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SCHOOL PROFILE

2024-2025



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 collaborate 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 2025

129
STUDENTS

45 COUNTRIES 7.0 GRADING SCALE

100%



6.80

HIGHEST

4.04

LOWEST

**PLAN TO ATTEND
A 4-YEAR COLLEGE**

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

INCLUDING AZERBAIJAN, BELGIUM, CHINA, DENMARK, ETHIOPIA, FINLAND, IRAN, JAMAICA, KENYA, MALAYSIA, SRI LANKA, AND ZIMBABWE, AMONG MANY OTHERS

**CUMULATIVE GPA EARNED
AT THE END OF 11TH GRADE**



IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON THE UNIS COMMUNITY

- 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.

CLASS OF 2024

117
DIPLOMA CANDIDATES

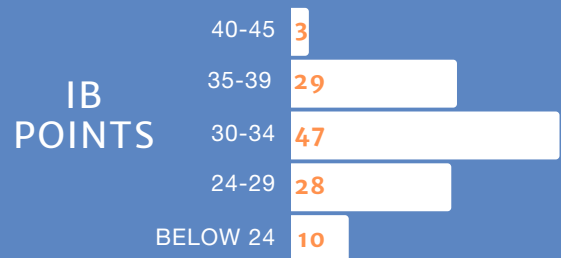
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COURSE CANDIDATES

35 BILINGUAL DIPLOMAS

107

EARNED THE IB DIPLOMA

PASS RATE 91.8%



TESTING PROFILE

SAT
65
STUDENTS

120

SAT TESTS
EBRW MID-50 % 600-700
MATH MID-50 % 570-700
EBRW AVERAGE 651
MATH AVERAGE 642

ACT
26
STUDENTS

43
ACT TESTS

COMPOSITE MID-50 % 25-32
COMPOSITE AVERAGE 28

ABOUT UNIS

1430
TOTAL STUDENT
ENROLLMENT

97 NATIONALITIES
REPRESENTED IN OUR
STUDENT BODY

27%
OF STUDENTS HAVE
MORE THAN ONE
CITIZENSHIP

SEMESTER
SYSTEM

218 TEACHING
FACULTY

10 WITH
DOCTORATE
DEGREES

29% STUDENTS
RECEIVE THE UN
EDUCATION GRANT



38% STUDENTS HAVE
UN-AFFILIATED
PARENTS

19 AVERAGE CLASS SIZE

524
STUDENTS IN THE
HIGH SCHOOL

71%
HAVE ADVANCED DEGREES

64%
SPEAK MORE THAN ONE LANGUAGE

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 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 grade students start as IB Diploma candidates and are expected to meet the requirements of the full diploma, including three Higher Level courses, three Standard Level courses, and the Core Components, including the Extended Essay, Theory of Knowledge (TOK) and Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS). Students are not permitted to take more than three Higher Level subjects.

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

UNIS also supports a number of self-taught language courses

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

SCIENCES

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

MATHEMATICS

Math Analysis SL/HL
Math Applications SL/HL

ARTS

Theatre SL/HL
Film SL/HL
Visual Arts SL/HL
Music SL/HL

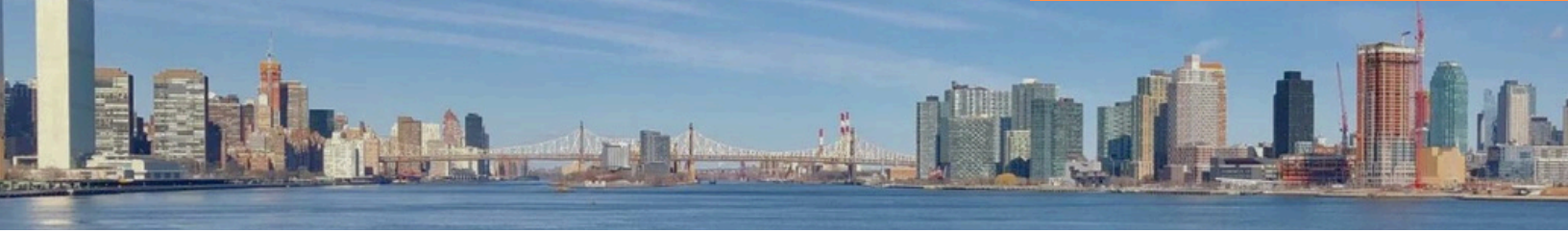
COLLEGE MATRICULATIONS (CLASSES OF 2021-2024)

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 2024.

In-State Public	5%
Out-of-State Public	13%
In-State Private	17%
Out-of-State Private	36%
International	29%



UNITED STATES

Adelphi University	Hamilton College (2)	SUNY Cortland	Worcester Polytechnic Institute	Erasmus University Rotterdam
Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences (2)	Harvard University	SUNY Oswego	Yale University (3)	Hotelschool The Hague
American University	Harvey Mudd College	SUNY at Purchase College	AUSTRIA	Maastricht University
Arizona State University	Haverford College (2)	SUNY Stony Brook (4)	Vienna University of Economics and Business	Tilburg University
Babson College (5)	Hofstra University	Swarthmore College (2)	BELGIUM	University of Amsterdam (3)
Bard College (3)	Howard University (4)	Syracuse University (3)	Vrije Universiteit Brussel	University of Twente (2)
Barnard College (3)	Indiana University	Temple University (2)	CANADA	Utrecht University (2)
Bates College (2)	Ithaca College	Trinity College	Concordia University (10)	Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam (2)
Berklee College of Music	Johns Hopkins University	Tufts University (7)	McGill University (19)	Wageningen University and Research
Binghamton University	Kenyon College	Tulane University of Louisiana (5)	McMaster University	NORWAY
Boston College (5)	Lehigh University (2)	University of California (Berkeley) (3)	University of British Columbia (2)	Norwegian School of Economics
Boston University (5)	Loyola University Maryland	University of California (Davis) (2)	University of British Columbia (Okanagan)	University of Oslo (2)
Bowdoin College	Manhattan University (2)	University of California (Irvine) (2)	University of Guelph	SPAIN
Brandeis University (2)	Marist College (3)	University of California (Los Angeles) (4)	University of Ottawa	Escuela Superior de Administración y Dirección de Empresas (ESADE) (2)
Bridgewater State University	Middlebury College	University of California (San Diego) (5)	University of Toronto (12)	IE University (2)
Brown University (2)	Montana State University	University of California (Santa Cruz)	CZECH REPUBLIC	SWEDEN
Bryant University	Mount Holyoke College	University of Chicago (4)	University of Veterinary Sciences Brno	Uppsala Universitet
Bucknell University (2)	The New School (4)	University of Colorado Boulder (5)	FINLAND	SWITZERLAND
Carleton College	New York University (13)	University of Connecticut (Stamford)	Aalto University	École hôtelière de Lausanne (2)
Case Western Reserve University (2)	Northeastern University (23)	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	FRANCE	UNITED KINGDOM
Chapman University	Oberlin College	University of La Verne	American University of Paris (2)	Brunel University London
Claremont McKenna College	Occidental College	University of Massachusetts (Amherst)	EDHEC Business School	ESCP Europe Business School (London)
Clark University	Oxford College of Emory University	University of Massachusetts (Boston)	INSA Lyon	Goldsmiths, University of London
Clemson University	Pace University	University of Miami (2)	Institut Français de la Mode	Imperial College London
Colgate University (3)	Penn State University (4)	University of Michigan (3)	GERMANY	King's College London (4)
Colorado College	Pitzer College	University of Pennsylvania (2)	Free University of Berlin	London School of Economics
Columbia University	Princeton University (4)	University of Pittsburgh (2)	Heidelberg University	MetFilm School London
Connecticut College (2)	Purdue University (4)	University of Richmond (2)	IRELAND	Northeastern University London
Cornell University (12)	Reed College (2)	University of Rochester (3)	Dublin City University	Queen Mary University of London
Culinary Institute of America	Rhode Island School of Design	University of Southern California (2)	Trinity College Dublin	Royal Holloway, University of London (2)
CUNY Hunter College (2)	Rice University (3)	University of Vermont (2)	University College Dublin (2)	University of the Arts London
CUNY John Jay College of Criminal Justice	Rochester Institute of Technology (2)	University of Virginia	ITALY	University of Dundee
CUNY Queens College	Rutgers University (2)	University of Washington	Università Bocconi	University of Edinburgh (5)
Dartmouth College	Sacred Heart University	University of Wisconsin (2)	Saint Camillus International University of Health and Medical Sciences	University of Exeter (2)
DePaul University (2)	San Diego State University	Vanderbilt University	JAPAN	University of Glasgow
Dickinson College (2)	Santa Clara University	Vassar College (5)	Kyoto University of Advanced Science	University of Kent
Drexel University	Sarah Lawrence College	Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (3)	NETHERLANDS	University College London (4)
Duke University	School of the Art Institute of Chicago (2)	Wake Forest University (3)	Amsterdam University College	University of Manchester
Elon University (3)	School of Visual Arts	Washington University in St. Louis (7)	Eindhoven University of Technology	University of St Andrews (5)
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University	Scripps College	Wesleyan University		University of Sussex
Emerson College (3)	Simmons University	Wheaton College, Mass.		University of Warwick (4)
Emory University (3)	Skidmore College (4)	William & Mary (2)		
Fashion Institute of Technology	Southern Methodist University			
Fordham University (4)	St. Francis College			
Franklin & Marshall College (2)	St. John's University			
George Washington University (2)	Stevens Institute of Technology (2)			
Georgetown University	Stony Brook University (4)			
Georgia Institute of Technology (2)	SUNY at Albany (3)			
	SUNY at Binghamton			
	SUNY University at Buffalo (4)			
	SUNY Buffalo State College			