

# VIENTIANE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL **SCHOOL PROFILE 2022-2023**

Situated in Vientiane, the capital city of Lao PDR, VIS is an independent, not-for-profit day school offering a rigorous international-standard curriculum for students.



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# **ACCREDITATION**

VIS is the only school in Lao PDR, accredited by both the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) and the Council of International Schools (CIS). We are also the only IB World School in the country, delivering IB Curriculum across all divisions.









# **CURRICULUM**

Using English as the primary language of instruction, the school is guided by the IB Primary, Middle Years, and Diploma Program curricular framework.







# **CALENDAR**

The academic year is 180 days, broken into two semesters. Semester 1 is from early August until late December. Semester 2 is from early January to early June. Lao National holidays are observed in addition to traditional international school breaks.

# **ADMISSIONS**

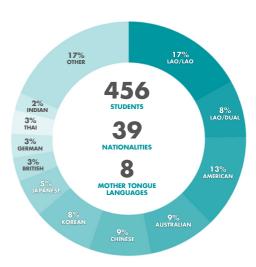
Vientiane International School is a welcoming environment established for the education of the children of Lao and expatriate families who support the school's mission, vision, and values. The School will seek to maintain a diverse student body thus seeking to enroll students with diverse backgrounds and abilities who can benefit from and contribute to our high-quality program.

# **LANGUAGES**

Our unique VIS Mother Tongue program supports the development and maintenance of mother tongue languages for students in 8 different languages (Lao, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, German, French, Spanish, and Thai). VIS also provides support for students who are in the process of acquiring English through the English Language Acquisition (ELA) program.

# **SCHOOL COMMUNITY**

The student body of 452 students is diverse, drawing from 39 nationalities. Most families represent the non-government and diplomatic sectors with international and local businesses also well represented. Our community is highly transient and the average length of stay for families in Vientiane is 3 years.



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DIPLOMA CANDIDATES	IB SCORE AVERAGE WORLD AVERAGE	33	<b>36.4</b>	<b>32.76</b> 31.98
25 DIPLOMA AWARDS	VIS GRADE AVERAGE	<b>5.24</b> 4.08	5.88 5.33	5.19 5.12
36 IB COURSES	WORLD AVERAGE HIGHEST IB SCORE	41/45	45/45	41/45
OFFERED 3	TOTAL +40 IB SCORE	3	6	3
BILINGUAL DIPLOMA	CANDIDATES			



# **PATHWAYS**

VIS students have four pathways for graduation:

### **High School Diploma**

All students who complete VIS graduation requirements receive a high school diploma that is accredited through the Council of International Schools (CIS) and the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC).

### High School Diploma + IB Course **Certificates**

In addition to receiving the accredited high school diploma, students can pursue IB course certificates in some of their classes at the SL or HL level. This means they complete the full IB course in those particular subjects, and their work is externally marked by IB examiners.

#### High School Diploma + IB Diploma

The most rigorous pathway, students receive the accredited high school diploma and a diploma from the International Baccalaureate. Students must enroll in three SL and 3 HL subjects, achieve an overall score of at least 24 points, and receive at least a mark of A-D in Theory of Knowledge and the Extended Essay.

# High School Diploma + Bilingual IB **Diploma**

In addition to completing the above-mentioned requirements for the IB Diploma, students who complete two Group 1: Studies in Language and Literature courses will receive a bilingual diploma from the IB. This means they must be enrolled in English Language and Literature as well as School-Supported Self-Taught Literature in their mother tongue.

#### **GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

To be awarded the VIS High School Diploma at the completion of Grade 12, students must pass certain requirements during Grades 9-12. In order to graduate from VIS, you must pass a minimum of:

- 4 English credits
- · 3 Mathematics credits
- 3 Humanities credits
- 3 Science credits
- 3 Language Other than English credits
- 2 Arts/Design credits
- 2 Physical Health and Education credits
- 1 Theory of Knowledge credit
- Grade 11 and 12 CAS requirements

These credits can be earned at the High School level or at IB Standard or Higher Level. Equivalent courses passed at your previous school(s) usually count towards these requirements. When students do not earn a passing grade for a course they will be required to recover this course.

# **GRADING SYSTEM**

VIS uses a criterion-referenced grading system. A passing grade for credit is at least a 3 on a scale of 1-7 for MYP, DP SL/HL, or High School Level Subjects. Grade descriptions are noted on our transcripts. VIS is a learning-focused institution; it does not have a class ranking system and does not calculate Grade Point Averages (GPA).

### **COURSES OFFERED**

#### Group 1:

English Language and Literature – HS/SL/HL School-Supported Self-Taught Literature (Chinese, French, Korean, Japanese, Spanish) - HS/SL Lao Literature – HS

#### Group 2:

French Ab Initio - HS/SL Mandarin Ab Initio - HS/SL Spanish Ab Initio – HS/SL French B - HS/SL/HL Spanish B (Pamoja online)

# Group 3:

Business Management – HS/SL/HL Economics (Pamoja online) Geography - HS/SL/HL History - HS/SL/HL

#### Group 4:

Biology - HS/SL/HL Chemistry - HS/SL/HL Design Technology - HS/SL/HL Physics - HS/SL/HL

#### Group 5:

Mathematics – HS Mathematics Analysis and Approaches – SL/HL Mathematics Applications and Interpretation – SL/HL

#### Group 6:

Music – HS/SL/HL Theatre – HS/SL/HL Visual Arts – HS/SL/HL

#### Core:

Theory of Knowledge Extended Essay Creativity, Activity Service

Codina: SL = Standard Level HL = Higher Level HS = High School

# **CLASS OF 2022 UNIVERSITY OFFERS (30 STUDENTS)**





**ACROSS THE** 





# **CANADA**

Concordia University McMaster University Mount Allison University Trent University (2) University of British Columbia (2) **University of Ottawa** University of Toronto (3) University of Waterloo (2) University of Windsor Wilfrid Laurier University (2) York University

> Arizona State University California Polytechnic State U-SLO Clemson University Northeastern University Purdue University, West Lafayette San Diego State University Santa Clara University **Texas Christian University** University of Alabama University of Colorado Boulder University of Miami

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill **University of Oregon** University of Southern California

**Birmingham City Unive** Cardiff University (2) City, University of London King's College London (2 Manchester Metropolitan University **Nottingham Trent University** Queen Mary University of London (2) Royal Holloway, University of London **Solent University** 

University College London University of Birmingham (2) University of Bristol University of Edinburgh **University of Exeter** University of Nottingham (2) University of Reading University of Sheffield

University of Sussex

NETHERLANDS International Christian University (2)

Leiden University (2) **Radboud University** Tilburg University **University of Amsterdam Utrecht University** VU Amsterdam (2)

# **SPAIN**

**ESADE Business School** 

# ITALY

University of Bologna

# **GERMANY**

Berlin University of the Arts **HTWG Konstanz University of Applied Sciences Technical University of Munich** 

# JAPAN

Okayama University (2) Sophia University Waseda University

# HONG KONG

The Chinese University of Hong Kong The Hong Kong Polytechnic University

# SINGAPORE

**ESSEC Business School** 



**RMIT University** 



