



The International School of Amsterdam

Upper School Profile 2018-2019

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The School

The International School of Amsterdam (ISA) is an independent, non-sectarian, non-profit, university-preparatory institution. ISA was founded in 1964 to serve the educational needs of the children of the international community in and around Amsterdam and was the first school in the world authorised to teach a complete International Baccalaureate (IB) curriculum to students from 3 to 18 years of age. The IB Diploma Programme was instituted at ISA in 1980 with the first diploma recipients graduating in 1982.

The school calendar follows a semester system with grades reported in January and June. Students attend school for 175 days. The language of instruction is English.

The Community

There are approximately 1,400 students from over sixty nations attending nursery school through grade 12. The average tenure for a student is 3½ years. The Upper School includes grades 6-12. Students come from professional and diplomatic families. Most have broad cultural backgrounds and tend to be fluent in at least two languages. Currently, of the approximately 687 students in grades 6-12, 20% are North American, 57% are European, 5% are Korean, 3% are Japanese and the remaining 15% are from a variety of other countries.

The Faculty

The Upper School (grades 6-12) faculty consists of 92 full-time and 15 part-time staff. Teachers come from Argentina, Australia, Canada, China, France, Germany, Great Britain, Ireland, Japan, New Zealand, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Romania, Spain, Sweden and the United States.

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Curriculum

The school offers the IB Primary Years Programme (IB PYP) in pre-school to grade 5, the IB Middle Years Programme (IB MYP) in grades 6 to 10 and the IB Diploma Programme (IB DP) in grades 11 and 12 .

Diploma Candidates elect to complete the full IB DP and are enrolled in our most challenging course offerings. IB Diploma Course Candidates elect to sit for individual IB exams without completing all aspects required for the full IB Diploma. More than 90% of students in grades

11 and 12 are enrolled in the full IB DP.

Both Diploma Candidates and Diploma Course Candidates who have earned a minimum of 25 course credits, and have satisfactorily completed the requirements of creativity, activity, service (CAS) are deemed to have fulfilled the graduation requirements for an International School of Amsterdam High School Diploma, which is the equivalent of a U.S. high school diploma.

Grades 6 to 12 Course Offerings

LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

Dutch: MYP Dutch A; DP Dutch A Language and Literature (SL and HL)

English: MYP English A; DP English A Literature (SL and HL); DP English A Language and Literature (SL and HL)

French: MYP French A

German: MYP German A

Japanese: MYP Japanese A; DP Japanese A Literature (SL and HL)

Spanish: MYP Spanish A

MYP Language A tutored 9-10; DP School Supported Self-Taught (SSST) Language A Literature (SL) 11-12

LANGUAGE ACQUISITION

Dutch: MYP Dutch B Beginner, Intermediate, and Advanced; DP Dutch B (SL and HL)

English: MYP English B Elementary, Intermediate, and Transition; DP English B (SL and HL)

French: MYP French B Beginner, Intermediate, and Advanced; DP French B (SL and HL); DP French *ab initio* (SL)

Mandarin: MYP Mandarin B Intermediate and Advanced

Spanish: Spanish B Beginner, Intermediate, and Advanced; DP Spanish B (SL and HL)

INDIVIDUALS & SOCIETIES

MYP Individuals and Societies (includes history, global issues, geography, and economics); DP Economics (SL and HL); DP Geography (SL and HL); DP History (SL and HL); DP Information Technology in a Global Society (SL and HL); DP Global Politics (SL and HL)

SCIENCE

MYP Integrated Science (includes biology, chemistry, and physics); DP Biology (SL and HL); DP Chemistry (SL and HL); DP Physics (SL and HL); DP Nature of Science (SL)

MATHEMATICS

MYP Mathematics; Mathematics Extended (honours); DP Math Studies (SL); DP Mathematics (SL and HL)

THE ARTS

MYP Drama; MYP Music; MYP Visual Arts; MYP Media; DP Film (SL and HL); DP Music (SL and HL); DP Theatre (SL and HL); DP Visual Arts (SL and HL)

DESIGN

MYP Digital Design, MYP Food Product Design, MYP Product Design

PHYSICAL AND HEALTH EDUCATION

Physical and Health Education (required each year)

OTHER

Communication (Grades 9-10)

DP Theory of Knowledge

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

All MYP students must complete a Personal Project and participate in the school-based Service as Action; all Diploma Candidates must follow a course in Theory of Knowledge (TOK) and complete an extended research essay; all students in grades 11 and 12 must participate in the school's creativity, activity and service (CAS) programme.

Language A Language and Literature = Native or near-native proficiency | Language B = Acquired Foreign Language | ab initio = Beginner Level (no previous knowledge)

Graduation Requirements

The graduation requirements for an ISA High School Diploma are 25 credits including:

- 4 credits in English
- 2 credits in Language acquisition (in the same language)
- 3 credits in Individuals and societies
- 3 credits in Science (4 recommended)

- 3 credits in Mathematics (4 recommended)
- 2 credits in the Arts
- 3 credits in Physical and health education (at ISA, PHE is a full credit course in grades 9 and 10; it is a 0.5 credit course in grades 11 and 12)
- 5 additional credits of the student's choice
- Satisfactory completion of the requirements of Creativity, Activity and Service in grades 11 and 12.

Marking System

The school conforms to the International Baccalaureate system with marks ranging from 7 (highest) to 1 (lowest). This marking system is used for all internal and external assessments and for transcripts. HL and SL are designated for Higher Level and Standard Level courses within the IB Diploma Programme.

- 7 Excellent
- 6 Very Good
- 5 Good
- 4 Satisfactory
- 3 Mediocre
- 2 Poor (no credit given)
- 1 Very Poor (no credit given)
- L Pass (EAL)
- P Pass
- F Fail

Due to the transitory nature of our student body (average length of stay is 3½ years), the diversity of educational backgrounds, grading systems and range of English language skills, we are unable to provide an accurate or fair class rank.

SAT Results

Scores for non-native English speakers are included

Class of 2019

Spring 2018 testing, 23 students tested

Section	Middle 50%	Mean
Evidence Based Reading and Writing	620 - 730	670
Math	31 - 36	34
Mathematics	610 - 710	670
Reading	30 - 36	33
Writing	31 - 36	34
Total	1230 - 1390	1370

Class of 2018

33 students tested

Section	Middle 50%	Mean
Evidence Based Reading and Writing	585 - 680	640
Math	27 - 35	32
Mathematics	540 - 690	630
Reading	29 - 34	32
Writing	29 - 34	32
Total	1170 - 1365	1250

IBDP Exam Results 2018

Subject	Grade						
	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Chinese A: Literature Self Taught SL	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Danish A: Literature Self Taught SL	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Dutch A: Language and Literature HL	0	6	1	0	0	0	0
Dutch A: Language and Literature SL	1	3	5	1	0	0	0
English A: Language and Literature HL	6	15	7	2	0	0	0
English A: Language and Literature SL	2	15	13	3	0	0	0
English A: Literature HL	1	6	2	0	0	0	0
English A: Literature SL	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
French A: Literature Self Taught SL	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
German A: Literature SL	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Hebrew A: Literature SL	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Japanese A: Literature HL	2	2	3	0	0	0	0
Korean A: Literature Self Taught SL	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Polish A: Literature Self Taught SL	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Portuguese A: Literature Self Taught SL	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Russian A: Literature Self Taught SL	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Spanish A: Literature Self Taught SL	0	1	2	3	0	0	0
Swedish A: Literature Self Taught SL	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Ukrainian A: Literature Self Taught SL	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Chinese B - Mandarin SL	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Dutch B HL	0	2	2	0	0	0	0
Dutch B SL	0	2	3	4	1	0	0
English B HL	3	11	2	2	0	0	0
French ab initio SL	2	3	0	0	0	0	0
French B HL	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
French B SL	0	5	1	0	0	0	0
German B SL	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Mandarin ab initio SL	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Spanish ab initio SL	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Spanish B HL	1	2	0	1	0	0	0
Spanish B SL	1	4	5	2	0	0	0
Economics HL	4	10	12	6	3	0	0
Economics SL	1	3	6	1	1	0	0
Geography HL	0	5	6	1	0	0	0
Geography SL	0	0	0	2	0	1	0
Global Politics HL	4	9	8	2	1	0	0
Global Politics SL	0	0	4	1	0	0	0
History SL	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
History Europe HL	0	2	3	2	0	0	0
ITGS HL	0	1	4	1	0	0	0
ITGS SL	0	0	3	1	0	0	0
Biology HL	3	7	6	2	1	0	0
Biology SL	6	3	12	7	2	0	0
Chemistry HL	3	4	3	3	1	1	0
Chemistry SL	3	1	2	2	0	1	0
Nature of Science SL	1	1	5	6	2	1	0
Physics HL	2	5	3	1	4	1	0
Physics SL	1	1	3	0	1	0	0
Mathematical Studies SL	0	4	6	10	2	1	0
Mathematics HL	0	4	5	2	1	0	0
Mathematics SL	5	8	13	11	19	0	0
Film HL	5	9	3	0	0	0	0
Film SL	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
Music HL	0	2	0	1	0	0	0
Theatre HL	2	4	1	0	0	0	0
Theatre SL	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Visual Arts HL	1	8	8	1	0	0	0
Visual Arts SL	0	0	1	1	0	0	0

IB Diploma Results Summary

	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
ISA Pass Rate	93%	93%	95%	98%	97%
ISA Average Points	34	35	34	34	34
ISA Average Grade	5.4	5.43	5.26	5.35	5.35
World Average Grade	4.91	4.89	4.95	4.99	5.06
ISA Highest Score	44	43	42	44	42

University and College Acceptances: Class of 2018

Nearly all ISA graduates pursue higher education. Members of the Class of 2018 were offered admission at the institutions below. Bold face indicates school of matriculation; first parenthesis indicates number of accepted students if more than one; second parenthesis indicates number of matriculants.

CANADA

University of British Columbia (2) (1)

Brock University
Concordia University
Dalhousie University
University of Guelph

HEC Montreal

McGill University (4) (1)

University of Ottawa
University of Toronto

JAPAN

Kwansei Gakuin University

Sophia University

Waseda University (4) (4)

NETHERLANDS

Amsterdam University College (3) (1)

Erasmus Universiteit Rotterdam (6) (2)

Erasmus University College (3)

Hogeschool van Amsterdam

Hotelschool The Hague

Leiden University College The Hague (4)

NHTV International Hoger Onderwijs Breda

Rijksuniversiteit Groningen (2)

Technische Universiteit Delft (6) (4)

Technische Universiteit Eindhoven (2)

The Amsterdam Fashion Academy (2) (1)

Universiteit Leiden (2)

Universiteit van Amsterdam (11) (8)

University College Maastricht

University College Utrecht (2)

Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam (6) (3)

Willem de Kooning Academie

UNITED KINGDOM

Brunel University
Cass Business School, City University London
City University of London
Coventry University (2)
Durham University

European University London

Imperial College London (3) (3)

King's College London (12) (3)

Lancaster University (2)

London College of Communication

Loughborough University (3)

Middlesex University (2)

Norwich University of the Arts

Oxford Brookes University

Queen Margaret University

Queen Mary, University of London (2) (1)

Regent's University London

Royal Holloway, University of London (2)

School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London (2)

University College Birmingham

University College London (7)

University of Aberdeen

University of Bath (9) (1)

University of Birmingham

University of Bristol (4)

The University of Buckingham (2) (2)

The University of Edinburgh (2)

University of Exeter (3) (1)

University of Glasgow (3)

University of Hull

University of Kent

University of Leeds

University of Liverpool (2)

The University of Manchester (3)

University of Plymouth

The University of Sheffield

University of Southampton (2)

University of St. Andrews

University of Stirling (2) (1)

University of Surrey (6) (1)

University of the Arts London (2)

University of the West of Scotland

The University of Warwick (12) (3)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Beloit College

Bryant University

Case Western Reserve University

College of Charleston

University of Colorado at Boulder

East Stroudsburg, University of Pennsylvania

University of Florida

The George Washington University (2)

Georgetown University

University of Hartford

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Kalamazoo College

Loyola University Chicago

Manhattan College

Minerva Schools at KGI

New York Institute of Technology

New York University (3) (2)

Northeastern University (5) (2)

University of Oregon (2)

Pace University, New York City

University of Pittsburgh at Bradford

Princeton University

Purdue University

Rochester Institute of Technology

San Diego State University

Santa Clara University

Syracuse University

Temple University

Texas A&M University

The New School (2) (1)

The Ohio State University

University of Virginia

University of Washington

West Virginia University

OTHER

The American University of Paris, France (3) (1)

ESADE Business School, Spain (3) (2)

The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

Howest, University College West Flanders, Belgium

IE University, Spain (2) (1)

Karlsruhe Institut für Technologie, Germany

Politecnico di Milano, Italy

Sciences Po Paris – Campus de Reims, France

SWPS University of Social Sciences and

Humanities, Poland

The University of Hong Kong (2)