

## 2019-2020 SCHOOL PROFILE

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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 330 learners from over 50 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 2020, there are 19 students from 13 nationalities, of whom 13 are full IB DP, 4 IB course candidates and 2 are completing the ISH Diploma Programme.

### 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 Literature / Language & Literature, English B HL/SL

## **MATHEMATICS**

IGCSE International Mathematics

IB DP Mathematics: Analysis & Approaches / Applications & Interpretation HL/SL

## **LANGUAGES**

IGCSE Spanish Lit, 1st and 2nd Language,

French 2nd Language

IB DP Spanish A Literature, B & Ab initio; French B HL/SL

## **SCIENCES**

IGCSE Coordinated Sciences

IB DP Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Systems & Societies & Physics HL/SL

## **SOCIAL SCIENCES**

IGCSE Business Studies, Economics, History, Geography, Global Perspectives, Travel & Tourism

IB DP Business Management, Economics, History, Psychology HL/SL

## **ARTS**

IGCSE Music, Drama, Visual Art

IB DP Visual Arts HL/SL

## **PHYSICAL EDUCATION**

IGCSE Physical Education

ISH Physical Education

## **IB DIPLOMA CANDIDATE STATISTICS AT ISH**

|                                   | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 |
|-----------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Diploma Candidates                | 13   | 11   | 16   | 14   | 21   |
| Diploma Awarded                   | 13   | 10   | 16   | 13   | 17   |
| Bilingual Diplomas <sup>1</sup>   | 8    | 5    | 5    | 9    | 11   |
| Mean Diploma Score <sup>2</sup>   | 31   | 31   | 29   | 29   | 32   |
| Highest Diploma Score             | 37   | 38   | 38   | 35   | 39   |
| IB Course Candidates              | 2    | 4    | 1    | 3    | 0    |
| Average Course Score <sup>3</sup> | 4.8  | 4.78 | 4.69 | 4.55 | 5.08 |

<sup>1</sup>Number of bilingual diplomas awarded out of total diplomas awarded

<sup>2</sup>Average points obtained by candidates

<sup>3</sup>Average grade obtained by candidates

## **GRADING SYSTEM**

In Grades 11 & 12, subjects are graded on the IB DP 1-7 scale with 7 being the highest score. The ISH DP contains modified expectations, tasks and grade boundaries derived from IB DP SL course standards.

In Grades 9 and 10 the scale is derived from the grade boundaries of the International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE).

## **GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

To qualify for the award of the IB Diploma a student must receive a minimum combined score of 24 points. The maximum points that can be awarded to an IB Diploma student is the full score of 45 with 42 points generated across the 6 subjects and 3 bonus points from the Core (CAS, EE, TOK).

In order to graduate with an ISH Diploma, 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<br>(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       |

### **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.

### **CO-CURRICULAR PROGRAM**

Chess, Coding Club, Community and Social Service Projects, Danza Oriental, First Aiders in Action Club, Flamenco. Spanish Dance Group, GO. Chinese Ancient Game, IMPRO LUCHAS, ISH Athletics Team, ISH basketball Team, ISH Girls Soccer Team, ISH Musical Band, ISH Soccer Team, ISH Swimming Squad, ISH Tennis Team, Italian Lessons, Journalism and Communication Club, Lunch Time Soccer League, Mediation and group support for making every day count, Multi-Sports: Basketball, Soccer, and Others, Model United Nations, Personal Defense, Robotics, Salsa Dance, Secondary School Choir, Singing Lessons, Student Council, Table Tennis, Taekwondo, Ultimate Frisbee, Volleyball, Yoga, Zumba Dance.

# ISH UNIVERSITY MATRICULATIONS 2014-2019

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## **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  
Nova Scotia College of Art & Design  
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  
IE University, Spain  
Instituto Europeo di Design, Spain  
Sciences Po, France  
Sigmund Freud University, Austria  
The Sapienza University of Rome, Italy  
Universidad Carlos III, Spain  
Universidad de Navarra, Spain  
University of Zurich, Switzerland  
Vatel Hotel & Tourism Management School

## **NETHERLANDS**

Delft University of Technology  
Erasmus University Rotterdam  
Maastricht University  
The Hague University of Applied Sciences  
Tilburg University  
University College Roosevelt  
University of Amsterdam  
University of Twente  
Vrije University

## **UK**

Central Saint Martin's College of Art and Design  
London College of Communication  
London Metropolitan University  
Newcastle University  
Royal Holloway, University of London  
University Campus of Football Business (UCFB)  
University College London  
University of Brighton  
University of Edinburgh  
University of Essex  
University of Liverpool  
University of Northampton  
University of Southampton  
University of York  
University of Worcester  
Warwick University

## **USA**

Columbia College Chicago  
Florida International University  
Harvard University  
New York Institute of Technology  
New York University  
Syracuse University  
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign  
Wesleyan University