystwyth University
Arts University Bournemouth
Cardiff University
Central Film School
Central St Martins, University of the Arts London
City, University of London
Durham University
Guildhall School of Music & Drama
Goldsmiths, University of London
Glasgow Caledonian University
Imperial College London
King's College London
Liverpool Institute for Performing Arts
Loughborough University
London School of Economics and Political Sciences (LSE)
New College of the Humanities
Newcastle University
Northumbria University
Oxford Brookes University
Queen Mary, University of London
Regent's University London
Royal Holloway, University of London
Royal Veterinary College
SOAS, University of London
St Mary's University, Twickenham
Swansea University
University College Birmingham
University College London (UCL)
University of Birmingham
University of Aberdeen
University of the Arts, London
University of Bath
University of Bristol
University of Derby
University of Edinburgh
University of Exeter
University of Greenwich
University of Law
University of Leeds
University of Manchester
University of Nottingham
University of Oxford
University of Plymouth
University of St Andrews
University of Stirling
University of Sussex
University of Surrey
University of York
University of Warwick
Writtle University College
York St John University

Europe

Amsterdam University College
Amsterdam University of Applied Sciences
Bocconi University
Breda University of Applied Sciences
College of Art & Design (CAD), Brussels
Central European University

César Ritz Colleges
Conservatoire Royal de Bruxelles
Ecole Hôtelière de Lausanne
Erasmus University College
Erasmus University Rotterdam
ESADE
Háskolinn í Reykjavík
Hotel Management School Maastricht
Hotelschool the Hague
ICHEC, Brussels Management School
IE University
John Cabot University
Karolinska Institutet
KTH Royal Institute of Technology
KU Leuven
La Cambre Art School
Lancaster University Leipzig
Leiden University
Leiden University College
LUISS Guido Cardi
Maastricht University
Maastricht University College
Politecnico di Milano
Radboud University
The Hague University of Applied Sciences
Trinity College Dublin
TU Delft
TU Eindhoven
Université Libre de Bruxelles
Universidad Europea de Madrid
University College Dublin
University College Frysland
University College Roosevelt
University College Utrecht
University of Amsterdam
University of Groningen
University of Oslo
University of Twente
Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam
Vrije Universiteit Brussels
Willem de Kooning Academy

North America

American University
Arizona State University
Babson College
Bard College
Barnard College
Boston University
Brigham Young University
Brown University
College of Charleston
Carleton University
Carnegie Mellon University
College of William and Mary
Columbia University
Concordia University
Cornell University
Duke University
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
Emory University
Fordham University
George Washington University

Gettysburg University
Grinnell College
Howard University
Macalester College
McGill University
McMaster University
Mount Allison University
Nazareth College
New York University
Northern Virginia Community College
Occidental College
Pace University
Purdue University
Queen's University
Rice University
San Diego State University
Savannah College of Art & Design
School of the Art Institute of Chicago
Southern Connecticut State University
South Puget Sound Community College
Smith College
St Louis University
Trinity College
Tulane University
University of California Berkeley
University of California San Diego
University of Maryland, College Park
University of Colorado Boulder
University of Mary Washington
University of Ottawa
University of Pennsylvania
University of Rochester
University of Texas
University of Toronto
University of Utah
University of Vermont
University of Victoria
University of Virginia
University of Wisconsin-Madison
US Naval Academy
University of Southern California
Utah State University
Virginia Commonwealth University
Wake Forest University
Washington University in St Louis

Rest of the World

International Christian University
Keio University
Korean Advanced Institute of Science and Technology
Meiji University
Nanyang Technological University
National University Singapore
Osaka University
Osaka Prefecture University
Reichman University (IDC Herzliya)
Sophia University
Tel Aviv University
The University of Kitakyushu
Tokai University
University of Sharjah
Waseda University

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