



INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF HAVANA

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ABOUT US

Founded in 1965, the International School of Havana is an Early Years to Grade 12 co-educational day school, serving the expatriate and diplomatic mission community of Havana. ISH is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges and the Council of International Schools and is the only accredited English-language school in Havana. We aim to provide a safe, supportive environment in which all members of our diverse community feel valued and inspired to achieve their full potential.



ACCREDITATION & AUTHORISATIONS

Cambridge International Examinations (CIE)
Council of International Schools (CIS)
International Baccalaureate (IB)
New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC)

FACULTY

The professional staff at ISH is composed of expatriate teachers from North America, Europe and Australia and Cuban staff, who are recruited locally and are required to qualify for the CIE Diploma for Teachers and Trainers. All staff are supported by a vibrant Professional Learning program.

CURRENT ENROLMENT

ISH currently enrolls 354 learners from 54 nations in a warm, caring environment, with small class sizes and an average teacher:pupil ratio of 1:5. The school has two sections: Lower School (Early Years to Grade 5) and Secondary School (Grades 6 to 12).

In the Class of 2019, we have 22 students from 13 nationalities, of whom 21 are IB DP candidates and 1 is a candidate for the ISH Diploma.

STRUCTURE & CURRICULUM

Our school's curriculum is adapted to serve a dynamic international student body with diverse needs. In the Lower School, students follow the International Primary Curriculum (IPC) and Cambridge Standards for Literacy and Numeracy. In the Secondary School, students prepare for CIE Checkpoint examinations in Grade 8, and then follow the International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) program in Grades 9 and 10. In Grade 11 and Grade 12, ISH provides various pathways to graduation that can be tailored to the individual needs of each student. The ISH Diploma Programme runs parallel with the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme, allowing flexibility for students with different aims, abilities and educational experiences. Both programmes build on the skills and knowledge students gained in the IGCSE programme. Currently we offer the following courses in Grades 9 to 12, subject to student enrolments and course availability:

ENGLISH

IGCSE English Lit, English Lang, English 2nd Language
IB DP English A, B

MATHEMATICS

IGCSE International Mathematics
IB DP Mathematical Studies, Mathematics SL and HL

LANGUAGES

IGCSE Spanish Lit, 1st and 2nd Language,
French 2nd Language
IB DP Spanish A, B & *Ab initio*; French A & B

SCIENCES

IGCSE Coordinated Sciences
IB DP Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Systems & Societies & Physics

SOCIAL SCIENCES

IGCSE Business Studies, Economics, History,
Geography, Global Perspectives, Travel & Tourism
IB DP Business Management, Economics, History,
Psychology

ARTS

IGCSE Music, Drama, Visual Art
IB DP Visual Arts

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

IGCSE Physical Education
ISH Physical Education

IB DIPLOMA CANDIDATE STATISTICS

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Diploma Candidates	8	13	11	16	14
Diploma Awarded	7	13	10	16	13
Bilingual Diplomas ¹	4	8	5	5	9
Mean Diploma Score ²	30	31	31	29	29
Highest Diploma Score	39	37	38	38	35
IB Course Candidates	0	2	4	1	3
Average Course Score ³	4.74	4.8	4.78	4.69	4.55

¹Number of bilingual diplomas awarded out of total diplomas awarded

²Average points obtained by candidates

³ Average grade obtained by candidates

ISH GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

In order to graduate from ISH, students must have achieved a cumulative total of 24 credits over the four years of High School, as per the following table:

Academic Subject Area	Minimum credits required(Grades 9-12)
English	4
Additional Language	4
Mathematics	4
Science	4
Social Studies	4
The Arts	2
Electives/IB Core/Other	2

A credit reflects successful completion of one year of a course in Grades 9 to 12, whether as part of a two-year programme, as a discrete one-year programme or whether completed in a previous school. These are minimum credit requirements for graduation. Most students will exceed these requirements, which will be reflected in their transcripts.

As ISH offers a variety of academic courses, the following credit points matrix applies:

Course grade	Credits awarded
IGCSE grade G-D	1 credit
IGCSE grade C or above	2 credits
ISH or IB DP 3 and above	1 credit
ISH or IB DP 5 and above	2 credits

In Grades 11 and 12 the 7 point scale is derived from the grade boundaries of the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program (IB DP). This is split into the Academic Subjects and the Bonus points for TOK and EE combined. And **In Grades 9 and 10** the scale is derived from the grade boundaries of the International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE)

CLASS RANK

ISH does not provide class ranking for seniors as there is no appropriate ranking system that would adequately account for our highly transitory, international students, many of whom transfer from schools with different curricula and grading systems.

ISH UNIVERSITY MATRICULATIONS 2014-2018

ASIA AND AFRICA

Pancasila University, Indonesia
University of Cape Town, South Africa
University of Pretoria, South Africa
Yale-NUS, Singapore

CANADA

Concordia University
HEC Montreal
McGill University
Toronto Film School
Trent University
University of British Columbia
University of Toronto
University of Waterloo

CARIBBEAN, CENTRAL AND LATIN AMERICA

Florida State University, Panama
Instituto Superior de Diseño Industrial, Cuba
Universidad Católica Santa María la Antigua, Panama
University of Havana, Cuba

EUROPE

CEU San Pablo, Spain
College of Tourism and Hospitality Salzburg, Sweden
Budapesti Gazdasági Egyetem, Hungary
Delft University of Technology, Netherlands
Erasmus University Rotterdam, Netherlands
IE University, Spain
Instituto Europeo di Design, Spain
Maastricht University, Netherlands
Sciences Po, France
Sigmund Freud University, Austria
The Hague University of Applied Sciences,
Netherlands

The Sapienza University of Rome, Italy
Tilburg University, Netherlands
Universidad Carlos III, Spain
University College Roosevelt, Netherlands
Universidad de Navarra, Spain
University of Amsterdam, Netherlands
University of Twente, Netherlands
University of Zurich, Switzerland
Vrije University, Netherlands

UK

Central Saint Martin's College of Art and Design
London College of Communication
London Metropolitan University
Newcastle University
University College London
University of Brighton
University of Essex
University of Liverpool
University of Northampton
University of Southampton
University of York
University of Worcester
Warwick University, UK

USA

Columbia College Chicago, IL
Florida International University, FL
Harvard University, MA
New York Institute of Technology, NY
New York University, NY
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, IL
Wesleyan University, CT