
HIGH SCHOOL PROFILE 2014-2015

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THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY and MISSION STATEMENT

The International School of Luxembourg (ISL) is an independent, non-profit, university-preparatory day school situated in the city of Luxembourg, capital of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg. ISL offers a quality English-language education for children of both international and local families living in Luxembourg and the surrounding area. The school is divided into two divisions of similar size: the Lower School and the Upper School which includes Middle School and High School sections. Total school enrolment is approximately 1300 with 376 students in the High School (Grades 9-12). Forty-nine nationalities are found in the student population with over 50% of students coming from mainland Europe. The countries with the largest enrolment are the USA (15%) and the UK (10%). ISL's mission is to provide an outstanding education in a caring international environment, inspiring all our students to reach their true potential and to act as responsible participants in a global society.

ACCREDITATION AND MEMBERSHIPS

ISL is accredited by the *Council of International Schools* and by the *Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools*. Memberships are held in the *International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO)*, the *National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS)*, the *National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP)*, and the *National Association for College Admissions Counseling (NACAC)*.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

The academic year runs from late August to late June and is divided into three trimesters.

- 1st Trimester: 27 August-28 November, 2nd Trimester: 1 December-13 March, 3rd Trimester: 16 March-12 June.
- High School Graduation date: 30 May 2015.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS – DIPLOMAS AWARDED

ISL offers a standards-based university preparatory curriculum leading to the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma or IB Diploma Programme Courses and the ISL High School Diploma.

International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma

The objectives of the IB are to provide students with a balanced education, to facilitate geographic and cultural mobility and to promote international understanding through a shared academic experience. The International Baccalaureate is a rigorous two-year academic programme offered in Grades 11-12 which consists of six subjects, an extended essay, a Theory of Knowledge course, and a Creativity, Action and Service component. The successful completion of these requirements results in the **IB Diploma**, which is an internationally recognized credential for university entrance.

IB Diploma Programme Courses

Students who do not opt for the full IB Diploma may elect to sit IB examinations for selected subjects.

ISL High School Diploma

All students must earn a minimum of 23 credits which include the following subjects: English: 4, Mathematics: 4, Social Studies: 3, Science: 3, Modern Languages: 3, other subjects: 6. Each credit comprises the successful completion of a full year's course. In addition, a minimum of 15 hours of community service per year (grade 9-12) is also required.

GRADE POINT AVERAGE & CLASS RANK POLICY

Class rank and grade point averages (GPA) are *not* computed at ISL because of the transient nature of the ISL community and diversity of educational backgrounds of students entering the school during the high school years.

ISL GRADING SYSTEM

The ISL grading system complies with the assessment scheme of the criterion-referenced International Baccalaureate (IB) whereby student performance is measured against specific learning outcomes. IB assessments are scored from 7 (excellent) to 1 (very poor). Students enrol in courses for the full school year and academic achievement is evaluated on a trimester basis in November, March and June. Academic credit for high school diploma purposes is granted for all courses in which the student's achievement level ranges from 3 to 7. No credit is awarded for grades of 1 or 2. Grades are not weighted.

Grade	Student's Performance
7	Excellent
6	Very Good
5	Good
4	Satisfactory
3	Mediocre
2	Poor (failing)
1	Very poor (failing)

International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE), Grades 9 & 10

Cambridge IGCSE is the world's most popular international qualification for 14 to 16 year olds. It is recognised by leading universities and employers worldwide. ISL currently offers IGCSEs in mathematics, science (single and double award), English Language and English Literature, Art, PE, French and German. All courses are offered at the extended level at ISL. Externally graded examinations take place at the end of the course and assessment includes written, oral and practical work. The courses are designed as preparation for post-16 education, including the International Baccalaureate Diploma. IGCSEs encourage an inquiry based approach to student learning, promoting visible thinking skills, problem solving and intellectual curiosity.

COURSE OFFERINGS

Grades 9 & 10

English language A & B
 English as an Additional Language & EAL Support
 Mathematics
 Social Studies
 Social Studies in French
 Combined & Co-ordinated Science
 French Language A & B
 German Language A & B
 Art elective
 Theatre elective
 Music elective
 Physical Education
 Communication & Media elective (*Grade 9 only*)
Design Technology (Grade 9 only)
Film Studies elective (Grade 10 only)
Health (Grade 10 only)

Grades 11 & 12: All courses offered at both IB Higher Level (HL) & Standard Level (SL) unless otherwise noted

English A & B - (<i>Literature or Language & Literature</i>)	Business and Management Visual Arts Theatre Music Film English as an Additional Language Support (<i>non-IB</i>) Physical Education (<i>non-IB</i>)
French A & B - (<i>Language & Literature</i>)	Additional IB Requirements Theory of Knowledge, Extended Essay and Creativity, Action and Service (CAS)
French <i>ab-initio (SL only)</i>	
German A & B - (<i>Language & Literature</i>)	
Mathematics (<i>HL, SL, Studies</i>)	
Physics	
Chemistry	
Biology	
History	
Geography	
Economics	
Sports, Exercise & Health Sciences (<i>SL only</i>)	

SPECIAL PROGRAMMES

English as an Additional Language (EAL): EAL and EAL Support classes are offered to new English learners.

Sports: Soccer, volleyball, cross-country, basketball, skiing, swimming, track and field, rugby, tennis, baseball

Extracurricular Activities: Adventure Racing, Choir, Theatrical Productions, School Newspaper, Symphonic and Jazz Bands, Taekwondo/Taijitsu, Yearbook, Yoga, Code Club, Debate, French Theatre Club, Student Council, Global Issues Group, Model United Nations Group, Science Club, Merite Jeunesse (Duke of Edinburgh Award), Spirit Squad, Young Enterprise.

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE DIPLOMA RESULTS 2014

Number of diploma candidates:	72
Average awarded diploma points:	34.2
% of students earning diploma:	100%
% of bilingual diplomas:	17%

DISTRIBUTION OF IB DIPLOMA POINTS

45-36	35-30	29-27	23-0
40 %	42%	18 %	0%

DISTRIBUTION OF IB EXAM RESULTS

Subject	Level	Candidates	Mean
English A Lit	HL	5	6.4
English A Lit	SL	5	5.6
English A L & L	HL	35	4.9
English A L & L	SL	27	5.2
French A L & L	HL	7	6.4
German A L & L	HL	1	7
Other Language A1		4	5.7
English B	HL	4	5.7
English B	SL	1	7
French <i>ab initio</i>	SL	6	6.3
French B	HL	11	6.7
French B	SL	34	5.6
German B	HL	13	6.7
German B	SL	2	6.5
Business & Mngt.	HL	16	4.9
Business & Mngt	SL	4	5.2
Economics	HL	32	5.2
Economics	SL	5	4.8
Geography	HL	23	5.3
Geography	SL	3	6.7
History	HL	22	5.4
History	SL	2	5.5
Biology	HL	11	6
Biology	SL	19	4.8
Chemistry	HL	17	5.8
Chemistry	SL	16	4.5
Physics	HL	14	5.7
Physics	SL	17	4.2
Mathematics	HL	11	5.4
Mathematics	SL	42	5.2
Math Studies	SL	24	4.7
Film	HL	4	5
Music	HL	1	4
Music	SL	1	5
Theatre Arts	HL	6	5.8
Visual Arts	HL	12	5.6
Visual Arts	SL	4	6

SAT RESULTS

Class of	Total Students taking exams	Writing Mean	Critical Reading Mean	Math Mean	*
2014	33	565	554	597	70%
2013	38	553	549	607	66%

* Percentage of students for whom English is not their first language

ADVANCED PLACEMENT SCORES 2013 & 2014

Subject	Score					Total Exams
	5	4	3	2	1	
German Language	24	2	1			27
French Language	28	7	6	1		42
Spanish Language	1	2	1			4

* Note: AP courses are not offered at ISL.

HIGHER EDUCATION DESTINATIONS

Class of 2013

Size Class: 63

United Kingdom:	37
Europe:	12
United States:	9
Canada:	1
Gap Year/Other:	4

Class of 2014

Size Class: 79

United Kingdom:	45
Europe:	11
United States:	9
Canada:	3
Other Countries:	3
Gap Year/Other:	8

BELGIUM

Université Catholique de Louvain
College of Art & Design
Vesalius, Brussels

CANADA

Durham College of Art & Music
McGill University
Ottawa University
University of British Columbia

FRANCE

EICAR, the International Film & TV
School, Paris
Parsons Paris
Istituto Marangoni Paris

GERMANY

LMU München Medizinische Fakultät
Universitaat Kaiserslautern

NORWAY

Norwegian University of Science
& Technology

SWEDEN

KTH Royal Institute of Technology
Lund University

THAILAND

Mahidol University Int'l College

THE NETHERLANDS

Amsterdam Fashion Institute
Breda University of Applied Sciences
Delft University of Technology
Maastricht University
University of Groningen
University College of Amsterdam

TURKEY

Middle East Technical University

UNITED KINGDOM

Arts University of Bournemouth
Brunel University
Cardiff University
Central Saint Martins
City University London
De Montfort University
Edinburgh Napier University

UNITED KINGDOM (con't)

Glyndwr University
Goldsmiths, University of London
Herriot-Watt University Edinburgh
Imperial College London
Keele University
King's College London
Kingston University
Lancaster University
Liverpool John Moores University
Loughborough University
Middlesex University
Nottingham Trent University
Royal Holloway, University of London
University College London
University for the Creative Arts
University of Aberdeen
University of Bath
University of Cambridge
University of Chester
University of Derby
University of East Anglia
University of Edinburgh
University of Essex
University of Exeter
University of Hertfordshire
University of Kent
University of Leeds
University of Leicester
University of Nottingham
University of Oxford
University of Saint Andrews
University of Southampton
University of Strathclyde
University of Surrey
University of Sussex
University of Warwick
University of Winchester
University of York

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

(Matriculations in bold)

Babson College, MA
Bates College, NY
Boston University, MA
Bridgewater College, VA
Bryant University, MA
Case Western Reserve University, OH
Chapman University, CA
Colby College, ME
Cornell College, IA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (con't)

DePaul University, IL
Emerson College, MA
Florida Institute of Technology, FL
Fordham University, NY
Ithaca College, NY
Kent State University, OH
Loyola University, IL
Lynchburg College, VA
Malone University, OH
Marymount University, VA
Miami University of Ohio, OH
Michigan State University, MI
Musicians Institute, College of Contemporary Music, CA
New York University, NY
- **Tisch School of the Arts**
Newbury College, MA
North Carolina State University, NC
Northeastern University, MA
Ohio State University, OH
Ohio University, OH
Pennsylvania State University, PA
Princeton University, NJ
Purdue University, IN
Skidmore College, NY
St John's University, NY
Syracuse University, NY
The George Washington University, D.C.
Union College, NY
University of California, CA
- Davis & San Diego
University of Colorado, Boulder, CO
University of Connecticut, CT
University of Delaware, DE
University of Denver, CO
University of Maryland, MD
University of Massachusetts Amherst, MA
University of Miami, FL
University of Michigan, MI
University of Notre Dame, IN
University of Oregon, OR
University of Pittsburgh, PA
University of Rhode Island, RI
University of Rochester, NY
University of Tampa, FL
University of Wisconsin, WI
West Virginia University, VA
Western Washington University, WA
Worcester Polytechnic Institute, MA