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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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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
6.78 HIGHEST
3.75 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%

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.

TESTING PROFILE
SAT 86 STUDENTS
169 SAT TESTS
ACT 15 STUDENTS
41 ACT TESTS
EBRW MID-50% 620–720
MATH MID-50% 570–730
EBRW AVERAGE 662
MATH AVERAGE 642
COMPOSITE MID-50% 29–33
COMPOSITE AVERAGE 30
**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.

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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

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.

### UNITED STATES
- Adelphi University
- Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences (2)
- American University (2)
- Amherst College (2)
- Arizona State University
- Babson College (5)
- Bard College (5)
- Barnard College (3)
- Bates College
- Bentley University
- Berklee College of Music
- Boston College (5)
- Boston University (6)
- Bowdoin College
- Brandeis University (2)
- Bridgewater State University
- Brown University (3)
- Bryant University
- University of California Berkeley (2)
- Irvine (2)
- Los Angeles (4)
- San Diego (4)
- 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 University
- 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)
- Emory University (5)
- Fordham University (7)
- Franklin & Marshall College (2)
- George Washington University
- Georgetown University
- Georgia Institute of Technology (2)
- Gettysburg College
- Hamilton College (2)
- Hampton University
- Harvard University
- Harvey Mudd College
- Haverford College (2)
- Hofstra University (3)
- Howard University (6)
- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- Indiana University
- Ithaca College (3)
- Johns Hopkins University
- Kenyon College
- King’s College, Pennsylvania
- University of La Verne
- Lehigh University (3)
- Loyola University Maryland
- Lynn University (2)
- Macalester College
- Manhattan College (2)
- Marist College (2)
- University of Massachusetts Amherst
- University of Massachusetts Boston
- University of Miami (2)
- University of Michigan (4)
- Middlebury College
- Mount Holyoke College
- The New School (6)
- New York University (13)
- northeastern University (22)
- Oberlin College (2)
- Oxford College of Emory University
- Pace University (2)
- University of Pennsylvania
- Pennsylvania State University (4)
- University of Pittsburgh
- Pitzer College
- Princeton University (5)
- Purdue University (2)
- Reed College
- Rhode Island School of Design
- Rice University
- University of Richmond (2)
- University of Rochester (3)
- Rochester Institute of Technology (2)
- Rutgers University (2)
- Sacred Heart University
- St. Francis College
- St. John's University
- San Diego State University (2)
- Santa Clara University (2)
- Sarah Lawrence College (2)
- School of the Art Institute of Chicago (2)
- Scripps College (2)
- Skidmore College (5)
- University of Southern California (2)
- Stanford University
- State University of New York: Albany (3)
- Buffalo (2)
- Buffalo State
- Fashion Institute of Technology (2)
- Oswego
- Stony Brook (5)
- Stevens Institute of Technology (2)
- Suffolk University
- Swarthmore College (2)
- Syracuse University
- Temple University (3)
- Trinity College
- Tufts University (6)
- Tulane University (3)
- Vassar College (5)
- University of Vermont
- Villanova University (2)
- Virginia Polytechnic Institute (2)
- Wagner College
- Wake Forest University (2)
- University of Washington (2)
- Washington University in St. Louis (7)
- Wesleyan University (4)
- College of William & Mary (2)
- University of Wisconsin (2)
- Worcester Polytechnic Institute
- Yale University (3)

### AUSTRIA
- Vienna University of Economics and Business

### CANADA
- Concordia University (9)
- McGill University (13)
- McMaster University
- University of British Columbia (2)
- University of British Columbia, Okanagan
- University of Guelph
- University of Toronto (11)

### CZECH REPUBLIC
- Charles University

### FINLAND
- Aalto University

### FRANCE
- American University of Paris (2)
- Institut Français de la Mode

### GERMANY
- Freie Universität Berlin
- Studienkolleg
- Heidelberg University

### IRELAND
- Trinity College Dublin
- University College Dublin

### ITALY
- Università Bocconi
- Saint Camillus International University of Health and Medical Sciences

### JAPAN
- Kyoto University of Advanced Science

### NETHERLANDS
- Amsterdam University College
- Erasmus University
- Rotterdam
- Hotel School The Hague
- Leiden University
- Maastricht University (2)
- University of Amsterdam (2)
- University of Twente (2)
- University College Utrecht
- Utrecht University
- Wageningen University and Research Centre

### NORWAY
- Norwegian School of Economics
- University of Oslo (2)

### SPAIN
- ÉSADE (2)
- IE University (2)

### SWEDEN
- Stockholm University
- Uppsala University

### SWITZERLAND
- École hôtelière de Lausanne (2)

### UNITED KINGDOM
- Brunel University London
- ESCP Europe Business School, London
- Goldsmiths, University of London (2)
- Imperial College London
- King’s College London (4)
- London College of Fashion
- London School of Economics (2)
- Manchester Metropolitan University
- Newcastle University
- Royal Holloway, University of London (5)
- University of the Arts London
- University of Bath
- University of Dundee
- University of Edinburgh (3)
- University of Exeter (4)
- University of Glasgow
- University of Kent
- University College London (2)
- University of Manchester
- University of Sheffield
- University of St Andrews (3)
- University of Sussex
- University of Warwick (2)