

ABOUT GERMAN SWISS INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

Founded in 1969, German Swiss International School (GSIS) is a leading dual-language institution in Hong Kong that has offered an international education in two parallel curricular streams. GSIS is an academically rigorous school with almost all students proceeding to tertiary education and attaining places at some of the most selective universities worldwide.

ENGLISH INTERNATIONAL STREAM



**IB
World
School**

Qualifications:
IB Diploma
IGCSE

Student Demographic:
516 Secondary Students
from 26 Countries

Language of Instruction:
English

Foreign Language Study:
Compulsory Throughout



**Exzellente
Deutsche
Auslandsschule**



Qualifications:
German International Abitur (DIA)

Student Demographic:
172 Secondary Students from
14 Countries

Language of Instruction:
German & English

Foreign Language Study:
Compulsory English and
Choice of French / Latin / Mandarin

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EXAMINATION RESULTS

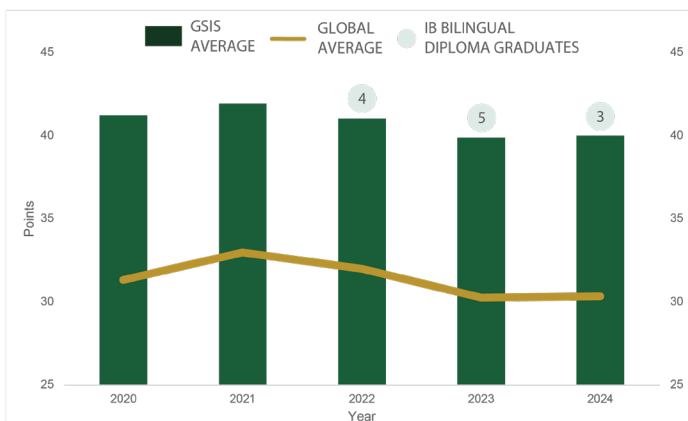
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IB Diploma Programme (Year 12 and 13)

GSIS adopted the IBDP, an academically challenging and balanced two-year programme with final examinations, for Year 12 and 13 (US Grades 11 and 12) in 2013.

Internal grades awarded during the IBDP reflect progress over time, and are marked rigorously in order to focus students on areas where they need to improve.

IBDP Results



IB Diploma Grading Scheme:

7 = excellent 6 = very good 5 = good 4 = satisfactory
3 = mediocre 2 = poor 1 = very poor N = no grade

(<http://www.ibo.org/diploma/assessment/>)

IGCSE Results (2023-2024)

Percentage of Results	CIE	Pearson/Edexcel
73%	A*	8+
94%	A* or A	7+

47 out of 68 of our Year 11 students achieved A* or A grades in **all subjects**. 12 students achieved A* in **all their IGCSE subjects**.

Grade Equivalence

CIE IGCSE	A*		A	B		C		D	E	F	G	U
Edexcel IGCSE & GCSE	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	U		

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German International Abitur (DIA)

Year	GSIS Top Score	GSIS Average Score
2020	1.5	2.2
2021	1.1	2.3
2022	1.1	2.1
2023	1.2	1.8
2024	1.0	1.97

DIA Grading Scheme:

1	2	3	4	5	6
A	B	C	D	E	F

UNIVERSITY COUNSELLING POLICIES

The School Transcript

GSIS provides universities a record of internal progress, non-standardised grades, as well as formal public examination grades awarded over the last four years of Secondary school. **Students are graded from the start of Year 10 (Grade 9) based on the IGCSE criteria that apply to their final examinations two years later, reflecting progress during that time.** A student awarded C grades in Year 10 or 11 very often will achieve A and A* grades in the final examinations. In languages, many students at GSIS take IGCSEs and some AS levels at least one year early. This will be noted on the transcript.

Due to our reporting calendar, first semester transcripts will include September and mid year predicted IB grades. A second semester transcript with internal progress grades will not be available until March.

U.S. Admissions Testing

Our students do not receive any internal exam preparation for the SAT, ACT, or for any aptitude tests required by U.K. universities. They are expected to study independently.

University Applications

GSIS will only support up to 10 university applications per student, and we advise them to use this allowance judiciously.

Disciplinary Disclosure

In accordance with the NACAC Code of Ethics and Professional Practice, GSIS reports serious disciplinary infractions to colleges and universities, particularly to academic malpractice, issues causing harm to individuals or the wider community, as well as to enrolment status.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES

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IBDP courses offered at GSIS: Students must select three Higher Level (HL) and three Standard Level (SL) subjects

Language A	Language B	Individuals and Societies	Experimental Sciences	Mathematics	Creative Arts or Elective
English Literature (HL or SL)	German (HL or SL)	Economics (HL or SL)	Biology (HL or SL)	Mathematics A&A (HL or SL)	Music (HL or SL)
English Language and Literature (HL or SL)	Chinese (HL or SL)	Geography (HL or SL)	Chemistry (HL or SL)	Mathematics A&I (HL/SL)	Visual Arts (HL or SL)
	French (HL or SL)	Social and Cultural Anthropology (HL or SL)	Physics (HL or SL)		Theatre (HL or SL)
	Ab Initio (SL- German and SL-Spanish)	History (HL or SL)	Computer Science (HL or SL)		A second subject in Individuals and Societies OR Experimental Sciences

IGCSEs

In Years 10 and 11 (Grades 9 and 10), all students in the English International Stream follow the two-year International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) course in eight to ten subjects. The Examination Boards determine the syllabus for each subject set and mark the public examination papers. Students at GSIS must study English Language and English Literature, Mathematics and German. They may select an additional four to six subjects, which must include one science, a second foreign language and one humanities subject.

GSIS offers the single-award sciences, allowing students to choose one, two or all three of the science disciplines. Students in our accelerated language programmes who take language IGCSEs early are able to continue their studies at AS or A level in Chinese and AS Level in German during these two years. They may also choose to take the Sprachdiplom DSD qualifications in German.

Our accelerated Mathematics programme leads students to sit an additional Further Pure Mathematics IGCSE exam at the end of Year 11.

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German, English, and Mathematics are required across Klassen 12 at Higher Level (HL) and seven elective subjects at Standard Level (SL)

<i>Languages and Literature</i>	<i>Social Studies</i>	<i>Maths and Sciences</i>	<i>The Arts and Physical Education</i>
German (HL)	Geography** (SL)	Mathematics* (HL)	Art* (SL)
English (HL)	History*** (SL)	Physics* (SL)	Music** (SL)
Secondary Foreign Languages <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o French (SL) o Latin (SL) o Mandarin (SL) 	Religious Studies and Ethics* (SL)	Chemistry* (SL)	Physical Education* (SL)
		Biology*** (SL)	

* Taught in German

** Taught in English

*** Taught Bilingual - 50% German, 50% English

German International Abitur (DIA)

The German International Abitur Diploma, known as Deutsches Internationales Abitur in German (DIA), is an internationally acclaimed pre-university curriculum and diploma that provides an academically exceptional and culturally rich multilingual education to students of all nationalities and backgrounds. It is approved, implemented and supervised by the Common Conference of the German Federal State School Ministries, the KMK.

The DIA builds on the strengths of the traditional Abitur curriculum and adds a larger multilingual component. At GSIS, several subjects are taught either bilingually or in English only.

In the final two years (Qualifikationsphase/Klasse 11 and 12), students pursue 11 subjects. Compulsory subjects are German, English, Maths, History, Geography, one or two foreign languages and two or three science subjects, plus

PE. In addition, they may choose either Ethics or Religious Education and Music or Arts. Grades range from 00 (insufficient) to 15 (excellent) points.

In Klasse 12 (Grade 12), five Abitur exams are taken (three written exams and two oral exams). German is always part of the exams, and the areas of Maths/Natural Sciences and Social Sciences must also be covered. Written exams are taken in February in three subjects including German. The mandatory oral exams are taken in late spring in two subjects, and are overseen by a German educational official. Up to 50% of the exams can be taken in English.

The final DIA diploma includes grades from the four semesters of the final two years of school, as well as the final written and oral exams. With a robust, internationally oriented and well-rounded curriculum of Languages, Sciences, Mathematics and Arts, the DIA prepares students to succeed at colleges and universities around the world.

ENRICHMENT & EXTRA-CURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES

Enrichment and Community Service

At GSIS, extensive co-curricular activities and Creativity, Activity and Service (CAS) programmes provide students with a wide range of learning opportunities. Planning, implementing, and participation are highly valued and many activities are student-led.

Every year, German International Stream students participate in various renowned events. These include the Jugend Debattiert debate competition, the Mathecamp enrichment programme, and the bi-annual East Asian Games sports competition, where they collaborate with other German Schools Abroad.

Discovery Week

As a major aspect of our co-curricular education programme, Discovery Week is designed to challenge students to step outside their comfort zone and explore new experiences locally and internationally. Students are given the opportunity to go on cultural trips to Germany, along with community service projects in Laos, Cambodia, Thailand and the Philippines.

UNIVERSITY MATRICULATION 2018-2024

UNITED STATES

Amherst College
Babson College
Boston University
Bowdoin College
Brown University
Carnegie Mellon University
Claremont McKenna College
Columbia University
Cornell University
Duke University
Emory University
Georgetown University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Hamilton College
Harvard University
Johns Hopkins University
Loyola Marymount University
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Middlebury College
New York University
Northeastern University
Northwestern University
Princeton University
Purdue University, West Lafayette
Scripps College
Stanford University
Swarthmore College
The New School
University of California, Berkeley
University of California, Irvine
University of California, Los Angeles
University of California, San Diego
University of Chicago
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
University of Michigan
University of Notre Dame
University of Pennsylvania
University of Rochester
University of Southern California
University of Virginia
University of Washington
University of Western Michigan
University of Wisconsin-Madison
Vanderbilt University
Wesleyan University
Yale University
Yale-NUS

UNITED KINGDOM

Durham University
Imperial College London
King's College London
London School of Economics
London South Bank University
Loughborough University
Newcastle University
Queen Mary University of London
Royal Veterinary College
SOAS University of London
St. George's Hospital Medical School
The University of Edinburgh
University College London
University of Bath
University of Bristol
University of Cambridge
University of Dundee
University of Lancaster
University of Liverpool
University of Manchester
University of Nottingham
University of Oxford
University of St Andrews
University of Surrey
University of Sussex
University of the Arts London
University of Warwick

Hong Kong

Chinese University of Hong Kong
German Business College
Hong Kong Polytechnic University
Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
University of Hong Kong

CANADA

McGill University
Queen's University
University of British Columbia
University of Toronto
University of Waterloo
Western University, Ontario

GERMANY

Duale Hochschule Baden-Württemberg
Humboldt-Universität Berlin
Karlsruhe Institute of Technology
Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München
RWTH Aachen University
Technische-Universität München
Universität Frankfurt
Universität Heidelberg (Ruprecht-Karls-Universität Heidelberg)
Universität Leipzig

AUSTRALIA

Macquarie University
Monash University
University of Sydney

FRANCE

Columbia Sciences Po
International Fashion Academy Paris
Sciences Po Institut

NETHERLANDS

Erasmus University Rotterdam
University College Utrecht
University of Amsterdam

SWITZERLAND

ETH Zürich
Universität St. Gallen
Universität Zürich
École Hôtelière de Lausanne

CYPRUS

University of Nicosia

JAPAN

Waseda University

SOUTH KOREA

Yonsei University