



High School Profile 2024

The Only IB® Continuum School in Bologna

OUR SCHOOL

The International School of Bologna (ISB) is an independent co-educational, International Baccalaureate (IB) continuum school offering a high-quality Early Years to Grade 12 international education to day students residing in the Italian Emilia-Romagna region. Since its inception in 2004, ISB has been committed to high quality learning through a holistic and balanced inquiry-based university preparation educational program delivered in the English language medium. ISB is situated in the historical center of Bologna. The current school population is 275 students with around 55% expatriate families and 45% local families with one or both parents being Italian. ISB is strongly defined by the rich local culture. Bologna is home to the oldest university in the Western World and ISB takes pride in using its unique location as an educational resource, making authentic real-life connections for students at all grade levels and in all subject groups, and exposing students to conceptually connected learning experiences that make Bologna our extended classroom.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMME

ISB provides a challenging college preparatory high school curriculum. All courses taught at ISB are based on the International Baccalaureate (IB) curriculum framework. Taking into consideration the host country context and our international student body, the IB curriculum offered at ISB has its own unique character, influenced by the particular context of Bologna which itself has a rich cultural and educational heritage. ISB students engage in a well-rounded educational journey through the successful completion of the IB Middle Years Programme (MYP) in grades 9–10 and the rigorous IB Diploma courses in grades 11–12. ISB students can choose to pursue graduation with the full International Baccalaureate Diploma (IBDP) or our NEASC accredited ISB High School Diploma.

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE DIPLOMA PROGRAMME (IBDP)

The IBDP is a two-year programme of study for students aged 16–19, and is globally recognized by universities for the holistic and rigorous education it provides. In addition to the 3 higher level and 3 standard level subjects, IB Diploma candidates are required to complete the following three core components of the programme: Theory of Knowledge (TOK), Extended Essay (EE), and Creativity, Activity and Service (CAS). In order to be awarded the IB Diploma, all assessment components for each of the six subjects and the core requirements must be completed.

ACCREDITATION

ISB is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC), and by the Council of International Schools (CIS). ISB is also fully authorized by the International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO) as an IB World School offering three IB programmes, PYP, MYP and the DP. Furthermore, ISB is proud to be the first Google Reference School in Italy, a founding member of the regional IB Association in Italy (AIBWSI) and a member of the Educational Collaborative for International Schools (ECIS).



IB Code: 003501
UCAS #: 41084
CEEB #: 748051



275 students
currently enrolled



70 students
in High School



38 nationalities
represented



70 faculty and staff
members



Teacher - student
ratio **1:6**



32.71 Average IBDP
score across the years



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OUR MISSION

We foster academic excellence in a challenging, inclusive, and supportive environment where students feel able to reach their potential while preparing for higher education and beyond.



ISB HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS

To be able to obtain the ISB High School Diploma, students are required to gain a total of 23 credits from grades 9 to 12 (in accordance with the below chart). This includes taking a minimum of 5 courses in the final two years of high school, as well as satisfying the learning outcomes for CAS. A year-long course is worth 1 credit.

CREDIT REQUIREMENTS ARE:

4 credits English	2 credits Additional Language
3 credits Math (4 recommended)	1.5 credits Visual/Performing Arts
3 credits Science	1.5 credits PHE
3 credits Individuals and Societies	5 credits Electives

VISION STATEMENT

The International School of Bologna aims to develop students with the essential skills and knowledge required to make an active contribution as they take their place in our ever-evolving global society.

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COURSE OFFERING

GRADE 9 COURSES

MYP English Language and Literature	MYP French Language Acquisition
MYP English Language Acquisition	MYP Italian Language and Literature
MYP Mathematics	MYP Italian Language Acquisition
MYP Science	MYP Physical and Health Education
MYP Individuals and Societies	MYP Music/Visual Arts/Drama
MYP Spanish Language Acquisition	

GRADE 10 COURSES

MYP English Language and Literature	MYP French Language Acquisition
MYP English Language Acquisition	MYP Italian Language and Literature
MYP Mathematics (Standard and Extended)	MYP Italian Language Acquisition
MYP Science	MYP Physical and Health Education
MYP Individuals and Societies	MYP Music
MYP Spanish Language Acquisition	MYP Visual Arts
	MYP Drama

GRADE 11 AND 12 COURSES

Group 1 Language and Literature

English A: Language and Literature HL/SL
Italian A: Language and Literature HL/SL
School Supported Self-taught Language A: Literature SL

Group 2 Language Acquisition

English B HL/SL
Italian B HL/SL
Spanish B HL/SL
French B HL/SL
Italian ab initio SL
Spanish ab initio SL (online)
French ab initio SL (online)
Mandarin ab initio SL (online)

Group 3 Individuals and Societies

History HL/SL
Business Management HL/SL
Psychology HL/SL
Economics (online) HL/SL
Philosophy SL (online) HL/SL
Environmental Systems and Societies SL

Group 4 Experimental Sciences

Biology HL/SL
Chemistry HL/SL
Physics HL/SL
Environmental Systems and Societies SL

Group 5 Mathematics

Mathematics Analysis & Approaches HL/SL
Mathematics Applications & Interpretations HL/SL

Group 6 The Arts

Art HL/SL
Film (online)HL/SL

ACCREDITATIONS



IB STATISTICS TABLE	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
TOTAL NUMBER OF STUDENTS SITTING EXAMS	5	6	7	16	16	13	20	16
NUMBER OF REGISTERED IB DIPLOMA CANDIDATES	5	5	5	13	16	13	18	15
NUMBER OF DP CANDIDATES TO OBTAIN AN IB DIPLOMA	5	5	5	13	16	12	14	13
NUMBER OF COURSE CANDIDATES	1	0	2	3	0	0	2	1
ISB PASS RATE	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	92%	77%	87%
GLOBAL PASS RATE	78.40%	78.18%	77.81%	85.18%	88.95%	86.11%	79.67%	80.5%
ISB AVERAGE DIPLOMA POINTS AWARDED	35	32	30	33	35	34	30	32
WORLD AVERAGE DIPLOMA POINTS AWARDED	29.87	29.76	29.65	31.34	32.98	32	30.24	30.32

Rank and GPA: Courses are graded using the IB-scale 1 - 7. The International School of Bologna does not rank students or calculate an official GPA due to student turnover and the diversity of assessment practices and procedures in the systems from which our students come.



ISB UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCES



UNITED KINGDOM



Aberystwyth University
Anglia Ruskin University
 Bangor University
 Bath Spa University
 Brunel University London
City, University of London
 Coventry University
Durham University
 Edinburgh Napier University
Hult Business School
 Imperial College London
King's College London
Lancaster University
 Leeds Arts University
 Leeds Beckett University
 London Metropolitan University
 London South Bank University
 Newcastle University

Northumbria University
 Nottingham Trent University
 Queen Mary University of London
 Regent's University London
 Royal Holloway, University of London
 SOAS University of London
St Mary's University, Twickenham
The University of Edinburgh
 University College London
 University of Bath
University of Bristol
 University of Cumbria
University of Derby
University of Dundee
 University of East Anglia UEA
 University of East London
 University of Essex
 University of Exeter

University of Greenwich
 University of Hertfordshire
 University of Kent
 University of Leeds
University of Manchester
 University of Reading
 University of Roehampton
University of Southampton
University of Stirling
 University of Strathclyde
University of Sussex
 University of the Arts London
University of Warwick
University of West London
University of Westminster, London
 University of York
UWE Bristol



EUROPE

American University of Paris
 EDHEC
Erasmus University
ESADE
 Essec Business School
IE University
IED-Istituto Europeo di Design
John Cabot University Rome
 Maastricht University
 Politecnico di Milano
 Radboud University
 SUMAS
Tilburg University
 TU/e Eindhoven University of Technology
Universidad Europea
Università Bocconi
Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore
Università di Bologna
University College Maastricht
 University of Groningen
 Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam



USA

Bates College
 Boston College
 Boston University
 Fordham University
 George Washington University
Loyola Marymount University
New York University
 Smith College
Stanford University
 Temple University
 UC San Diego
UCLA
 University of California Santa Cruz
 University of Chicago
University of Michigan Ann Arbor
University of Michigan Flint
 University of San Francisco



CANADA

HEC Montréal
McGill
OCAD
University of Toronto
 Western University
 York University

Bold indicates where one or more students matriculated.