

United Nations International School

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SCHOOL PROFILE

2023-2024



Founded in 1947 by a group of United Nations parents to provide an international education for their children, UNIS has grown into an internationally recognized educational institution. Today, UNIS has 1,430 students in Pre K-12 and is located in a single-campus building along the East River in Manhattan. UNIS is one of the founding schools of the International Baccalaureate (IB) and was among the first to award the IB diploma. The Secretary-General of the United Nations appoints the school's board of trustees and our connection to the UN allows our students to participate in special UN events and to connect with the UN community. UNIS's annual graduation ceremony takes place in the General Assembly Hall of the UN Headquarters in New York.

OUR MISSION

Under the auspices of the United Nations and guided by its ideals, UNIS provides a rigorous international program in an inclusive and diverse learning environment focused on academic excellence. UNIS fosters innovation, creativity and cross-cultural communication, educating and inspiring its students to become an active force in shaping a better world: **peaceful, compassionate and sustainable.**

Accredited by the Council of International Schools, the New York State Association of Independent Schools, and chartered by the New York State Board of Regents.

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CLASS OF 2024

126
STUDENTS

100%

PLAN TO ATTEND COLLEGE

SOME MAY COMPLETE NATIONAL MILITARY SERVICE OR A GAP YEAR BEFORE THEY BEGIN UNDERGRADUATE STUDY

38 COUNTRIES



INCLUDING AZERBAIJAN, BULGARIA, CHINA, DENMARK, ERITREA, ICELAND, JAMAICA, KENYA, SRI LANKA, AND UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, AMONG MANY OTHERS

7.0 GRADING SCALE



HIGHEST



LOWEST

CUMULATIVE GPA EARNED AT THE END OF 11TH GRADE



CLASS OF 2023

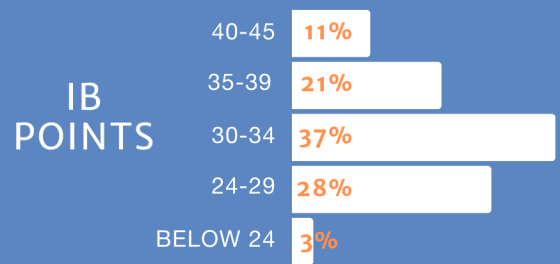
120
DIPLOMA CANDIDATES

9
COURSE CANDIDATES

37 BILINGUAL DIPLOMAS

113 EARNED THE IB DIPLOMA

PASS RATE 94%



TESTING PROFILE

SAT
86
STUDENTS

169

SAT TESTS
EBRW MID-50 % 620-720
MATH MID-50% 570-730
EBRW AVERAGE 662
MATH AVERAGE 642

ACT
15
STUDENTS

41
ACT TESTS

COMPOSITE MID-50% 29-33
COMPOSITE AVERAGE 30

IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON THE UNIS COMMUNITY

- 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 for the year. A small subset of students opted to remain fully online. While many co-curricular 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 co-curricular activities resumed.
- Since the Fall of 2022, all academic and co-curricular activities have been held on campus in person.

ABOUT UNIS

1430
TOTAL STUDENT
ENROLLMENT

98 NATIONALITIES
REPRESENTED IN OUR
STUDENT BODY

58%
OF STUDENTS HAVE
MORE THAN ONE
CITIZENSHIP

SEMESTER
SYSTEM

122 TEACHING
FACULTY

12 WITH
DOCTORATE
DEGREES

29% STUDENTS
RECEIVE THE UN
EDUCATION GRANT



35% STUDENTS HAVE
UN-AFFILIATED
PARENTS

19 AVERAGE CLASS SIZE

514
STUDENTS IN THE
HIGH SCHOOL



GRADING SYSTEM & GPA

The grading scale (1–7) used by all departments at UNIS is inspired by the International Baccalaureate system and all of our courses are unweighted. The minimum passing grade is a 3.

UNIS / IB GRADE	GRADE DESCRIPTOR	U.S. LETTER GRADE
7	Mastering	A+
6	Expanding	A
5	Proficient	B
4	Progressing	C
3	Emerging	D
2	Struggling (no credit)	F
1	Failing (no credit)	

Community Service, CAS, and the Extended Essay are taken on a Pass (P)/Fail (F) basis and are not included in the cumulative GPA. A student with a Medical Excuse that prevented the student from completing the semester's coursework is indicated with an "MX."

UNIS does not rank students. UNIS does not offer academic distinctions or awards, except for a small number of accolades distributed to our most distinguished students at the conclusion of eleventh grade.

MODERN LANGUAGES

In ninth and tenth grade, students are required to take two World Language courses in addition to their English class. In ninth and tenth grade only, these courses are named using a three-part code:

- The first letter follows the IB rubric where an "A" indicates the highest level of proficiency. (There will be no other designations following a language "A" course in ninth and tenth grade.) If the first letter is a "B," it indicates that the student is relatively new to the language.
- The next code after the "B" follows the the Common European Framework of References for Languages (CEFR), where the highest level of proficiency is "C2," followed by "C1," "B2," "B1," "A2," and "A1" for the most basic language learner.
- The third number indicates the level within the CEFR framework. A student who is an especially high-level basic learner will be designated "Spanish B A1.2," for instance. The next step up for them may be "Spanish B A2.1" in the following year.

MATHEMATICS

In ninth and tenth grade, students may be invited to take Mathematics "Extended," which provides additional enrichment for especially proficient students. Most students will take "Standard" courses in Mathematics, which also provide suitable preparation for the IB Mathematics curriculum.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- Four years of English or English Learning Language
- Four years of a Modern Language other than English
- Four years of Humanities
- Four years of Mathematics
- Four years of Experimental Science, including one Physical Science (Physics and/or Chemistry) and one Life Science (Biology and/or Environmental Science)
- Four years of Physical Education
- Two years of Elective courses in either Art, Theater, Film, Music, or Technology
- One year of Health
- Completion of the Extended Essay or Senior Project
- Fulfillment of the Community Service and Creativity-Activity-Service requirement
- CPR Training

IB CURRICULUM

All 11th and 12th grade students at UNIS start as IB Diploma candidates and are expected to meet the requirements of the full diploma: three Higher Level courses, three Standard Level courses, and Core Components, which include the Extended Essay, Theory of Knowledge and Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS) requirements. Some students may opt out of some of the requirements of the Diploma Programme and prepare individual IB courses at the Higher or Standard Level. These students are IB Course Candidates and they will earn a US High School Diploma. They must still meet the CAS requirement and complete an independent Senior Project in order to graduate.

IB COURSES OFFERED

MODERN LANGUAGES

Arabic A Lang & Lit SL/HL
Arabic B SL/HL
Chinese A Lang & Lit SL/HL
Chinese B SL/HL
German A Lang & Lit SL/HL
German B SL/HL
Italian A Lang & Lit SL/HL
Italian B SL/HL
French A Lit SL/HL
French A Lang & Lit SL/HL
French B SL/HL
Japanese A Lang & Lit SL/HL
Japanese B SL/HL
Russian A Lang & Lit SL/HL
Russian B SL/HL
Spanish A Lang & Lit SL/HL
Spanish B SL/HL

SOCIAL SCIENCES

Global Politics SL/HL
Anthropology SL/HL
Philosophy SL/HL
Economics SL/HL
History of Europe HL (French, English)
History of Americas HL (Spanish)
History SL

ENGLISH

English Lang & Lit SL/HL
English Literature SL/HL

ARTS

Theater SL/HL
Film SL/HL
Visual Arts SL/HL
Music SL/HL

MATHEMATICS

Math Analysis SL/HL
Math Applications SL/HL

SCIENCES

Biology SL/HL
Chemistry SL/HL
Physics SL/HL
Environmental Systems & Societies SL

UNIS also supports a number of self-taught language courses

COLLEGE MATRICULATIONS (CLASSES OF 2020-2023)

APPLICATION LIMIT

Students are limited to 12 applications within the United States. Applications to public colleges in the student's state of residence do not count towards the total of 12. Students may submit an unrestricted number of applications outside of the US.

Highlighted universities represent matriculations of the Class of 2023.

In-State Public	5%
Out-of-State Public	11%
In-State Private	19%
Out-of-State Private	38%
International	27%



UNITED STATES	AUSTRIA	CANADA	NORWAY	SPAIN	SWEDEN	SWITZERLAND	UNITED KINGDOM
Adelphi University	Vienna University of Economics and Business	Concordia University (9)	Norwegian School of Economics	ÉSADE (2)	Stockholm University	École hôtelière de Lausanne (2)	Brunel University London
Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences (2)		McGill University (13)	University of Oslo (2)	IE University (2)	Uppsala Universitet		ESCP Europe Business School, London
American University (2)		McMaster University					Goldsmiths, University of London (2)
Amherst College (2)		University of British Columbia (2)					Imperial College London
Arizona State University		University of British Columbia, Okanagan					King's College London (4)
Babson College (5)		University of Guelph					London College of Fashion
Bard College (5)		University of Toronto (11)					London School of Economics (2)
Barnard College (3)							Manchester Metropolitan University
Bates College							Newcastle University
Bentley University							Royal Holloway, University of London (5)
Berklee College of Music							University of the Arts London
Boston College (5)							University of Bath
Bowdoin College							University of Dundee
Brandeis University (2)							University of Edinburgh (3)
Bridgewater State University							University of Exeter (4)
Brown University (3)							University of Glasgow
Bryant University							University of Kent
University of California							University College London (2)
Berkeley (2)							University of Manchester
Irvine (2)							University of Sheffield
Los Angeles (4)							University of St Andrews (3)
San Diego (4)							University of Sussex
Santa Barbara							University of Warwick (2)
Canisius University							
Carleton College							
Case Western Reserve University (2)							
Chapman University							
University of Chicago (4)							
City University of New York:							
Baruch College (2)							
Hunter College (3)							
John Jay College of Criminal Justice							
Queens College							
Claremont McKenna College							
Clark University							
Colgate University							
University of Colorado, Boulder (2)							
Colorado College							
Columbia University							
Connecticut College (2)							
Cornell University (11)							
Culinary Institute of America							
DePaul University (2)							
Dickinson College (3)							
Drexel University							
Duke University							
Elon University (2)							
Emerson College (3)	Rhode Island School of Design	Rhode Island School of Design					
Emory University (5)	Rice University	Rice University					
Fordham University (7)	University of Richmond (2)	University of Richmond (2)					
Franklin & Marshall College (2)	University of Rochester (3)	University of Rochester (3)					
George Washington University	Rochester Institute of Technology (2)	Rochester Institute of Technology (2)					
Georgetown University	Rutgers University (2)	Rutgers University (2)					
Georgia Institute of Technology (2)	Sacred Heart University	Sacred Heart University					
Gettysburg College	St. Francis College	St. Francis College					
Hamilton College (2)	St. John's University	St. John's University					
Hampton University	San Diego State University (2)	San Diego State University (2)					
Harvard University	Santa Clara University	Santa Clara University					
Harvey Mudd College	Sarah Lawrence College (2)	Sarah Lawrence College (2)					
Haverford College (2)	School of the Art Institute of Chicago (2)	School of the Art Institute of Chicago (2)					
Hofstra University (3)	Scripps College (2)	Scripps College (2)					
Howard University (6)	Skidmore College (5)	Skidmore College (5)					
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	University of Southern California (2)	University of Southern California (2)					
Indiana University	Stanford University	Stanford University					
Ithaca College (3)	State University of New York: Albany (3)	State University of New York: Albany (3)					
Johns Hopkins University	Buffalo (2)	Buffalo (2)					
Kenyon College	Buffalo State	Buffalo State					
King's College, Pennsylvania	Fashion Institute of Technology (2)	Fashion Institute of Technology (2)					
University of La Verne	Oswego	Oswego					
Lehigh University (2)	Stony Brook (5)	Stony Brook (5)					
Loyola University Maryland	Stevens Institute of Technology (2)	Stevens Institute of Technology (2)					
Lynn University (2)	Suffolk University	Suffolk University					
Macalester College	Swarthmore College (2)	Swarthmore College (2)					
Manhattan College (2)	Syracuse University	Syracuse University					
Marist College (2)	Temple University (3)	Temple University (3)					
University of Massachusetts, Amherst	Trinity College	Trinity College					
University of Massachusetts, Boston	Tufts University (6)	Tufts University (6)					
University of Miami (2)	Tulane University (3)	Tulane University (3)					
University of Michigan (4)	Vassar College (6)	Vassar College (6)					
Middlebury College	University of Vermont	University of Vermont					
Mount Holyoke College	Villanova University (2)	Villanova University (2)					
The New School (6)	Virginia Polytechnic Institute (2)	Virginia Polytechnic Institute (2)					
New York University (13)	Wagner College	Wagner College					
Northeastern University (22)	Wake Forest University (2)	Wake Forest University (2)					
Oberlin College (2)	University of Washington (2)	University of Washington (2)					
Oxford College of Emory University (2)	Washington University in St. Louis (7)	Washington University in St. Louis (7)					
Pace University (2)	Wesleyan University (4)	Wesleyan University (4)					
University of Pennsylvania	College of William & Mary (2)	College of William & Mary (2)					
Penn State University (4)	University of Wisconsin (2)	University of Wisconsin (2)					
University of Pittsburgh	Worcester Polytechnic Institute	Worcester Polytechnic Institute					
Pitzer College	Yale University (3)	Yale University (3)					
Princeton University (5)							
Purdue University (2)							
Reed College							