

School Overview

Founded in 1963, OIS is Norway's oldest international school, offering a high-quality English language education for children of all nationalities from 3-18 years of age. We are an IB world school, accredited by CIS and NEASC and the IB Organisation.

Enrolment

Total present enrolment is approximately 600 children representing more than 50 nationalities with approximately 29% Norwegian, 51% European, 23% Asian, 18% North American, 1% South American, 4% African and Middle Eastern. Many OIS students have two nationalities. There are approximately 150 students in Pre-IB and IB Diploma Programme.

Administration & Counselling

The Upper Secondary School is for students aged 15 to 18/19 (Pre-IB through IB2). At OIS, in year 11, students follow the Pre-IB academic programme, in preparation for the International Diploma Programme in Years 12 and 13.

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Calendar

The school calendar follows a semester system, from August to June, with grades reported in January and in June.

Grading

We follow the IB system, with grades ranging from 7 (highest) to 1 (lowest). The IB Diploma is awarded to students who gain at least 24 points. We do not compute class rank at OIS, nor do we calculate GPA.

IBDP Course Offerings

We offer a range of International Baccalaureate subjects at standard (SL) and higher level (HL):

- English A Literature (SL & HL)
- English A Language & Literature (SL & HL)
- Norwegian A (SL and HL), Norwegian B (SL & HL)
- French B (SL & HL)
- Spanish B (SL & HL), Ab Initio (SL)
- History (SL & HL)
- Geography (SL & HL)
- Economics (SL & HL)
- Maths Analysis & Approaches (SL & HL),
- Maths Applications & Interpretations (SL)
- Chemistry (SL & HL)
- Physics (SL & HL)
- Biology (SL & HL)
- Computer Science (SL & HL)
- Visual Arts (SL & HL)

Other core elements of the IB Diploma: Theory of Knowledge (TOK), Extended Essay (EE), and Creativity, Activity & Service (CAS). Students graduating with the IB Diploma are also awarded a NEASC accredited high school diploma.

Results

Admission to OIS is not based on competitive selection, yet our IB results are consistently strong, with a near 100% pass rate over the last six years and mean score well above the global average.

| SAT mean total score | Mean reading & writing | Mean math score |
|----------------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| 1273 | 631 | 641 |

Higher Education after OIS

Almost all of our students go on to university, with some taking a gap year first. Listed below are universities that made unconditional offers to our 2024 and 2025 graduates (* indicates where a graduate actually matriculated).

CANADA

Concordia University*
University of Ottawa

CHINA

University of Hong Kong*

CZECH REPUBLIC

Charles University*

DENMARK

Copenhagen Business School*

FINLAND

Lappeenranta–Lahti University
of Technology LUT*

FRANCE

American University of Paris
Sciences Po Paris*

GERMANY

Lancaster University Leipzig

IRELAND

Trinity College Dublin**

MALAYSIA

Monash University Malaysia

NETHERLANDS

Delft University of Technology
Maastricht University
Radboud University*
The Hague University
of Applied Sciences
TU Eindhoven*
University of Amsterdam*
University College Groningen**
University of Groningen
Utrecht University*

NORWAY

BI Norwegian Business School**
Norges Handelshøyskole (NHH)**
Noroff School of Technology
and Digital Media*
Norwegian Tech & Eng Uni (NTNU)*
University of Bergen
University of Oslo*

POLAND

Jagiellonian University*
Kozminski University*

SPAIN

ESADE Business School*
IE University****
LEINN International
Saint Louis University Madrid*
University of Navarra

SWEDEN

Lund University**

SWITZERLAND

EHL Hospitality Business School*
Geneva Business School*

UK

Aberystwyth University*
Brunel University London
Cardiff University
City St George's University of London
Durham University*
Heriot Watt University
Hult International Business School
King's College London*
Kingston University
Imperial College London***
Lancaster University
Loughborough University
Newcastle University
Northeastern University London
Queen Mary University, London
Royal Holloway University London*
Royal Veterinary College London
UCL (University College London)***
University of Aberdeen
University of the Arts*
University of Bath*
University of Birmingham
University of Bristol*
University of Edinburgh
University of Essex
University of Exeter*
University of Glasgow
University of Leeds*
University of Liverpool
University of Manchester**
University of Nottingham
University of Sheffield
University of Southampton

University of St Andrews***

University of Strathclyde
University of Surrey
University of Warwick*
University of West of England
University of York

USA

Arizona State University*
Auburn University
Barnard College
Baylor University
Binghamton University
Boston University*
Brown University*
Case Western Reserve University
Clemson University
Columbia University*
Dartmouth College*
Florida Institute of Technology
George Mason University
George Washington University*
Hawaii Pacific University
Louisiana State University
Northeastern University
Pennsylvania State University
Purdue University
Rhode Island School of Design*
School of the Art Institute of Chicago
Southern Methodist University
Stanford University
Stony Brook University
Texas A&M University-College Station**
Texas Tech University*
The New School Performing Arts
University of Alabama
University of Arkansas
University of California-Berkeley
University of California-Davis
University of California-San Diego*
University of Denver*
University of Illinois Urbana*
University of Kansas
University of Massachusetts-Amherst*
University of Massachusetts-Boston
University of Massachusetts-Lowell*
University of Mississippi
University of Missouri-Columbia
University of Virginia*
University of Wisconsin-Madison
Virginia Polytechnic & State University