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### School & Community

Established in 1951, The International School of Brussels (ISB) is the oldest and largest English medium international school in Belgium and the largest single campus international school in Europe. Located in Brussels, the capital of Belgium, in the heart of Europe, ISB is a part of this multicultural city of over one million people which is the home of the European Commission, NATO, and the headquarters of many Belgian and international organizations. ISB is a not-for-profit organization with a non-selective, open enrollment admissions policy driven by a powerful mission of inclusion, challenge and success for all students. With over 1,480 students from 75 countries as well as faculty and staff from 28 countries, ISB is a diverse international community which is reflected in the school culture built on its mission to develop independent learners and global citizens. ISB is an IB World School. Our qualified and experienced faculty are passionate and committed educators, many of whom hold advanced degrees, are IB trainers or examiners.

### Accreditations & Memberships

ISB is accredited by;

- The Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools (MSA)
- International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Council of International Schools (CIS)

ISB is an active member of;

- The National Association for College Admissions Counseling (NACAC)
- The International Association for College Admissions Counseling (IACAC)
- The International School Counselor Association (ISCA)

Academic Programmes & Diploma Pathways

ISB is recognized as a global leader in international school curriculum development. Our challenging learning continuum leads to the U.S High School Diploma, accredited by the Middle States Association and Council of International Schools, and the option to complete the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP) or International Baccalaureate Career Related Programme (IBCP). In addition, students with intensive learning needs are awarded an Individualised Diploma based on the achievement on individually tailored goals.

US High School Diploma

ISB offers a US High School Diploma programme accredited by the Middle States Association and Council of International Schools. We offer a broad range of subjects across various disciplines allowing students to build an academic programme tailored for their success.

Minimum Graduation Requirements:

19 academic credits over four years of study.  
Academic Credits: 4 English, 2 Mathematics, 2 Science & Technology, 2 Arts, 2 Social Sciences, 7 additional credits and Service Learning.

ISB Individualised Diploma

As an open enrolment inclusive school, ISB strives to challenge and guide each student to success by offering an Individualised Diploma programme for students with intensive learning support needs. This diploma provides an opportunity for students in our Intensive Learning Support programme to develop their potential and independence through personalised targets documented in their Individual Learning Plan (ILP) and Transition Plans. Students who qualify for this program have the opportunity to access an ISB education until age 21.

Minimum Graduation Requirements:

Graduation timing decisions are made on a case-by-case basis in collaboration with the team and family with special consideration given to relocation and post-secondary opportunities.

The IB Diploma Programme (IBDP)

ISB has been authorised to offer the IB Diploma Programme since January 1977. The IBDP is an academically challenging and balanced programme of education with final examinations that prepares students for success at university and life beyond. ISB offers more IBDP courses than any other school in Belgium, thereby providing students with the choice and flexibility to pursue an IB Diploma programme that best suits their needs.

Minimum Graduation Requirements:

In this pathway, the IBDP is offered alongside the ISB US High School Diploma, adhering to the minimum credit requirements. Over the course of two years IBDP pathway students take six IB subjects, three at standard level (SL), three at higher level (HL) as well as the Core which consists of CAS (Creativity, Activity, Service), TOK (Theory of Knowledge), and the Extended Essay.

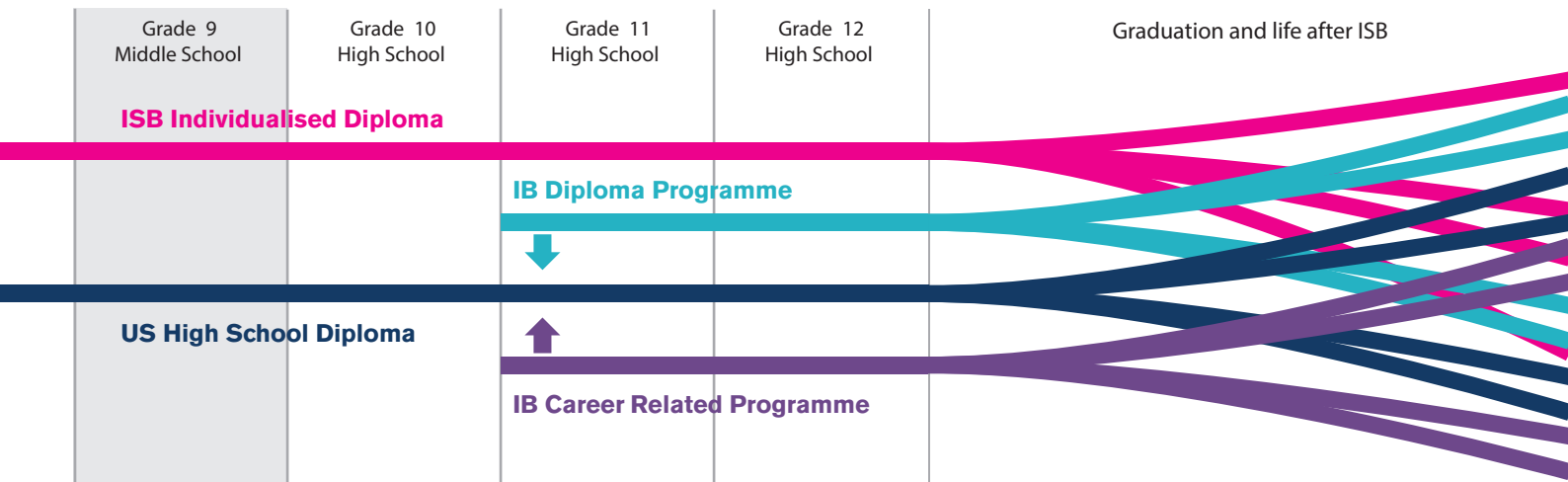
The IB Career Related Programme (IBCP)

Established in 2012 by the IBO, ISB is proud to offer this flexible, focused, and rigorous curriculum for pre-university education. It is recognised and respected by universities throughout the world. The IBCP prepares students for flexibility and mobility by integrating broad, academic learning areas as well as specific career-related content into a challenging framework of education.

Minimum Graduation Requirements:

In this pathway, the IBCP is offered alongside the ISB US High School Diploma, adhering to the minimum requirements. IBCP pathway students take a minimum of two and a maximum of four IBDP Courses with one at Higher Level (HL), a career-related study offered through one of the three BTEC Level 3 Diploma Programmes, as well as the IBCP Core which consists of courses in Personal & Professional Skills (PPS), Language Development, Service Learning, and the Reflective Project.

ISB Graduation Pathways



Integrity in College and University Applications

ISB has an open enrollment policy which produces a diverse student body. With students joining us from many different educational systems from around the world, it is our policy not to rate or rank our students. GPAs are not calculated, but are available upon request. All students at ISB from Grades 10 to 12 are individually supported by a dedicated team of college and careers counsellors. Because of our close working relationships with seniors, ISB counsellors provide detailed, in-depth recommendations that best represent our students. ISB students are required to sign and adhere to the school's Integrity in Applications Policy. Students are limited to a maximum of 10 university applications worldwide. Therefore, any university reading an application from an ISB applicant can be sure that the student is a serious applicant.

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## Grades and Descriptors

### Descriptor

Excellent  
Very good  
Good  
Satisfactory  
Below expectations  
Seriously below expectations  
Serious intervention

### ISB

7  
6  
5  
4  
3  
2  
1

### BTEC

D\*  
D  
M  
P  
Unclassified  
Unclassified  
Unclassified

**Note:** Grades are reported twice a year in Grade 9 and once per year in Grades 10-12. For BTEC individual unit grades are Distinction (D), Merit (M), and Pass (P). D\* grades are only awarded at the end of each reporting period.

Number of  
Students in  
the Senior Class  
of 2020:

**148**

## Course Offerings 2020-2021

### Language & Literature

- » English 10
- » English 11
- » English 12
- » French 10
- » Japanese 10
- » Dutch 10
- » IB English A Language & Literature
- » IB English A Literature
- » IB French A Language & Literature
- » IB French A Literature
- » IB Dutch A Language & Literature
- » IB Japanese A Language & Literature
- » IB Self-taught Language A SL

### Language Acquisition

- » French 1
- » French 2
- » French 3
- » French 4
- » Spanish 1
- » Spanish 2
- » Spanish 3
- » Dutch Language
- » ELD A - Foundational
- » ELD B1 - Intermediate
- » ELD B2 - Intermediate
- » ELD C - Bridging
- » ELD B - Social Sciences
- » IB English B
- » IB French B
- » IB Spanish B
- » IB Dutch B
- » IB French Ab Initio SL
- » IB Spanish Ab Initio SL

### ELD Social Sciences

- » Challenge & Change in the 21st Century
- » IB History
- » IB Geography
- » IB Global Politics
- » IB Psychology

### Business & Economics

- » Introduction to Business & Economics
- » IB Business Management
- » IB Economics HL
- » BTEC Hospitality

### Science & Technology

- » Computer Programming
- » Design Technology
- » Integrated Science
- » IB Biology
- » IB Chemistry
- » IB Physics
- » IB Computer Science
- » IB Design Technology
- » IB Environmental Systems & Societies SL
- » IB Sports, Exercise & Health Science
- » BTEC Sport (Development, Coaching & Fitness)

### Mathematics

- » Mathematics in Context
- » Integrated Mathematics
- » Integrated Mathematics Extended
- » IB Mathematical Analysis & Approaches
- » IB Mathematical Applications & Interpretation
- » IB Mathematical Studies SL

### PE / Health

- » Physical Education/Health

### The Arts

#### Performing Arts:

- » Design for Theatre & Backstage Tech
- » Theatre
- » Choir
- » Digital Music
- » Advanced Strings
- » Symphonic Band
- » IB Music
- » IB Theatre Arts

#### Visual Arts:

- » Textile Design & Fashion
- » Digital Illustration
- » Drawing
- » Graphic Design
- » Studio Art
- » IB Visual Arts
- » BTEC Art & Design

### Core

#### HS Diploma Core:

- » Advisory
- » Wellbeing
- » Service Learning

#### IBDP Core:

- » Theory of Knowledge (TOK)
- » Theory of Knowledge (TOK) in French
- » CAS (Creativity, Activity, Service)
- » Extended Essay

#### IBCP Core:

- » Personal & Professional Skills (PPS)
- » Reflective Project
- » Language Development
- » Service Learning

**Note:** The language of instruction is English, unless otherwise listed. All courses are offered at Higher Level (HL) and Standard Level (SL), unless otherwise indicated. The Core provides an emphasis on developing thinking, researching, communicating, self-management and social skills. Students who take two A languages courses will be awarded a bilingual diploma.

## Extra-curricular activities

ISB Plus is our after-school programme. It is a non-competitive environment in which students can discover new activities and sports, improve existing skills and learn new ones. Activities include Art, Baton, Cricket, Chinese, Cooking, Drama, Chess, Climbing, Math, Martial Arts, Science, Soccer, Swimming, Tennis, Yoga. ISB Plus also offers a Home Language Programme. The Elementary, Middle and High Schools also offer a wide range of in-school clubs and activities for students in a variety of subjects, including Green Team, Student Council, Yearbook, Math, Art, MUN, Jazz Lab Band, Coding, Games, Speech and Debate, and E-Sports. ISB also offers the International Award to students in the Middle and High School.

## Sports

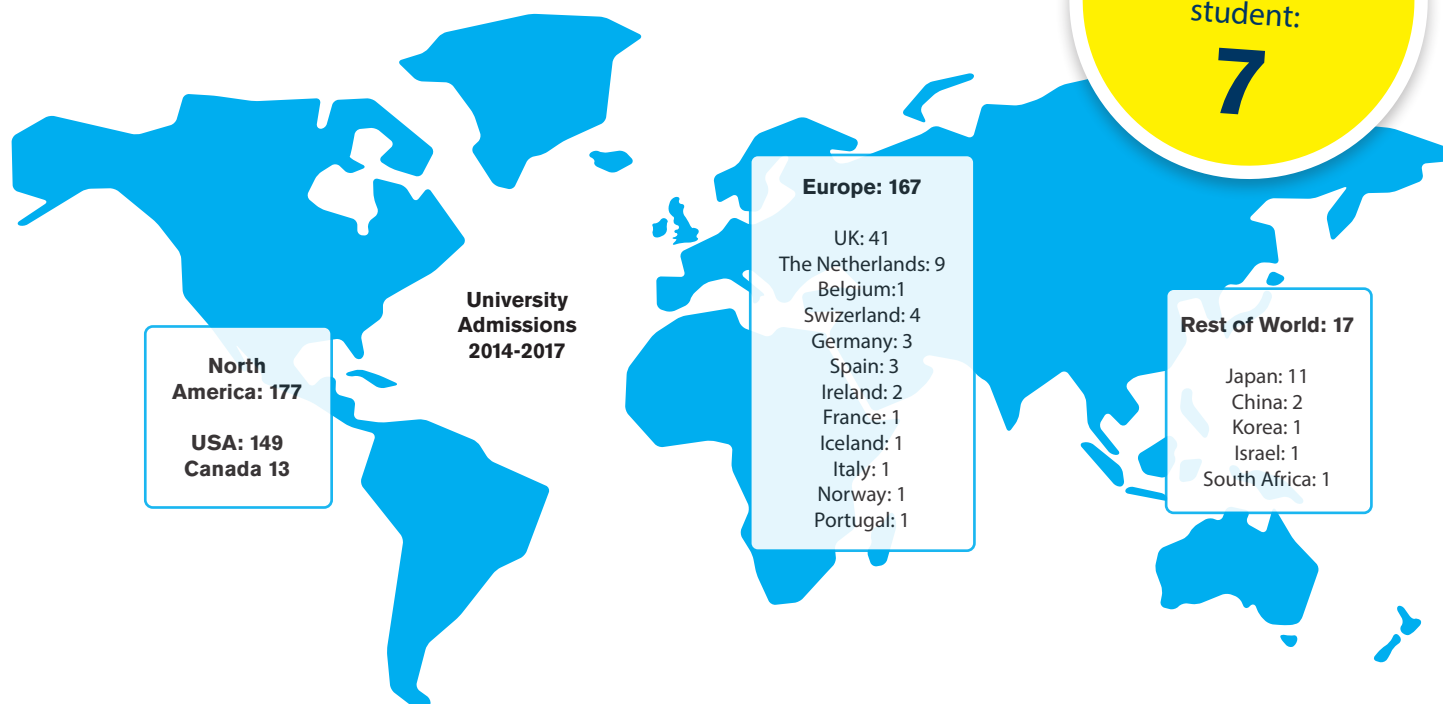
During the Fall season, there are 21 teams from the following sports: Volleyball, Soccer, Field Hockey, American Football, Tennis and Cross Country. During the Winter season, there are 13 teams from the following sports: Basketball, Swimming and Rugby, with developmental teams for Rugby and Swimming. During the Spring season, there are 12 teams from the following sports: Softball, Baseball, Tennis, Golf, Lacrosse, and Track and Field, with developmental teams for Softball and Tennis depending on numbers.

## Arts

ISB offers performance opportunities from Grade 1 to 12, both as part of the Curriculum and after-school, including: full-scale theatre productions including musicals, self-devised works and straight plays; technical theatre opportunities; strings, band (including jazz) and choir concerts from Grade 5 through High School on Campus and at local venues; opportunities to take private music lessons are all available to ISB students.

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## 2020-2021 University Offers and Matriculations



Listed below are the universities that offered ISB students places in 2020-21. Universities listed in bold are those to which ISB graduates matriculated in the fall of 2020.

### United Kingdom

University of Manchester  
University of Greenwich  
Abertay University  
University of Bath  
New College of Humanities  
Goldsmith's, University of London  
University of Leeds  
University of Birmingham  
UCL  
Guildhall School of Music & Drama  
King's College London  
University of St Andrew's  
Arts University Bournemouth  
University of Law  
University of Plymouth  
SOAS  
University of Bristol  
York St John University  
London School of Economics  
University of Exeter  
Warwick University  
LIPA  
University of Edinburgh  
Central St Martins  
University of Exeter

### Europe

**ICHEC**  
**IE University**  
**John Carbot University**  
**Willem de Kooning Academy**  
**ESADE**  
**The Hague University of Applied Sciences**  
**University of Oslo**  
**Leiden University**  
**Politecnico di Milano**  
**University College Dublin**  
**University of Amsterdam**  
**Ecole Hotellier de Lausanne**  
**St Louis University**  
Tilburg University  
Maastricht University  
**University College Roosevelt**  
University of Groningen  
Radboud University  
**University College Utrecht**  
**LUISS University**  
Polytechnic University of Torino  
**Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne**  
**Erasmus University College**  
**University College Europe**  
**Erasmus University College Rotterdam**  
**University of Amsterdam**

### North America

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University  
Virginia Commonwealth University  
University of Toronto  
Smith College  
Wake Forest University  
University of Maryland, College Park  
McGill University  
Berklee College of Music  
McMaster University  
Macalester College  
Grinnell College  
Trinity College  
Concordia University  
SCAD  
Queen's University  
University of Vermont  
College of Charleston  
American University  
Pace University  
Purdue University  
NYU  
The College of William & Mary  
Salt Lake Community College

### Rest of the World

**University of Sharjah**  
**Osaka Prefecture University**  
Sophia University  
**Waseda University**  
**University of the Sacred Heart**  
Keio University  
**Meiji University**  
**Korean Advanced Institute of Science and Technology**  
Hokkaido University  
Okayama University  
Kanazawa University  
Kyushu University

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