



German International School New York

2025/26 School Profile



GISNY AT A GLANCE

Affiliation: Independent; non-sectarian

Grades offered: PreK through 12th Grade

Location: Located in White Plains, NY,
just 25 miles north of New York City.

Founded in 1980.

Average Enrollment: 420

Average number of seniors: 20

Curriculum: A rigorous, German-English bilingual curriculum that encompasses the major disciplines of the arts and sciences, and meets both Germany's and New York State's official requirements.

Diplomas: US High School Diploma and the German International Abitur (DIA), Germany's highest college preparatory diploma

Faculty: Over 60 members, 95% of whom hold advanced degrees (Master of Art or European equivalent).

CEEB CODE: 335-941

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ACCREDITATION

GISNY is part of a network of 140 German international schools abroad and is recognized by the Permanent Conference of the Department of Education of the Federal Republic of Germany. GISNY has been accredited as an "Excellent German School Abroad" from the German government for its outstanding academic program. GISNY is also recognized by the New York State Association of Independent Schools (NYSAIS), the New York State Department of Education, and recognized as a MINT school.



THE ACADEMIC PROGRAM

- Students earn both the DIA and US High School diploma which provides a holistic emphasis on languages and sciences.
- Two-year DIA qualification phase in grades 11 and 12 ends with written and oral exams.
- GISNY follows the stipulations of the German International Abitur, requiring considerable depth and intensity in mathematics, natural sciences, social sciences, and foreign languages.
- Four Advanced Placement (AP) courses are offered: English Language and Composition, German Language and Culture, Biology, and Calculus BC. AP German Language and AP English Composition are available exams to take.

THE CORE CURRICULUM

GISNY’s curriculum is a blend of German, Swiss and Austrian secondary schools features with their emphasis on a rigorous and comprehensive liberal studies education, and the requirements and stipulations for high schools in the State of New York.

As a minimum, students have 12 classes and 35 periods per week. The average class size at GISNY is 20 students. This creates an ideal cooperative learning environment where students are encouraged to express themselves freely while working together toward shared goals.

German	4 years/German	History	4 years/Bilingual
English	4 years/English	American History	2 years/English
French/Spanish	2-4 years/French or Spanish	Economics	4 years /Bilingual
Mathematics	4 years/German	Ethics	4 years/German
Chemistry	2-4 years/German	Geography	½ year/Bilingual
Biology	4 years/Bilingual	Phys Ed	4 years/Bilingual
Physics	1-4 years/German	Art or Music	4 years/Bilingual

GISNY does not calculate class rank, or GPA. In grades 11 and 12 exams are graded on a scale of 0-15 but our academic transcript transcribes German Grades to American Grades.

American Grades	A+		A		A-		B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D			F
German Grades	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0

GISNY caters to a wide range of talents and interests. After-school activities and clubs give students the opportunity to try something new or explore an interest in more depth.

ARTS & MUSIC:

- Advanced Percussion
- Choir
- Marimba
- Theater

ENVIRONMENTAL, SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & MATH:

- Green School
- STEM Club

VARSITY SPORTS

- Soccer
- Basketball
- Track & Field
- Volleyball

CULTURE:

- Journalism
- Yearbook

SERVICE:

- DEI Club
- Model UN

COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCES

Thanks to the dual diploma, GISNY students have the opportunity to continue their education at German universities as well as colleges and universities in the US, Canada, Great Britain, and other European countries. Below is a partial list of acceptances from 2015-2025.

UNITED STATES

American University
Bard College
Boston University
Bowdoin College
Bucknell University
Case Western Reserve University
Columbia University
Clemson University
Denison University
Duke University
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
Fashion Institute of Technology
Fordham University
George Washington University
Georgetown University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Hofstra University
Indiana University
Louisiana State University
Loyola University New Orleans
Mercer University
New York University
North Carolina State University
Pace University
Pennsylvania State University
Princeton University
Purdue University
Rochester Institute of Technology
SUNY Binghamton
SUNY Buffalo
SUNY Buffalo State
SUNY New Paltz
SUNY Oswego
SUNY Purchase
SUNY Stony Brook
SUNY Westchester
Syracuse University
The Julliard School
Tufts University
University of Arizona
University of Delaware
University of Georgia
University of Maryland
University of Mississippi
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh (Greenburgh)
University of Southern California
University of Vermont
University of Virginia

Vassar College
Virginia Tech
Wake Forest University
Wesleyan University

CANADA

McGill University

AUSTRIA, GERMANY, & SWITZERLAND

Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg
École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne
Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule Zürich
Freie Universität Berlin
Georg-August-Universität Göttingen
Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin
Karlsruhe Institute of Technology
Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München
RWTH Aachen University
Technische Universität München
Universität Basel
Universität Bern
Universität Heidelberg
Université de Lausanne
Universität Passau
Universität St. Gallen
Universität Wien
Universität Zürich

FRANCE, IRELAND, NETHERLANDS, NORWAY, SPAIN & UNITED KINGDOM

BI Business School in Oslo
City University of London
Dublin University
Durham University
Erasmus University Rotterdam
ESCP Europe
IE Business School Madrid
Imperial College
Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris (SciencesPo)
King's College
Maastricht University
Oxford University
Royal Holloway University
University of Amsterdam
University of Bristol
University of Edinburgh
University of Groningen
University of St. Andrews
University of Sussex