

# Profile 2023/24 for Colleges and Universities

## ZIS Upper School at a Glance

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<p>Scan QR code to view the 2023/24 Profile online</p>	
<p>1290 Students on two campuses</p>	<p>550 Total students Grades 9–12</p>
<p>127 Students in the Class of 2024</p>	

## Mission and Philosophy

We are a learning community of students, faculty, staff, and parents. At Zurich International School (ZIS), educational excellence commits us to: **Learn, Care, Challenge, Lead.**

## The School

ZIS is a leading non-profit day school offering a comprehensive education program for students ages 3–18 to our mainly expatriate community.

**We are an inclusive school with an open admission policy enrolling a diverse student population with a range of abilities.** Learning Support (LS) and English as an Additional Language (EAL) services are available.

## Upper School Faculty

The 75 full-time and part-time Upper School faculty have taught an average of nine years at ZIS, and most have taught at other international schools throughout the world.

## Curriculum

All students work toward earning a ZIS Upper School Diploma. The school offers the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme, Advanced Placement (AP) courses and ZIS Upper School courses. We value AP and IB pathways equally. Our academic advising encourages students to choose the pathway best suited to their needs. The integration of technology into the curriculum is a priority and is based on the International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) Standards. ZIS emphasizes Social Emotional Learning as a key component of education. Using the CASEL Framework and the International School Counselor Association (ISCA) standards, ZIS has integrated SEL into the advisory program and academic curriculum.

**The language of instruction is English.**

**62**

Nationalities represented by students

**45**

Mother tongue languages spoken by students

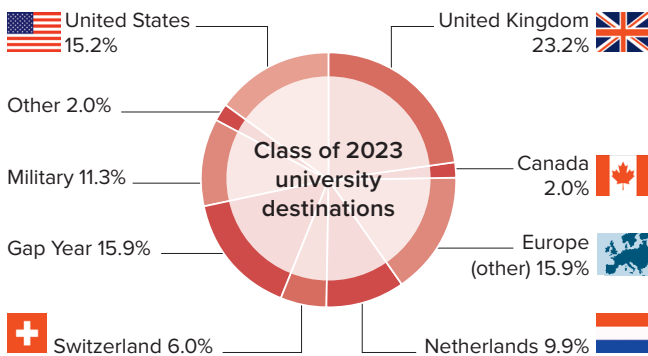
**79%**

Teachers holding MA/MS or higher degrees

**17**

Average years of teaching experience (9 years at ZIS)

## Class of 2023 University Destinations (150 students)



ZIS is approved by the Canton of Zurich's Department of Education



# ZIS Upper School Programs, Grading, Graduation Requirements

## Access to AP, Honors and Higher Level IB Courses

Students in Grades 9 and 10 may take the following AP courses: AP Computer Science Principles, AP Computer Science A, AP World History, AP Physics 1, AP Seminar, AP World Languages, and AP Math if appropriate. They may also take Honors Biology and Honors Chemistry. Students are strongly advised not to take four IB HL courses. Students do not take a seventh IB certificate subject.



Number of AP/IB/Honors courses offered in 2023/24

Students are also allowed to enroll in courses offered by IB Pamoja, Virtual High School, Stanford's OnLine High School (OHS), and Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth (CTY).

## Policy for Reporting Disciplinary History

ZIS reserves the right to report to universities any out of school suspensions and expulsions that take place during Grades 9–12. We may also notify institutions about any changes to enrolment status.

## Minimum Graduation Credit Requirements

English	4 credits
Math	3 credits
Science	3 credits
Social Sciences	3 credits
World Languages	2 credits
Creative Arts	2 credits
Physical Education	2 credits
Additional Elective Classes	4 credits
<b>Total credits required</b>	<b>23 credits</b>

- All students are required to take German in Grade 9
- 1 credit = 1 class year



Credits earned by vast majority of ZIS students

## Grading Considerations

- A 4.0 scale is used to calculate GPA
- Grades are unweighted
- We do not rank
- We do not calculate a cumulative GPA
- Only ZIS grades are used to calculate GPA

Letter Grade	Levels of achievement	4-point scale equivalents
<b>A (A-)</b>	Excellent	<b>4.0 (3.67)</b>
<b>B (B+, B-)</b>	Very Good	<b>3.0 (3.33, 2.67)</b>
<b>C (C+, C-)</b>	Satisfactory	<b>2.0 (2.33, 1.67)</b>
<b>D (D+, D-)</b>	Poor	<b>1.0 (1.33, 0.67)</b>
<b>F</b>	Failing	<b>0</b>
<b>NG</b>	No grade	NA
<b>CR / NCR</b>	Credit / No credit	NA

## ZIS Upper School Courses

**Creative Arts:** Foundation Art & Design; Foundation Art & Design Technology; Studio Art; Digital Graphic Design; Design Tech I; Digital Photography; Essential Theater; Acting & Directing; Actor's Workshop; Music Studio I–III; Creative Music; Concert Band; String Orchestra; Vocal & Choral Music

**English:** English as an Additional Language (EAL); English 9; English 10; English Literature; English Language; English Research & Composition; Broadcast Journalism

**Mathematics:** Integrated Mathematics 1A–1C; Integrated Mathematics 2A–2C; Integrated Mathematics 3C; PreCalculus; Personal Finance; Discrete Mathematics

**Physical Education:** Physical Education 9 & 10

**Science:** Coordinated Science I–II; Honors Biology; Honors Chemistry; Design Tech II; Sports Science; Advanced Computer Science

**Social Studies:** History I–II; Philosophy; Contemporary History

**World Language:** French, German and Spanish A1–B2.2 and Fluent I & II

## Advanced Placement (AP) Courses

**Creative Arts:** Drawing; 2-D Art & Design; 3-D Art & Design

**English:** AP English Language; AP English Literature; AP Seminar; AP Research

**Mathematics:** Calculus AB; Calculus BC; Statistics

**Science:** Biology; Chemistry; Computer Science A; Computer Science Principles; Physics 1; Physics 2; Physics C

**Social Studies:** Art History; European History; World History; Psychology; Human Geography; Economics

## International Baccalaureate (IB) Programme

**Group 1, Studies in Language & Literature:** English A: Literature HL/SL; English A: Language & Literature HL/SL; French A: Language & Literature HL/SL; German A: Language & Literature HL/SL; Spanish A: Language & Literature HL/SL; IB A Literature SL Self-taught

**Group 2, Language Acquisition:** French ab initio SL; French B HL/SL; German B HL/SL; Spanish ab initio SL; Spanish B HL/SL

**Group 3, Individual & Societies:** History HL/SL; Psychology HL/SL; Economics HL/SL; Geography HL/SL; Environmental Systems & Societies SL

**Group 4, Experimental Sciences:** Biology HL/SL; Chemistry HL/SL; Physics HL/SL; Environmental Systems & Societies SL; Design Technology HL/SL

**Group 5, Mathematics:** Mathematics SL Applications & Interpretations; Mathematics HL/SL Analysis & Approaches

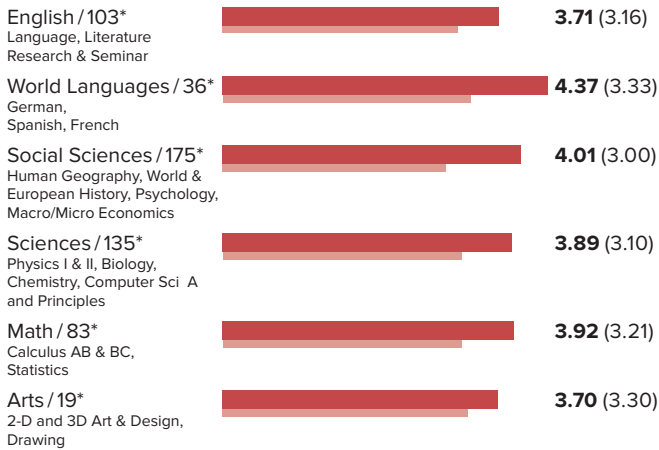
**Group 6, Arts:** Visual Arts HL/SL; Music HL/SL; Theatre HL/SL

# Results at a Glance

## Advanced Placement (AP) Results 2023

ZIS ( World )

Highest possible score: 5 points / \*Number of ZIS exams taken



66%  
of ZIS exams  
receiving 4.0  
or higher  
(vs. 42%  
worldwide)



93%  
of ZIS exams  
receiving 3.0  
or higher  
(vs. 70%  
worldwide)



196  
AP exam  
takers Grades  
9-12



562  
Total  
AP exams  
taken

## International Baccalaureate (IB) Results 2023

ZIS ( World )

Total points obtained by IB Diploma candidates:

Highest possible score: 45 points



Average Score by Subject Group:

Highest possible score: 7 points



36%  
of ZIS students  
received a  
bilingual diploma



80  
Number of  
ZIS IB Diploma  
candidates



92%  
of ZIS  
IB Diploma  
candidates  
passed



35  
Average points  
earned by ZIS  
IB Diploma  
candidates (vs. 32  
worldwide)

## Class of 2024 Grade 11 Grade Distribution (Select Grade 9 & 10 AP course grades included)

Letter Grade 4-point scale equivalents	A 4.0	A- 3.67	B+ 3.33	B 3.0	B- 2.67	C+ 2.33	C 2.0	C- 1.67	< C- 1.33 or <
Advanced Computer Science I	2								
Astronomy	2	2	1		1				
Concert Band	6								
Contemp. History (year & sem)	3	2	1	1					
Design Technology I & II	3	4		1					
German A1-B2.2	5	3	3	1			2		
Honors Biology (sem)	1	1	1	1	2				
Honors Chemistry (sem)		2	2	1	1				
Integrated Mathematics 3C		1	1	1	1	1		1	
Music Studio II	4								
Philosophy (year & sem)	2	2	5	3	1		1		
Pre-Calculus	6	6		2	4	3	1	3	
Spanish A1-B1.1			1	1	1	1			
AP 2-D & 3D Art and Design			4	2					
AP Biology	1	3	2	3	2				
AP Calculus AB	4	5	2	2	3				
AP Calculus AB/BC	2				1	1		1	
AP Calculus BC		1							
AP Chemistry	3	2		3	1				
AP Computer Science A	3	2	1				1	1	1
AP Computer Science Principles	2	1	3	1	1				
AP Drawing	1	3	1		1	1			
AP Economics	2	5	1	3	5			1	
AP English Language	1	1	3	5	6	1			
AP English Literature	3	10	6	4	5	1			
AP French Language			1						
AP German Language	4	5	4		1				
AP Human Geography	8	2	1	2	5			1	
AP Music Theory					1				
AP Physics 1	8	8	6	11	4	3			
AP Physics 2	1	1	3		2		1	1	
AP Psychology	1	1	2	3		1		1	
AP Seminar	2		3		1				
AP Spanish Language		1							
AP Statistics	1	1	2	1	1		1		
AP World History	1	7	6	6	5	2			
IB Biology HL Yr 1	12	5	5	3	1	2			
IB Biology SL Yr 1				3		1			
IB Business Management HL & SL Yr 1 (online)	1	1							
IB Chemistry HL Yr 1	5	5	4	6	2				
IB Chemistry SL Yr 1	1	2	2		2	2			
IB Design Technology HL Yr 1	2	2	1	1					
IB Design Technology SL Yr 1	4	1		2	1	1			
IB Economics HL Yr 1	7	6	10	2	6	4			
IB Economics SL Yr 1	5				2				
IB English A: Lang & Lit HL Yr 1	3	11	7	4	3				
IB English A: Lang & Lit SL Yr 1	3	8	3	5	4	1	2	1	
IB English A: Lit HL & SL Yr 1	3	7	2	3		1			
IB Environmental Systems SL Yr 1	2	2	1	2	2	1	2		1
IB French A: Lang & Lit SL Yr 1	1		1						
IB French Ab In Yr 1 & Yr 2	1		1						
IB French B HL Yr 1			1						
IB Geography HL Yr 1	4	1	5	6	3	1	1		
IB Geography SL Yr 1	3	5	4		2		1		
IB German A: Lang & Lit HL Yr 1		1		2					
IB German A: Lang & Lit SL Yr 1		1	2	2	6	2	2	2	1
IB German B HL Yr 1	1			2		1			
IB German B SL Yr 1	4	4	3	2	2		1		
IB History HL Yr 1	3		1		1				
IB History SL Yr 1		2				1			
IB Math HL Analysis and Approaches Yr 1	4	5	4	3	2	1			
IB Math SL Analysis and Approaches Yr 1	6	4	4	5	3	1		1	
IB Mathematics SL Applications Yr 1	1	8	2	3	5	3	2		
IB Physics HL & SL Yr 1	6	3	2	1	3				
IB Psychology HL & SL Yr 1	5	2	2					1	
IB Spanish A: Lang & Lit HL & SL Yr 1		1	1	1					
IB Spanish Ab In Yr 1	1	2	1						
IB Spanish B HL & SL	4	4	1	2	3	2			
IB ToK Yr 1	33	15	11	6	1				
IB Visual Arts HL & SL Yr 1		1	2		2				

Note: Table only includes courses with 4 or more students.

# University Matriculations

## Colleges and universities attended by ZIS Graduates 2021–23:



### Belgium

Catholic University of Louvain (2)  
Ghent University



### Canada

Bishop's University  
Concordia University  
McGill University (3)  
Queen's University  
Sheridan College Institute of Technology  
and Advanced Learning  
University of Toronto (4)  
Western University



### Cyprus

European University Cyprus



### Finland

Aalto University  
University of Helsinki



### France

Central School of Nantes  
College Universitaire de Sciences Po  
The American University of Paris (2)



### Germany

Universitätsmedizin Neumarkt a. M. Campus  
Hamburg  
University of Konstanz  
University of Mannheim



### Hong Kong

The University of Hong Kong



### Hungary

University of Veterinary Medicine



### Ireland

National University of Ireland Galway  
Trinity College Dublin  
University College Dublin



### Israel

IDC Herzliya – Raphael Recanati  
International School (3)



### Italy

Humanitas University (2)  
Istituto Marangoni  
John Cabot University  
Luigi Bocconi University  
LUISS Guido Carli  
Politecnico di Milano  
Politecnico di Torino  
Università Bocconi (2)  
University of Pavia



### Netherlands

Amsterdam University College (2)  
Amsterdam University of Applied  
Sciences  
Delft University of Technology (3)  
Eindhoven University of Technology  
Erasmus University Rotterdam (3)  
Fontys University of Applied Sciences  
Hotel School, The Hague  
Leiden University (2)  
Maastricht University (3)  
Technical University of Delft  
Technical University of Eindhoven (2)  
The Hague University of Applied Sciences

Tilburg University (2)  
University College Utrecht (2)  
University of Amsterdam (7)  
University of Groningen  
University of Maastricht  
University of Twente  
Utrecht University  
Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam (4)  
Wageningen University and Research  
Centre



### Singapore

National University of Singapore



### Spain

ESADE Business School (2)  
ICAI School of Engineering  
IE University (11)  
Universidad Carlos III de Madrid  
University of Navarra



### Sweden

Linköping University  
Lund University  
Uppsala University



### Switzerland

École Polytechnique Federale de  
Lausanne  
École hôtelière de Lausanne / EHL (3)  
Franklin University Switzerland  
Glion Institute of Higher Education (2)  
Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and  
Arts  
Swiss Federal Institute of Technology / ETH  
Zurich (2)  
University of Fribourg  
University of St. Gallen (10)  
University of Zurich (8)



### United Kingdom

Brighton and Sussex Medical School (2)  
Bristol, University of the West of England  
Cardiff University  
City, University of London (4)  
Coventry University  
Durham University (2)  
ESCP Business School (3)  
Glasgow Caledonian University  
Hult International Business School (2)  
Imperial College London (2)  
Kent and Medway Medical School  
King's College London, University of  
London (5)  
Kingston University  
London School of Economics and Political  
Science, University of London (2)  
Loughborough University (4)  
Newcastle University (3)  
Nottingham Trent University  
Oxford Brookes University  
Queen Mary University of London (4)  
Queen's University Belfast  
Regent's University London  
Royal Holloway, University of London (2)  
Sheffield College  
The University of Edinburgh (3)  
University Campus of Football Business  
University College London (7)  
University of Bath (5)  
University of Brighton (2)  
University of Bristol

University of Cambridge  
University of Exeter 6  
University of Glasgow  
University of Leeds  
University of Manchester  
University of Nottingham (2)  
University of Oxford  
University of St Andrews (2)  
University of Stirling  
University of Surrey (2)  
University of the Arts London (4)  
University of Warwick (5)  
University of Westminster  
University of York (2)



### United States

American University  
Arizona State University  
Augsburg University  
Babson College  
Bates College  
Boston College (2)  
Boston University (4)  
Brigham Young University  
Brown University (3)  
Carnegie Mellon University  
Colby College  
Columbia College Chicago  
Cornell University  
Dartmouth College  
Davidson College  
Emerson College  
Emory University (2)  
Fordham University  
Georgetown University  
Georgia Southern University  
Harvey Mudd College  
Marist College  
Mars Hill University  
Marymount University  
Mississippi State University  
Mount Holyoke College  
New York University (2)  
North Carolina State University  
Northeastern University (2)  
Northwestern University (2)  
Parsons School of Design  
Pennsylvania State University  
Quinnipiac University  
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute  
Rice University  
Santa Clara University  
Savannah College of Art and Design  
Scripps College  
Southern Methodist University  
The University of Tampa  
Trinity University  
Tufts University (2)  
University of California – Davis  
University of California – San Diego  
University of Chicago  
University of Colorado Boulder  
University of Denver  
University of Michigan  
University of New Mexico  
University of Northwestern  
University of Rochester  
Utah Valley University  
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State  
University  
Wake Forest University

**Note:** number in parentheses = number of  
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