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ISB COMMUNITY

Founded in 1980, ISB is an independent, coeducational, not-for-profit day school for students in Early Years 3 through Grade 12. ISB offers English-medium instruction for expatriate students and students who hold Chinese Green Cards. The school has enrolled approximately **1,600** students from **40** countries and regions for the 2023-2024 school year.

Accreditation by external organizations has long been recognized in international school circles as a highly effective means of initiating and maintaining school improvement and demonstrating alignment with a set of publicly stated standards. ISB is currently accredited by the following external organizations: **Council of International Schools (CIS); New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC); National Center for Curriculum Study and Textbook Development (NCCT) – China Ministry of Education.**

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DISTINCTIVE PROGRAMS @ ISB



Social-Emotional Learning

Our SEL concepts and skills are not a detour from our academic learning; instead, they provide the on-ramps to learning. Our EY-12 SEL programs are crucial parts of being a mission-driven school. Every HS student engages in our mentoring program and IB students also have SEL support through their Advisory classes, which provide structure to the IB core. This focus on SEL complements and enriches our academic curriculum.



Pathways Program

The Pathways Program offers students voice and choice in their final two years of the ISB Diploma. Students are challenged to explore their own ideas, learn beyond the classroom, and transform their learning by making connections across content areas and to make an impact. Students will take a combination of IB and ISB courses or just ISB courses to fulfill the ISB Graduation Requirements. In addition to the ISB Diploma, students can also receive an Impact Certificate and/or Microcredentials with the required course credits.



Interdisciplinary Classes

We believe interdisciplinary learning is the intentional and experiential inquiry into complex and relevant issues. Through this approach, students are empowered to deepen understanding around a central theme in a challenging and joyful context with real-world application. These courses are double-blocked and students engage in courses such as Science and Engineering, Civics and Social Entrepreneurship, Action in a Developing World.



Complementary Counseling Model

We ensure student access to social-emotional services while simultaneously providing dedicated support for career and university planning. We have one team of School Counselors and another team of University & Career Advisors. This model enables us to better help students not only find their best-fit options post high school and reach their goals, but also arrive there self-aware and resilient, and ready to face the future.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

A minimum of 24 credits is required for graduation; a full-year course earns one credit. The credits listed below are required. Elective courses, including at least two from the subject areas marked with an asterisk (*), complete the 24 credits.

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| 4 *English | 3 *Laboratory Sciences |
| 3 *Social Studies | 2 Physical Education/Health |
| 3 *Mathematics | 1 Visual/Performing Arts |
| 2 *World Languages/EAL | |

COVID-19 STATEMENT

Members of the graduating Class of 2024 experienced significant disruption to their educational journey during the years of the pandemic. In 2020-2021 and 2021-2022, when these students were in Grades 9 and 10, they faced multiple periods of campus closure and online learning.

In 2022-2023, when the Class of 2024 were in Grade 11, we started with in-person instruction in September, but moved online from late November to late December. Towards the end of this period, Covid-19 spread through much of the population of Beijing, sickening many ISB students and again disrupting their learning.

GRADES

ISB uses standards-based grading and reporting on a 1-7 grading scale. Students receive a formal summative grade only at the end of each course. Grade point averages are no longer weighted, with 3 being a passing grade.

Grade	Descriptor	Grade	Descriptor
7	Excellent	3	Mediocre
6	Very Good	2	Poor (no credit awarded)
5	Good	1	Very Poor (no credit awarded)
4	Satisfactory		

COLLEGE APPLICATION LIMITS

We believe that students and colleges alike are better served when students make informed choices in the application process. We therefore limit our Seniors to a maximum of 10 applications. Due to this limit, colleges and universities can be confident that an application from an ISB Senior reflects genuine and serious interest.

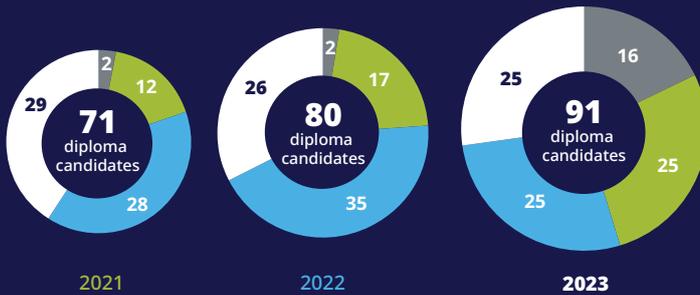
MEET THE CLASS OF 2024

This year's Senior class has 97 members, with 72 full IB Diploma candidates. ISB reports incidents of out-of-school suspension. Grades from all courses at ISB are included in calculating a student's cumulative GPA. Grades from other schools are not included, and are not reported on ISB's transcript. ISB does not report class rank.

2023 INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE RESULTS

Points obtained by successful candidates

● 40-45 ● 35-39 ● 30-34 ● 24-29



Average IB Diploma score



*During the years of the pandemic, the IB gave accommodations to students worldwide, understanding the complications caused by online learning. In 2023, the IB removed those accommodations. The data above reflects the 2023 exams returning to being as tough as they had been up to 2019.

Bilingual diplomas awarded



Pass rate (%)



Pass rates and point awards for the 91 graduates who completed the Diploma in May 2023 appear above, with comparative information for the previous two years.

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Leadership roles within the school are open to students serving on the Student Council, Varsity Club Council, and other student-led clubs. A robust performing arts program includes theater, orchestra, band, jazz band, choir, and dance. Our MUN delegates attended THIMUN in The Hague from 1994 to 2020, and will do so again in 2024, and ISB has hosted its renowned BEIMUN conference since 1996. Varsity and JV teams in 13 sports compete in conference play with other schools in the region. Student records will contain references to the following international school conferences and organizations:

5A
Aperture
Photography
Badminton Club
Blue Fire Dance
BJ Student Press
Buddy Magazine
Business Club
Chamber Ensemble
Charity Fashion Show
Code Olympians
Dear Letterbox
Dragon Chef
Dragon Council
Draxonics Design
Filmism
Green Impact

Hope for Homes (HFH)
History Club
ISB Live
Jazz Band
HS Choir
Machine Learning
Makers Club
Mandel Math
Medihealth
Model United Nations (MUN)
NCC
Peer Helpers
Philharmonic
Prism
Psych Club
Regeneration Science
Fair

Research Symposium
Robotics
Roots & Shoots
Student Anti Bias Anti Racism (SABAR) Club
Science Club
Ski Club
Sports Med Club
STUCO
TESOL
Tutoring Center
The Break Newspaper
Thespians
Ultimate Frisbee
We for She
World Scholars Club
Yearbook

ACCREDITATIONS



2023-2024 ACADEMIC COURSE OFFERINGS

ENGLISH

English 9
English 10
Mass Media and Journalism
IB English A: Literature SL
IB English A: Literature HL
IB English A: Language and Literature HL
IB English A: Language and Literature SL
IB English B: HL
Literature and Social Justice

MATH

Math 9
Math 9+
Math 9 Advanced
Math 10
Math 10+
Math 10 Advanced
Business Math: Finance and Design
IB Mathematics: Analysis and Approaches SL
IB Mathematics: Analysis and Approaches HL
IB Mathematics: Applications and Interpretation SL
IB Mathematics: Applications and Interpretation HL
Math: Data Science

CHINESE & WORLD LANGUAGES

Chinese Foundation
Intermediate Chinese I
Intermediate Chinese II
Advanced Chinese I
Advanced Chinese II
Theory of Knowledge IB 11 (Chinese)
Chinese Language and Literature 9
Chinese Language and Literature 10

IB Mandarin Ab Initio SL
IB Mandarin B SL
IB Mandarin B HL
Special Topics in Chinese Studies 1
IB Chinese A: Language and Literature HL
IB Chinese A: Language and Literature SL
French: Beginning
French: Intermediate
French: Advanced
Spanish: Beginning
Spanish: Intermediate
Spanish: Advanced
IB French B SL
IB French B HL
IB Spanish Ab Initio SL
IB Spanish B SL
IB Spanish B HL
IB Self-Taught Language A: Literature SL

SCIENCE

Science and Engineering 9
Science and Engineering 10
Science 9
Science 10
Anatomy and Physiology
Medical Microbiology and Advanced Laboratory Technique
IB Physics SL
IB Physics HL
IB Biology SL
IB Biology HL
IB Chemistry SL
IB Chemistry HL
IB Environmental Systems and Societies SL
IB Sports Exercise and Health Science SL
IB Sports Exercise and Health Science HL
IB Computer Science SL

IB Computer Science HL
Food science and Technology

SOCIAL STUDIES

Asia and the World I
Asia and the World II
Civic and Social
Entrepreneurship 9
Action Research 10
IB Geography SL
IB Geography HL
IB Economics SL
IB Economics HL
IB Psychology SL
IB Psychology HL
IB History SL
IB History HL
Philosophy and Development of Society
Behavioral Economics

PERFORMING ARTS

Stagecraft
Theatre: Acting and Ensemble
Theatre: Physical Theatre and Devising
Concert Orchestra
Concert Band
Concert Choir
Music Studio Production
The Theatre Studio Experience
IB Music SL
IB Music HL
IB Theatre SL
IB Theatre HL

VISUAL ARTS & MEDIA

Film Studies: Introduction to Visual Literacy
Art 1: Seeing Like an Artist
Art 2: Thinking Like an Artist
The Studio Art Experience
Photography 1
Photography 2

Filmmaking 1
Filmmaking 2
IB Film SL
IB Film HL
IB Art SL
IB Art HL

PE/HEALTH

P.E. and Health 9
P.E. and Health 10
Independent Fitness and Physical Health: Sem 1
Independent Fitness and Physical Health: Sem 2

DESIGN & STEAM

3D Modelling and Mechanics
Game Design
Design Studio
Graphic Design
Product Design
Introduction to Programming

INDEPENDENT COURSES

EAL 9
EAL 10
Guided Study
Tutor Training I
Tutor Training II
Impact Project
Work Experience

SAT TESTING RESULTS

	Class of 2021	Class of 2022	Class of 2023
Evidence Based Reading and Writing	645-740	635-740	630-745
Math	700-790	700-790	700-800
Total	1,365-1,500	1,365-1,500	1,350-1,520

MEMBERSHIPS



CLASS OF 2023 UNIVERSITY ADMISSIONS OFFERS

This list is correct as of August 31, 2023. ISB is proud of all its students, whether they have identified a best-fit university course or chosen another option like a bridge year or military service. Some students are still in the process of applying for college and have yet to receive offers of admission, notably from universities in South Korea, Singapore, Australia, and New Zealand. **Universities listed below with at least one enrolled ISB graduate appear in bold type.**

UNITED STATES

Adelphi University
American University
Art Center College of Design
Baylor University
Biola University
Boston College
Boston University
Brandeis University
Brigham Young University
Brown University
California College of the Arts
California State University-
Chico
California State University-
Long Beach
California State University-
Los Angeles
California State University-
Monterey Bay
California State University-
Northridge
California State University-
San Bernardino
Case Western Reserve University
Central Baptist College
Chapman University
Claremont McKenna College
Collin County Community
College District
Colorado State University-
Fort Collins
Cornell University
Eastern Washington University
Emerson College
Emory University
Fordham University
George Mason University
George Washington University
Georgia Institute of
Technology-Main Campus
Goucher College
Indiana University-Bloomington
Jefferson (Philadelphia
University + Thomas
Jefferson University)
Johns Hopkins University
Lewis & Clark College
Loyola Marymount University
Lynn University
Macalester College
Marquette University
Maryland Institute College of Art
Miami University-Oxford
Michigan State University
Middlebury College
Minerva University
Mount Holyoke College
New York University
Northeastern University
Ohio State University-
Main Campus
Oregon State University
Otis College of Art and Design
**Pennsylvania State
University-Main Campus**
Pepperdine University
Pitzer College

**Pratt Institute-Main
Purdue University-
Main Campus**
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rhode Island School of Design
Rochester Institute of Technology
**Rutgers University-
New Brunswick**
**Saint Mary's College of
California**
San Diego State University
San Francisco State University
San Jose State University
Santa Clara University
Savannah College of Art and
Design
School of the Art Institute of
Chicago
School of Visual Arts
Skidmore College
State University of New York
at New Paltz
Suffolk University
Syracuse University
Texas A & M University-
College Station
The New School
**The University of Texas at
Austin**
The University of Texas at Dallas
Tufts University
Union College
University at Buffalo
**University of California-
Berkeley**
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 Central Arkansas
University of Colorado Boulder
University of Colorado
Denver/Anschutz Medical
Campus
University of Connecticut
University of Denver
University of Detroit Mercy
University of Evansville
University of Hawaii at Manoa
**University of Illinois
Urbana-Champaign**
**University of Maryland-
College Park**
University of Massachusetts-
Amherst
University of Massachusetts-
Boston
University of Massachusetts-
Dartmouth
University of Miami

University of Michigan-
Ann Arbor
University of Minnesota-
Twin Cities
University of New
Hampshire-Main Campus
University of Ottawa
University of Pittsburgh-
Pittsburgh Campus
University of Puget Sound
University of Redlands
University of San Diego
University of San Francisco
**University of Southern
California**
University of the Pacific
University of Vermont
University of Washington-
Seattle Campus
University of Wisconsin-
Madison
Vanderbilt University
Vassar College
Villanova University
**Virginia Polytechnic Institute
and State University**
Wellesley College
Wesleyan University
Western Washington University
Wheaton College

UNITED KINGDOM

Anglia Ruskin University
Cardiff University
City, University of London
Durham University
Goldsmiths, University of
London
Imperial College London
King's College London,
University of London
Kingston University
London Metropolitan
University
Loughborough University
Newcastle University
Queen Mary University of
London
Royal Holloway, University of
London
SOAS University of London
The University of Edinburgh
**UCL (University College
London)**
University for the Creative
Arts
University of Bath
University of Birmingham
University of Bristol
University of Exeter
University of Leeds
University of Liverpool
University of Manchester
University of Reading
University of St Andrews
**University of the Arts
London**
University of Warwick

University of Westminster,
London

CANADA

Alberta College of Art and
Design
Carleton University
**Emily Carr University of Art
and Design**
McGill University
McMaster University
Mount Allison University
NSCAD University
OCAD University
Queen's University
Simon Fraser University
**The University of British
Columbia**
Toronto Metropolitan
University
University of Alberta
University of Calgary
University of New Brunswick
University of Ottawa
University of Prince Edward
Island
University of Toronto
University of Victoria
University of Waterloo
University of Western Ontario
Western University
Wilfrid Laurier University
York University

EUROPE

EDHEC Business School
**Erasmus University
Rotterdam**
ESADE Business School
IE University
Leiden University
Maastricht University
NHTV Breda University of
Applied Sciences
University of Groningen
Utrecht University

ASIA

City University of Hong Kong
Korea University
Nanyang Technological
University
RMIT University-Vietnam
Seoul National University
**The Chinese University of
Hong Kong**
The Hong Kong Polytechnic
University
**The Hong Kong University
of Science and Technology**
The University of Hong Kong
VinUniversity
Yonsei University

AUSTRALIA

Royal Melbourne Institute
of Technology