



INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF BOSTON

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INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF BOSTON 2026-2027 PROFILE

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 from numerous nations. While ISB is a day school, some international students live with host families.



491

Students Preschool to Grade 12

80 Upper School Students
28 FTE Upper School Faculty
6 TO 1 Student-faculty ratio



50

Total Nationalities
Represented

40

Languages
Spoken

42% United States
30% France
28% Other Nationalities

ACCREDITATION & MEMBERSHIP



COUNCIL OF
INTERNATIONAL
SCHOOLS



National Association
of Independent Schools



NEW ENGLAND ASSOCIATION
OF SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES



ISB GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

English/French (1st Language)	4 years	Arts	1 year
2nd Language	3 years	Electives	2 years
Mathematics	3 years	Physical Education	1 year
Social Studies	3 years	Information Technology	1 year
Sciences	3 years		

DESCRIPTION OF UPPER SCHOOL

The Upper School students follow a schedule that starts at 8:00 AM and ends anywhere between 3:30 and 5:30 PM, according to course selection. Students in Grades 9 and 10 follow a program tailored to prepare them for the requirements of either the French Baccalaureate or the IB Diploma Program. In Grade 11, students determine which Baccalaureate program to pursue. ISB offers the following extracurricular and athletic activities:

CLUBS:

Astronomy, Biobuilder, Chess, Coding, Community Service, Creative Writing, EcoAction, Entrepreneurship, Film/Video, Finance, German, History, ISB Radio, Marine Biology, Math, Model United Nations, Political Science Club, Quantum Computing, Rock Band, Robotics, Spanish, Student Council, Theater Company, Theater Design

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

VARSITY SPORTS TEAMS:

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

PARTNERSHIPS

ISB students benefit from partnerships with leading academic, research, and cultural institutions, including:

- International Baccalaureate and AEFÉ partner schools worldwide, offering 4–6 week reciprocal academic exchanges
- Massachusetts General Hospital, offering biomedical sciences internships for Grade 11 students
- UMass Boston, providing internships in artificial intelligence and physics
- MIT's BioBuilder program at Ginkgo Bioworks, providing hands-on experience in biotechnology and synthetic biology
- The Clark Art Institute, supporting scholarship in art history, visual culture, and interdisciplinary humanities

FRENCH BACCALAUREATE

In 2021, the French Ministry of Education 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 & 12TH GRADE INCLUDE:

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

ELECTIVES:

Students may elect to take the following courses: Additional Languages (in partnership with CNED), Latin, Theater; Virtual Reality-3D Design, Mathematics elective, and Mathematics Advanced (Grade 12 only)

SPECIALIZATIONS:

In Grade 11, students choose three courses in which to specialize. Students will continue with two specializations in Grade 12. **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 Grade 11), Physics/Chemistry and Biology.

BACCALAURÉAT FRANÇAIS INTERNATIONAL (BFI)

The BFI American option (Baccalaureat Francais Internationale), 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

Grades 11 and 12 for literature and History/Geography. Students must also take a two-year Global Studies Research Seminar (Connaissance du Monde) to prepare them to be global citizens. This is accompanied by a personal research project in partnership with an international organization, which 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 Diploma 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, 80% of IB students receive the IB Bilingual Diploma, by taking literature courses in two different languages. This specialized diploma is achieved by only 25% 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 4,000-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 & Literature SL/HL French A Language & Literature SL/HL Spanish A Language & Literature SL/HL Mandarin A Literature SL	English B SL/HL French B SL/HL French ab Initio Spanish B SL/HL German B SL/HL	History SL/HL Geography SL/HL Economics SL/HL	Biology SL/HL Chemistry SL/HL Physics SL/HL	Math AA HL/SL Math AI HL/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 Changes: In 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	2.7	2.3	2	1.7	1.3	1	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	4	4	4	3	3	3	2	2	1

INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF BOSTON COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES 2021-2026*

FRANCE

3iL Ecole D'Ingenieurs
CPE Lyon
ECAM
 ECE Paris
 École de Management de Normandie
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 École
 École Universitaire de Premier Cycle -
 Paris-Saclay
EDHEC Business School
 EIGIM-Nancy
 EFREI Paris
 EIGSI La Rochelle
 EISTI ENSTBB-INP Bordeaux
 EISTIC Paris
EM Lyon
 ENISE
 ENSIBS Lorient
 EPF École d'ingénieurs
EPITA
 ESAIP
 ESCE Paris
 ESCOM Chimie
ESCP Business School London
ESCP Europe Business School Paris
 ESEO Angers
 ESGT Le Mans
 ESIEA Paris
 ESIEE Paris
 ESIGLEC
ESILV
 ESIR Rennes
 ESME Sudria
 ESMOD
 ESSCA Angers
ESSEC Business School
 ESTBB Lyon
 ISAT Nevers
 ISIS
 ISTY Mantes-Velizy

Grandes Écoles et Écoles Spécialisées:

École nationale supérieure d'Arts et Métiers (ENSAM)

Ferrandi Paris
 Groupe ESEO
 Groupe INSA
HEIP
 ICAM site de Lille
IDRAC Paris
ISEG School of Management
 ILERI
 Institut Catholique de Lille
 Institut Lyfe
 Institut Supérieur Biotech de Paris
 Institut Supérieur de Commerce
 IPAG
 IPSA
 ISEN Brest
ISEP Paris
 ISG École de Commerce
 KEDGE Business School, Marseilles
 NEOMA Business School
 Rubika

Universités:

American University of Paris
Centrale Supélec/McGill Dual Program
Institut Vatel
 Instituts Universitaires de Technologie d'Orsay
 IUT Aix Marseille
 IUT de Bordeaux
 IUT de Cachan
 IUT de Orsay
 IUT de Saint Nazaire
 IUT de Sceaux
 IUT de Tarbes
 IUT de Toulouse
 IUT du Limousin
 IUT Lyon
 IUT Paris 7
 Polytechnique Annecy-Chambray
 Polytechnique Clermont-Ferrand
 Polytechnique Grenoble
 Polytechnique Lille
 Polytechnique Lyon
 Polytechnique Marseille
 Polytechnique Montpellier

Polytechnique Paris Saclay
 Polytechnique Sorbonne
Sciences Po Paris-Campus de Reims
 Sorbonne Université
 Université Bordeaux I, II, III
 Université Bordeaux Montaigne
 Université Catholique de Lille,
 Faculté de Médecine
Université d'Aix-Marseille I, II, III
 Université d'Angers
 Université de Bourgogne
 Université de Brest
Université de Grenoble-Alpes
Université de Lille
 Université de Nantes
 Université de Nice
Université de Nîmes
 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 Montpellier I, II, III
Université Paris I-Panthéon-Sorbonne
 Université Paris III-Sorbonne
 Nouvelle Université Paris IV-Sorbonne
 Université Paris XIII-Villetaneuse
 Université Paris IX-Dauphine
 Université Paris IX-Dauphine Campus Londres
 Université Savoie Mont Blanc
Université Toulouse I, II, III
 UPEC Site de Fontainebleau

Classes Préparatoires:

La Prepa des INP Bordeaux
 La Prepa des INP Cambrai
La Prépa des INP Clermont-Ferrand
 La Prepa des INP Grenoble
 La Prépa des INP Nancy
 La Prépa des INP Toulouse
 La Prépa des INP Valence
Lycée Alphonse Daudet
 Lycée Assomption Bellevue
 Lycée Camille Vernet
 Lycée Carnot
 Lycée Chaptal
 Lycée Denis Diderot
 Lycée Faidherbe de Lille
Lycée Fénélon Paris
 Lycée Fustel de Coulanges
 Lycée Godefroy de Bouillon
 Lycée HENRI IV
 Lycée Jean Perrin
 Lycée LA MARTINIERE MON PLAISIR
 Lycée Louis Lachenal
 Lycée Masséna
 Lycée Militaire d'Aix en Provence
 Lycée Militaire de St Cyr
 Lycée Militaire Prytanee National
 Lycée Notre Dame des Minimes
 Lycée Pasteur
 Lycée Paul Cézanne
 Lycée Paul Valéry
 Lycée Pothier
 Lycée Saint Charles
 Lycée Saint Joseph les Maristes
 Lycée Sainte Geneviève
 Sup Galilee Paris
 SupBiotech Lyon
 Telecom St Etienne

UNITED STATES

Adelphi University
 Alfred University
 Appalachian State University
 American University
 Amherst College
 Arizona State University
 Assumption University
 Babson College
 Bard College
 Bates College
 Baylor University

Bennington College
Bentley University
Boston College
Boston University
Brandeis University
 Bridgewater State University
Brown University
 Bryant University
 Cal State Long Beach
 Carleton College
 Carnegie Mellon University
 Case Western University
 Clark University
 Clarkson University
 Clemson University
 Colby College
 Colgate University
 College of The Atlantic
 College of the Holy Cross
Colorado College
Columbia University
Columbia University / Sciences Po Reims
Connecticut College
Cornell University
 Curry College
 DePaul University
 DePauw University
 Dickinson College
Drexel University
 Eckerd College
 Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
 Emmanuel College
Emerson College
Emory University + Oxford College
 Endicott College
 Evergreen State College
 Fitchburg State
Fordham University
 Franklin & Marshall College
The George Washington University
 Georgia Institute of Technology
Georgetown University
 Gettysburg College
Haverford College
 Howard University
 Hult International Business School
 Indiana University-Bloomington
 Ithaca College
 Johnson & Wales University
 La Salle
 Lafayette College
 Lake Forest College
 Lasell College
 Lehigh University
Lesley University
 Loyola Marymount University
 Loyola University Chicago
 Loyola University Maryland
 Macalester College
MIT
 Marist College
 Marymount Manhattan College
 MCPHS University
Merrimack College
Michigan State University
 Morehouse College
 Mount Holyoke College
New York University
Northeastern University
Oberlin College
 Occidental College
 The Ohio State University
 Oklahoma State University
 Pace University
 Pennsylvania State University
 Plymouth State University
Pomona College
Providence College
 Purdue University
 Quinnipiac University
 Reed College
 Regis College
 Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
 Rhode Island College
 Rochester Institute of Technology
Roger Williams University
 Rollins College
 Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
 Rutgers University-New Brunswick
 Rutgers University-Camden
 San Diego State University
 Saint Louis University
 Saint Anselm College

Salem State University
 Santa Clara University
 Salve Regina University
 Seton Hall University
Simmons University
Skidmore College
Smith College
 St. John's University
 Southern Methodist University
 Stony Brook University
Suffolk University
SUNY Albany
 SUNY Oswego
 Syracuse University
 Temple University
 Towson University
 Trinity College
Tufts University
Tulane University
 Union College
US Air Force Academy
United States Military Academy
 University of Alabama
University of Arizona
University of California-Berkeley / Science-Po
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 Chicago
 University of Colorado-Boulder
 University of Connecticut
 University of Delaware
 University of Denver
 University of Florida
 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
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 University of Minnesota Twin Cities
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 University of New Haven
 University of North Dakota
 University of North Florida
 University of Oregon
 University of Pittsburgh-Greensburg
 University of Rhode Island
University of Rochester
 University of Richmond
 University of San Diego
 University of San Francisco
 University of South Florida
University of Southern California
 University of Tennessee-Knox
 University of Texas-Austin
 University of the Pacific
University of Utah
 University of Vermont
University of Washington-Seattle
University of Wisconsin-Madison
 Vassar College
 Virginia Commonwealth University
Virginia Tech
 Villanova 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

Williams College
 William & Mary
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
 Worcester State University
 Wright State University
 Xavier University of Louisiana
Yale University

UNITED KINGDOM

Birkbeck, University of London
 Brunel University
Durham University
ESCP Europe Business School London
 Hult International Business School
 Imperial College London
King's College, London
 London Metropolitan University
 London School of Economics
 Northumbria University
 Queen Mary, University of London
 Queen's University Belfast
 Royal Holloway, University of London
University College London
 University of Bath
 University of Birmingham
 University of Bristol
 University of Durham
 University of East London
University of Edinburgh
 University of Exeter
 University of Glasgow
 University of Leeds
 University of Leicester
 University of Manchester
 University of Nottingham
 University of Portsmouth
 University of Sheffield
 University of Southampton
 University of St Andrews
 University of Surrey
 University of Sussex
 University of Warwick
 University of Westminster
 York University

CANADA

Bishop's University
Concordia University
 École Polytechnique de Montréal
 HEC Montréal
McGill University
 McMaster University
 Queen's University
 Toronto Metropolitan University
Université de Montréal
University of British Columbia / Sciences Po
University of Toronto
 University of Victoria
 University of Western Ontario
 Western University
 York University

OTHER

Amsterdam University of Applied Sciences
Amsterdam University College
Bocconi University
École Hôtelière de Lausanne
 École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne
ESADE Business School
 EU Business School Geneva
 EU Business School, Munich
 Franklin University Switzerland
 Geneva Business School
IE University
 Saint Louis University Madrid
Trinity College Dublin
 Rotterdam University of Applied Sciences
 Universiteit Utrecht
University College Dublin
University College Groningen
University College Maastricht
University College Utrecht
University College Roosevelt
 Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

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