



## 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 MISISON

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

**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.*