

ACADEMIC

BERLIN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

PROFILE

Founded in 1998, the Berlin International School (B.I.S.) is a private, not-for-profit, co-educational school of the Private Kant-Schulen Foundation that offers an international education. The languages of instruction are English and German. The school offers the Cambridge IGCSE programme in Grades 9 & 10, as well as the Berlin state examinations Berufsbildungsreife and Mittleren Schulabschluß. The IB Diploma Programme (IBDP) is facilitated in Grades 11 & 12, and a bilingual version of the German Abitur can be selected at Campus Steglitz, B.I.S.'s sister school.

THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY

B.I.S. has a current enrollment of 820 students from over 70 nations. High School enrollment: 235 • Graduating Seniors: 54

BERLIN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL FACULTY

B.I.S. Secondary (Grades 6-12) has 61 faculty members. 30% are German nationals, 20% come from the UK, and 18% are from North America. The remainder of our staff is comprised of experts from 14 other countries.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Students can choose from sporting, cultural, service and personal enrichment activities that extend them beyond the classroom and help to broaden their range of interests. Among them are: Student Council, Model United Nations, Speech & Debate, School Newspaper and Magazine (on-line and print), and Documentary Film Club. School athletic teams compete in multiple competitions within the German International School Sports Tournament (GISST), an athletic conference. A range of local and international matches and competitions round out a dynamic sporting programme.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

The B.I.S. school year consists of a minimum of 180 school days divided over two semesters that run from the end of August through January, and from February through the beginning of July.

INTERNATIONAL GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF SECONDARY EDUCATION (IGCSE) from the University of Cambridge

The International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) in Grades 9 & 10 prepares students for the IGCSE examinations from the University of Cambridge. The Cambridge International Exams (CIE) are an international qualification that provide admission to higher educational institutions in Europe and many other parts of the world. Student performance on the IGCSE exams is a basis for acceptance and course selection in the IBDP in Grades 11 & 12.

MSA AND BBR

The MSA (Mittlerer Schulabschluss) qualifies Berlin students for vocational training ('Berufsausbildung') and gives students access to the 'gymnasiale Oberstufe' (upper school, Grades 11-13). The BBR (Berufsbildungsreife) in Grades 9 or 10 and the eBBR (erweiterte Berufsbildungsreife) in Grade 10 qualify students for vocational training ('Berufsausbildung'). Both exams are externally set by the Berlin government.

ACCREDITATION

Berlin International School is fully accredited by the Council of International Schools (CIS) and the Middle States Association (MSA) and is an IB World School. B.I.S. is also a member of the Association of German International Schools (AGIS).

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CAMPUS DAHLEM

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THE IB DIPLOMA PROGRAMME AT THE B.I.S.

The heart of the university qualifying program at B.I.S is the IBDP, which takes place during the last two years (Grades 11 & 12) of Secondary. Over 38 IBDP courses are on offer this year. IBDP students take three Higher Level (HL) and three Standard Level (SL) subjects as well as complete the core aspects of the IBDP. These consist of a 4000 word Extended Essay (EE), 150 hours of Creativity/Activity/Service (CAS), and the Theory of Knowledge (TOK) course. The examinations, like IGCSE assessments, are externally set and marked. In order to be awarded the IB Diploma, a student must earn at least 24 points. A student can also earn a 'Bilingual IB Diploma' by meeting one or both of two criteria: (a) the completion of two A languages selected from group 1; Studies in language and literature with a grade of 3 or higher in both; (b) or completion of one of the subjects from group 3, Individuals and societies or group 4, Experimental sciences in a language that is not the same as the candidate's nominated group 1 A language, with a grade of 3 or higher. IBDP grades are on a 1 to 7 scale, with four (4) being passing and seven (7) outstanding. The maximum amount of points available is 45. This includes the possibility of three (3) points for the EE and TOK. HL courses are demanding, but are not given extra weight. Students obtaining the IB diploma also receive an American High School diploma.

IB EXAM RESULTS

IB Diploma Exam Results	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
# Diploma Candidates	51	56	45	59	54
# Diplomas Received	51	56	44	59	52
Average points obtained by Diploma candidates	34	34	35	35	34
Highest points awarded to a Diploma candidate	45	44	45	44	44
Average grade obtained by a Diploma candidate	5.37	5.33	5.45	5.52	5.38
School pass rate	100%	100%	98%	100%	96%
IB world average pass rate	78,5	78,5	79%	79%	79%

AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

In order to graduate from the Berlin International School with an American High School Diploma, accredited by MSA, a student must complete the following and receive at least 20 points: Five academic subjects, of which one has to be English • Any courses allowed by the timetable can be taken • No restrictions on HL or SL courses. TOK • EE • CAS

RANKING

Berlin International School does not rank students due to the transient and international nature of its student body.



STUDENT & LEARNING FOCUSED

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UNIVERSITY ADMISSION OFFERS & UNIVERSITY MATRICULATION

Within two years of graduation most students are attending university. It is quite common for students to take a GAP year or complete military or civilian service. Listed below is a sample of recent university matriculations.

Austria

University of Vienna
Webster University

Czech Republic

Charles University

France

Science Po, France

Germany

Bard College, Berlin
Code University of Applied Sciences, Berlin
EBC Hochschule, Berlin
European Business School, Frankfurt
European University Viadrina
Freie Universität, Berlin
Humboldt Universität, Berlin
Hochschule für Wirtschaft und Recht (HWR), Berlin
Jacobs University
Ludwig-Maximilian Universität, Munich
Macromedia University for Media and Communication, Munich
Mediadesign Hochschule Berlin
Otto von Guericke Universität, Magdeburg
Osteopathie Schule Deutschland
Technische Universität Aachen
Technische Universität Berlin
Touro College, Berlin
UDK, Berlin
University of Potsdam
WHU Otto Beisheim School of Management

Ireland

University College Dublin

Italy

Bocconi University

Latvia

Riga Stradins University, Riga

Netherlands

Amsterdam University College
Erasmus University
Erasmus University College
Maastricht University
Rotterdam University of Applied Sciences
Royal Academy of the Art, the Hague
Saxion University of Applied Sciences
TU Delft
University of Amsterdam
University of Groningen
University of Leiden
Willem de Kooning Academy, Rotterdam

Spain

Universidad de Navarra

Poland

Pomeranian Medical University

Scandinavia

Stockholm School of Economics
University of Stockholm

Switzerland

École hôtelière de Lausanne (EHL)

United Kingdom

Cardiff University
City University
Hult Business School
Imperial College
King's College
London School of Economics and Political Science
Loughborough University
Newcastle University
Regent's University
Royal Holloway
University of Aberdeen
University of Cambridge
University College London

University of Dundee

University of Edinburgh

University of Glasgow

University of Leeds

University of Leicester

University of London, Goldsmiths

University of London, Queen Mary

University of Loughborough

University of Manchester

University of Oxford

University of Stirling

University of the Arts

University of Warwick

North America

Boston College

College of St. Elizabeth

Dartmouth College

Emory University

Fordham University

Illinois Institute of Technology

Niagara College International (Canada)

San Francisco State University

Sarah Lawrence College

Southern California Institute of Architecture

Syracuse University

University of British Columbia (Canada)

University of Toronto (Canada)

University of Victoria (Canada)

Other World Universities

University of Melbourne

Waseda University (Japan)

Ashesi University (Ghana)



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