



# LYCÉE INTERNATIONAL DE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF BOSTON

Teaching the World

## INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF BOSTON

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## SCHOOL PROFILE: 2023-2024

### MISSION STATEMENT

Founded in 1962, the School's mission is to cultivate excellence through French-English bilingual and multicultural learning.

Students graduate with an American high school diploma, as well as either the French Baccalaureate or International Baccalaureate (IB) diploma. ISB is the only secondary school in New England to offer this opportunity.

Disclosure Policy: *It is the policy of the International School of Boston to disclose to colleges and universities when a student has incurred multiple academic dishonesty infractions, significant disciplinary action, or a combination thereof, over the course of their high school career. The school may disclose singular infractions on the basis of the severity of the circumstances, as deemed by school administration.*

### STUDENT BODY

ISB consists of American and international students. This composition makes for an excellent education in cosmopolitanism, openness, flexibility, and teamwork. ISB students are actively multicultural, some speaking languages at home that are additional to their academic curriculum. Many students hold dual citizenship among numerous nations. While ISB is a day school, some international students live with host families.



**575**  
Students  
Preschool to  
12th Grade

**131** Upper School Students  
**38 FTE** Upper School Faculty  
**5 TO 1** Student-faculty ratio



**45**  
Total  
Nationalities  
Represented

**44%** France  
**34%** United States of America  
**22%** Other nationalities



**35+**  
Languages  
Spoken

### ACCREDITATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS



## ISB GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

English/French (1st Language)	4 years
2nd Language	3 years
Mathematics	3 years
Social Studies	3 years
Sciences	3 years

Arts	1 year
Electives	2 years
Physical Education	1 year
Information Technology	1 year

## DESCRIPTION OF UPPER SCHOOL

The Upper School students follow a schedule that starts at 8:00am and ends anywhere between 3:30 and 5:30pm, according to course selection. Students in 9th and 10th grades follow a program tailored to prepare them for the requirements of either the French Baccalaureate or the IB diploma. In 11th grade, students determine which Baccalaureate program to pursue.

**ISB offers the following, when possible:**

### VARSIITY:

Boys' Soccer, Girls' Soccer, Boys' Basketball, Girls' Basketball, Boys' Volleyball, Girls' Volleyball, Co-ed Fencing

### CLUBS:

Botany and Horticulture, Chess, Coding, EcoAction, Fencing, Finance, Diversity and Inclusion, Entrepreneurship, Student Council, Math, Model United Nations, ISB Radio, LifeArt,

Politics/Current Events, Film/Video, Astronomy, Yearbook, Rock Band, Guitar, Theater Company, Creative Writing, ASL, Spanish, Jewelry Making, German

*Students are encouraged to create clubs or contribute to the school based on their talents and interests.*

**ISB partners with the following institutions:**

- **Massachusetts Institute of Technology:** to provide summer internships in Math and participation in the BioBuilder Program
- **Dornbirn High School, Austria:** Exchange program for 9th and 10th graders
- **Dassault Systèmes:** to provide a 3D exploration and design course for 9th/10th graders in our Design Hub
- **American International School in Barcelona:** Academic exchange opportunity for students in Grade 10

## FRENCH BACCALAUREATE

The French Ministry of Education recently reformed the two-year French Baccalaureate curriculum. The revised French Baccalaureate is now comprised of common core classes, specialties, and electives. Each is given specific weight when calculating the final, overall Baccalaureate score. Exams which provide the final qualification score for each course are now given both throughout the year, as well as at the culmination of a course. Exam scores are then calculated together for a final score. ISB has a 100% pass rate for the French Bac.

### CORE COURSES FOR 11TH AND 12TH GRADE INCLUDE:

Language A (English— could include BFI: see below), Language B (Spanish or German), French (completed in 11th grade), History/Geography (includes BFI; see below), Civic Education; Philosophy (grade 12/Terminal), Biology/Physics/Chemistry; Physical Education.

### SPECIALIZATIONS:

In 11th grade, students choose three courses in which to specialize. Students choose three to complete in 11th grade; two continue into 12th grade. **Specializations are considered to be college-level courses.** ISB offers the following specializations: History/Geography/Political Science, Economics and Social Sciences, Mathematics (all students are required to choose Mathematics in 11th grade), Physics/Chemistry; Biology.

### ELECTIVES:

Students may elect to study the following courses: Latin, Visual Arts (includes both theory and practice), Theater; Virtual Reality-3D Design, Mathematics elective (12th grade only), Mathematics Advanced (12th grade only)

## BACCALAURÉAT FRANÇAIS INTERNATIONAL (BFI)

The BFI American option (Baccalaureat Francais Internationale), a variation of the French Baccalaureate, takes into consideration the international dimension of education. It is the most demanding curriculum in the French Baccalaureate program and is offered only to students who master English both orally and in written expression. The literature and history/geography examinations carry significant weight in the calculation of the overall Baccalaureate score. The BFI option requires five

50-minute periods per week in both 11th and 12th grades for literature and History/Geography. Students must also take courses in contemporary issues (Connaissance du monde) to prepare them to be global citizens. They also complete a personal project (in partnership with an international organization) based on their interests; this culminates in an oral presentation. Students are selected for this program by committee review.

# INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE (IB) DIPLOMA PROGRAM

The International School of Boston was the first school in Boston to become a member of the International Baccalaureate Organization and to offer the IB Diploma Program. Taught in English at ISB, the IB is recognized worldwide and is highly valued for its depth and rigor. The aim of the IB program is to develop “internationally-minded people who, recognizing their common humanity and shared guardianship of the planet, help to create a better and more peaceful world.” **At ISB, 75% of IB students receive the IB Bilingual Diploma, by taking literature courses in two different languages. This specialized diploma is achieved by only 28% of IB students worldwide.**

## IB DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS:

- Three Higher Level (HL) courses (five 50-minute periods/week) and three Standard Level (SL) courses (three 50-minute periods/week) covering six groups;
- Theory of Knowledge (ToK) course (two 50-minute periods/week);
- Extended Essay, a 4000-word essay drawing on one of the six disciplines making up the IB program;
- Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS), a community service requirement over two years, including the central element of student reflection.

ISB IB COURSE OFFERINGS:					
GROUP 1	GROUP 2	GROUP 3	GROUP 4	GROUP 5	GROUP 6
English A Language and Literature SL/HL French A Language and Literature SL/HL	English B SL/HL French B SL/HL Spanish B SL/HL German B SL/HL	History SL/HL Geography SL/HL Economics SL/HL Psychology SL/HL	Biology SL/HL Chemistry SL/HL Physics SL/HL Environmental Systems & Society	Mathematics HL Mathematics SL	Visual Arts SL/HL

The IB examinations take place over a three-week period in May of the senior year, involving 22–30 hours of testing. Students receive a score of 0–7 per course and may receive bonus points for their Extended Essay and assessments in Theory of Knowledge for a maximum of 45 points.

**IMPORTANT CHANGE FOR 2023–2024: ISB MOVED FROM A TRIMESTER TO A SEMESTER SCHEDULE.**

## ISB GRADING EQUIVALENCIES

US	A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	F
GPA	4.3	4	3.7	3.3	3.0	2.7	2.3	2.0	1.7	1.3	1.0	0.0

FR BAC	16–20	14–15.9	13–13.9	12–12.9	11–11.9	10–10.9	9–9.9	8.5–8.9	8–8.4	7.5–7.9	6–7.4	>5.9
IB	7	6	5	5	4	4	3	3	3	2	2	1

**ISB does not rank nor award a GPA.**

# INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF BOSTON COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES 2019-2023\*

## FRANCE

### Grandes Écoles et Écoles Spécialisées:

3iL  
Bordeaux École de Management  
**CPE Lyon**  
**ECAM**  
ECE Lyon  
ECE Paris  
École de Management de Normandie  
École Nationale d'architecture de Lyon  
École Nationale d'architecture de Paris-Malaquais  
École Nationale Supérieure d'architecture de  
Versailles  
École Polytechnique  
École Supérieure d'ingénieurs des Travaux de la  
Construction  
École Supérieure d'ingénieurs en Génie Électrique  
École Supérieure de Chimie Physique Electronic de  
Lyon Do  
Ecole Universitaire de Premier-Cycle-Paris-Saclay  
EDC Paris Business School  
**EDHEC Business School**  
EFIGM-Nancy  
EFREI Paris  
EISTI  
ENSTBB-INP Bordeaux  
**EPF École d'ingénieurs**  
**EPITA**  
ESAIP  
ESCE Paris  
ESCOM Chimie  
ESCP Europe  
**ESCP Europe Business School-Paris**  
ESIEA Paris  
ESIEE Paris  
ESILV  
**ESME**  
ESMOD  
ESSCA Angers  
**ESSEC Business School**  
European Business School  
Groupe ESEO  
Groupe INSA  
**HEI**  
ICAM site de Lille  
**IDRAC Paris**  
IESEG School of Management  
Institut Catholique de Lille  
**Institut Catholique de Paris**  
Institut Supérieur Biotech de Paris  
Institut Supérieur de Commerce  
Institut Universitaires de Technologie d'Orsay  
IPAG  
IPSA  
ISEN Brest  
ISEN Ouest Caen  
**ISEP Paris**  
ISG École de Commerce  
KEDGE Business School, Marseilles  
La Rochelle Business School  
NEOMA Business School  
SKEMA Business School

### Universités:

American University of Paris  
Instituts Universitaires de Technologie d'Orsay  
IUT Aix Marseille  
IUT de Bordeaux  
IUT de Cachan  
IUT de Saint Nazaire  
IUT de Sceaux  
IUT de Tarbes  
IUT de Velizy  
IUT de Ville d'Avray  
IUT du Limousin  
IUT Lyon  
IUT Paris 7  
IUT Poitiers  
Polytechnique Anncy-Chambry  
Polytechnique Clermont-Ferrand  
Polytechnique Grenoble  
Polytechnique Lille  
Polytechnique Lyon  
Polytechnique Marseille  
Polytechnique Montpellier  
Polytechnique Paris Saclay  
Polytechnique Paris Sud  
Polytechnique Sorbonne  
**Sciences Po Paris-Campus de Reims**  
Sciences Po Paris-Campus Menton  
Sorbonne Université  
Université Blaise Pascal Clermont-Ferrand  
Université Bordeaux I, II, III  
Université Catholique de Lille I, II, III  
Université Catholique de Lille, Faculté de Médecine  
**Université d'Aix-Marseille I, II, III**  
Université d'Angers  
Université d'Evry Val d'Essonne  
Université d'Orléans  
Université de Bourgogne  
Université de Brest  
Université de Caen  
**Université de Grenoble-Alpes**  
**Université de Lille**  
Université de Lorraine  
Université de Nantes  
Université de Nice  
**Université de Nimes**  
Université de Reims  
Université de Rennes I, II  
Université de Rouen  
Université de Sciences et Technologie de Lille  
Université de Technologie de Compiègne  
Université de Technologie de Troyes

Université de Valenciennes et du Hainaut Cambresis  
Université de Versailles  
Université de Versailles Saint-Quentin-En-Yveline  
Université François Rabelais-Tours  
Université Jean Monnet  
Université Lumière Lyon II  
Université Lyon I, II, III  
Université Montpellier I, II, III  
Université Paris III-Sorbonne Nouvelle  
Université Paris II-Panthéon-Assas  
Université Paris I-Panthéon Sorbonne  
Université Paris IV-Sorbonne  
Université Paris V-Descartes  
Université Paris VII-Denis Diderot  
Université Paris VIII-Vincennes-Saint-Denis  
Université Paris XIII-Villetaneuse  
**Université Paris XII-Paris Val de Marne**  
Université Paris XI-Paris Sud  
Université Paris X-Nanterre  
Université Paris-Pierre et Marie Curie  
Université Paris Cité  
Université Savoie Mont Blanc  
**Université Toulouse I, II, III**  
UPEC Site de Fontainebleau

### Classes Préparatoires:

La Prépa des INP Nancy  
La Prépa des INP Toulouse  
La Prépa des INP Valence  
Lycée Albert Schweitzer  
**Lycée Alphonse Daudet**  
**Lycée Blomet Paris 15**  
Lycée Carnot  
Lycée Claude Bernard-Paris  
Lycée du Parc des Loges  
Lycée Faidherbe de Lille  
**Lycée Fénélon Paris**  
Lycée Fustel de Coulanges  
**Lycée Gustave Eiffel**  
Lycée Henri IV  
Lycée Jacques Amyot  
Lycée Jean Baptiste Corot  
Lycée Jean Perrin  
Lycée La Martinière Monplaisir  
Lycée Lakanal Sceaux  
Lycée Levoisier  
Lycée Militaire d'Aix en Provence  
Lycée Militaire de St Cyr  
Lycée Pasteur  
Lycée Paul Valéry  
Lycée Saint Jean a Douai  
Lycée St Genevieve

## UNITED STATES

Adelphi University  
**American University**  
Arizona State University  
Bard College  
Bates College  
Bennington College  
**Bentley University**  
**Boston College**  
**Boston University**  
**Brandeis University**  
Bridgewater State University  
Bryant University  
Carleton College  
Case Western University  
Clark University  
Clarkson University  
Clemson University  
Colgate University  
College For Creative Studies  
College of Charleston  
College of The Atlantic  
College of William And Mary / University of St Andrews  
College of Wooster  
Colorado College  
Columbia College Chicago  
**Columbia University/Sciences Po Reims**  
**Connecticut College**  
**Cornell University**  
Denison University  
Depaul University  
Depauw University  
**Drexel University**  
Eckerd College  
**Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University**  
**Emerson College**  
**Emory University**  
Endicott College  
Evergreen State University  
Florida Institute of Technology  
**Fordham University**  
Franklin & Marshall College  
George Mason University  
**Georgia Institute of Technology**  
Gettysburg College  
Gordon College  
Grinnell College  
Hamilton College  
**Harvey Mudd College**  
**Haverford College**  
Hofstra University  
Howard University  
Indiana University-Bloomington  
Ithaca College  
Johnson & Wales University  
Lafayette College  
Lake Forest College  
Lasell College  
Lehigh University  
**Lesley University**  
Lewis & Clark College

Loyola University Chicago  
Lynn University  
Macalester College  
Marist College  
Marymount Manhattan College  
Massachusetts College of Art & Design  
**McpHS University**  
Michigan State University  
Moore College of Art & Design  
Morehouse College  
Mount Holyoke College  
**New York University**  
**Northeastern University**  
Northern Vermont University  
**Oberlin College**  
**Occidental College**  
Ohio State University  
Oklahoma State University  
Pace University  
Pennsylvania State University  
Plymouth State University  
**Pomona College**  
Prescott College  
**Providence College**  
Purdue University  
Quinnipiac University  
**Reed College**  
Regis College  
**Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute**  
Rhode Island College  
Rhodes College  
Ringling College of Art & Design  
Rochester Institute of Technology  
Roger Williams University  
Rollins College  
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology  
Rutgers University-New Brunswick  
Saint Louis University  
Santa Clara University  
Sarah Lawrence College  
**Savannah College of Art And Design**  
School of The Art Institute of Chicago  
**Simmons University**  
Skidmore College  
**Smith College**  
St Olaf College  
Stony Brook University  
**Suffolk University**  
Sunny College At Oswego  
Syracuse University  
Temple University  
The College of Wooster  
**The George Washington University**  
The New School  
Trinity College  
**Tufts University**  
Tulane University  
Union College  
**United States Military Academy**  
**University At Albany, SUNY**  
**University of Arizona**  
University of California-Berkeley  
**University of California-Davis**  
University of California-Irvine  
**University of California-Los Angeles**  
University of California-Merced  
University of California-Riverside  
**University of California-San Diego**  
University of California-Santa Barbara  
University of California-Santa Cruz  
University of Colorado-Boulder  
University of Connecticut  
University of Delaware  
University of Denver  
**University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign**  
**University of Illinois-Chicago**  
University of Kentucky  
University of Louisville  
University of Maine  
University of Maryland College Park  
University of Maryland Eastern Shore  
**University of Massachusetts Amherst**  
**University of Massachusetts Boston**  
University of Massachusetts Dartmouth  
University of Massachusetts Lowell  
**University of Miami**  
**University of Michigan-Ann Arbor**  
University of New Hampshire  
University of New Haven  
University of North Dakota  
University of Oregon  
University of Pittsburgh  
**University of Rhode Island**  
**University of Rochester**  
University of San Diego  
University of South Carolina  
**University of Southern California**  
University of Tampa  
University of The Pacific  
**University of Utah**  
**University of Vermont**  
Vassar College  
Villanova University  
Wake Forest University  
Washington State University  
**Washington University In St. Louis**  
**Wellesley College**  
**Wentworth Institute of Technology**  
Western Michigan University  
Westfield State University  
**Wheaton College (Ma)**  
**Whitman College**  
Whittier College  
**Williams College**

## Worcester Polytechnic Institute

Worcester State University  
Wright State University  
Xavier University of Louisiana

## UNITED KINGDOM

Birkbeck, University of London  
Birmingham City University  
Brunel University  
Buckinghamshire New University  
Cardiff University  
Central St Martins College of Art & Design  
City University of London  
**Escp Europe Business School-London**  
Goldsmiths, University of London  
**Imperial College London**  
King's College, London  
Kingston University  
London Metropolitan University  
London School of Economics  
London South Bank University  
Loughborough University  
Middlesex University  
Northumbria University  
Queen Mary, University of London  
Queen's University Belfast  
Regent's University London  
Richmond, The American International School  
In London  
Royal Holloway, University of London  
**University College London**  
University of Bath  
University of Brighton  
University of Bristol  
University of Cambridge  
University of de Montfort  
University of Durham  
University of East London  
**University of Edinburg**  
University of Essex  
University of Exeter  
University of Glasgow  
University of Kent  
University of Lancaster  
University of Leeds  
University of Manchester  
University of Newcastle  
University of Nottingham  
University of Sheffield  
**University of St Andrews**  
University of Stirling  
University of Warwick  
University of Westminster  
University of Winchester

## CANADA

Bishop's University  
**Concordia University**  
Dalhousie University  
École Polytechnique de Montréal  
Hec Montréal  
**McGill University**  
McMaster University  
Queen's University  
Ryerson University  
**Université de Montréal**  
Université de Sherbrooke  
Université du Québec à Montréal  
Université Laval  
University of British Columbia  
University of Guelph  
University of Ottawa  
University of Toronto  
Western University

## OTHER

American University of Beirut  
American University of Rome  
**Amsterdam University College**  
Bard College Berlin  
**Bocconi University**  
Duke Kunshan University  
Ecole Hoteliere de Lausanne  
École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne  
**Esade Business School**  
Eu Business School Geneva  
Franklin University Switzerland  
**le University**  
Jacobs University Bremen  
John Cabot University  
**Leiden University College The Hague**  
Marist College Florence  
Saint Louis University-Madrid  
**Trinity College Dublin**  
Universidad Carlos III de Madrid  
Universita Cattolica Del Sacro Cuore  
Universiteit Utrecht  
Universiteit Van Amsterdam  
**University College Dublin**  
University College Groningen  
University College Twente  
**University College Utrecht**

\*Students enrolled  
at **bolded**  
institutions

