



High School Academic Profile 2024-25

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During the 2019-22 academic years, HKIS courses were intermittently conducted online and Interim was canceled. With few exceptions, conventional letter grades were used for the majority of students and classes.

Mission

Dedicating our minds to inquiry, our hearts to compassion, and our lives to service and global understanding

An American-style education grounded in the Christian faith and respecting the spiritual lives of all

Vision

HKIS will be a leading place of learning that inspires a socially engaged community of collaborative, creative, and resilient learners dedicated to realizing their full potential.



Accreditation

Hong Kong International School is a member of the East Asia Regional Council of Schools and is fully accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.



Students

HKIS enjoys a diverse student body committed equally to academic excellence and service around the world. HKIS students are noted for being active in the community, eager to learn, as well as ambitious and entrepreneurial. **The class of 2025 consists of 188 students from 21 different countries.** Nearly 100% of a typical class pursues tertiary study, over 80% of them at colleges and universities in the United States.



School Calendar

The school operates under a 180-day calendar, divided into two semesters. The first semester begins the third week of August and concludes mid-December. The second semester begins the second week of January and concludes early June.



Student Learning Results

In addition to providing a rigorous course of study, HKIS targets student growth in six domains: Academic Excellence, Spirituality, Character Development, Self-Motivated Learning, Contributing to Society, and Chinese Culture.



School and Community

Hong Kong International School, a private coeducational day school, serves students (Pre-K to Grade 12) who seek an American-style college preparatory education in a Christian setting. It is a WASC-accredited, American-curriculum school with English as its language of instruction. Students come from business, government, and professional families. HKIS serves over 3,000 students, of whom 40% are from the United States, 19% are from Hong Kong and 41% are from 45 other countries. 848 students are enrolled in the High School.



Faculty

HKIS attracts and retains an outstanding faculty, 74% of whom hold advanced degrees, by providing a vibrant work environment and exceptional professional development opportunities. The average tenure is 6 years. The faculty-student ratio is 1:11.



Interim

Interim is an annual 5 day off-campus experimental service and learning program for all High School students, and a graduation requirement. The program encourages student growth by cultivating communication and leadership skills, self-awareness and self-reliance, compassion, and cross-cultural understanding. The Interim experiences form an integral part of the High School curriculum.

Counseling Practice & HKIS Policy on Early Plans

HKIS will support up to 10 college applications and counsels its students to use this allowance deliberately and wisely. HKIS students understand that early decision is a global decision, and, should they be admitted under an early decision agreement, they must withdraw applications from all other institutions. The students are also aware that their college counselors will inform all other colleges to which applications have been submitted of those decisions.

In its observation of NACAC Best Practices, when asked, HKIS will, through established reporting structures, disclose to colleges and universities disciplinary infractions that result in out-of-school student suspensions.

All HKIS seniors complete the FERPA agreement online.

HKIS's Advanced Placement Policy

- 25 AP courses offered.
- G10 students are limited to 1.0 AP credits. G11 students are limited to 3.0 AP credits. G12 students must seek special permission from administrators to pursue more than 3.0 AP credits.
- Students enrolled in an AP course must take the corresponding exam in May.

Class of 2024 Advanced Placement Exam Results, by Subject

Subject	5	4	3	2	1	Total Exams
2D Art & Design	6	7	--	--	--	13
3D Art & Design	--	2	--	--	--	2
Art History	1	2	3	1	--	7
Biology	23	13	5	--	--	41
Calculus AB	23	15	7	6	1	52
Calculus BC	35	6	2	1	--	44
Capstone Research	1	5	--	--	--	6
Capstone Seminar	2	9	2	--	--	13
Chemistry	41	18	3	--	--	62
Chinese Language	40	17	5	--	--	62
Computer Principles	8	5	2	--	--	15
Computer Science	8	3	2	--	--	13
Drawing	--	1	--	--	--	1
English Language & Composition	26	57	22	11	1	117
English Literature & Composition	37	31	14	5	2	89
Environmental Science	16	27	6	5	--	54
European History	8	7	1	--	--	16
French Language	1	3	1	--	--	5
Government & Politics Comparative	15	9	21	7	4	56
Government & Politics US	25	19	8	4	--	56
Human Geography	30	13	2	--	2	47
Macroeconomics	65	19	13	1	--	98
Microeconomics	60	28	9	2	1	100
Physics I	1	7	2	4	--	14
Physics II	2	3	2	3	--	10
Physics C: E & M	15	7	3	--	--	25
Physics C: Mechanics	16	8	1	--	--	25
Psychology	59	16	1	--	--	76
Spanish Language	1	4	1	--	--	6
Statistics	35	20	10	15	4	84
United States History	2	4	--	1	--	7
World History: Modern	21	6	2	--	--	29

Grading Scale

(until 2022-23 school year) (from 2023-24 school year)

Grade	GPA	Grade	GPA
A	4.0	A	4.0
A-	3.67	A-	3.67
B+	3.33	B+	3.33
B	3.0	B	3.0
C	2.33	B-	2.67
D	1.33	C+	2.33
F	0.00	C	2.0
		D	1.0
		F	0.00

Grade Point Average & Class Rank

Hong Kong International School computes a student's Grade Point Average on a 4-point scale, using only grades earned at HKIS. HKIS neither weights grades nor uses percentage equivalents of letter grades. HKIS does not report rank in class.

Grading & Assessment Practices

HKIS uses standards-based assessment to ensure that students demonstrate the expected knowledge and skills for the course. We communicate student learning using proficiency levels and, at the end of the course, a letter grade that is calculated based on students' proficiency levels. Students' behaviours (attendance, effort, participation, attitude) are reported separately from the academic grade.

Class of 2025 Distribution of Six-Semester Cumulative GPA

GPA	Percent in Range
3.8-4.00	40.64%
3.6-3.79	28.34%
3.4-3.59	18.18%
3.2-3.39	8.56%
<3.2	4.28%

Class of 2023-25 SAT Scores

Middle 50-Percentile Scores and Mean for SAT (1600)

	2023	2024	2025
# of Students tested	159	124	188
Evidence Based Reading & Writing	630-750 690	650-740 700	670-750 700
Mathematics	640-780 700	630-780 730	670-790 720

Class of 2023-25 ACT Scores

Middle 50-Percentile Scores and Mean for ACT (36)

	2023	2024	2025
# of Students tested	4	5	3
Reading	30-34 32	32-33 33	35-36 35
Science	29-32 31	31-36 33	36-36 36
Math	30-33 31	32-36 35	35-36 35
English	29-33 31	35-35 35	36-36 36
Composite	30-33 31	33-35 34	35-36 35

Advanced Placement Exam Results: Overall (2022-24)

	2022	2023	2024
Candidates	474	484	494
Exams Taken	1253	1333	1405
Percent of Exams that earned Passing Scores (3+)	95	95	95
Percent of Exams that earned a 4 or 5	82	82	82

Academic Program

To earn a diploma, a student must earn a minimum of 22 credits distributed as follows: English (4), Mathematics (3), Science (2), Social Studies (2), World Languages (2), Religion (1.5), Art and Design and Performing Arts (1.5), P.E. (2), and electives sufficient to complete the 22 credits. P.E., Spiritual Explorations, Health, and Counseling Seminar are part of a Wellbeing Block that students take each year. In the final year of high school, each student will undertake and present a Senior Project.

ENGLISH

AP English Language & Composition (1)
AP English Literature & Composition (1)
Junior English (1)
Senior English: Non-Fiction (1)
Senior English: Journey Across Cultures (1)
Senior English: The Individual & Society (1)

MATHEMATICS

Advanced Algebra (1)
Advanced Algebra (Honors) (1)
Algebra 1 (1)
AP Calculus AB (1)
AP Calculus BC (1)
AP Statistics (1)
Applied Statistics (.5)
Calculus (1.0)
Foundations of Precalculus (1)
Geometry (1)
Geometry (Honors) (1)
Mathematics of Human Behavior (.5)
Math Advanced Topics (1)
Precalculus (1)
Precalculus (Honors) (1)

SCIENCE

AP Biology (1)
AP Chemistry (1)
AP Environmental Science (1)
AP Physics 2 (1)
AP Physics C: Electricity/Magnetism & Mechanics (1)
Biology (1)
Biology (Honors) (1)
Chemistry (1)
Chemistry (Honors) (1)
Earth & Space Science (1)
Forensic Science (.5)
Engineering Solutions (.5)
Human Biology, Health & Sport (.5)
Introduction to Biotechnology (.5)
Introduction to Chemical Engineering (.5)
Physics (1)
Physics (Honors) (1)
Marine Biology (.5)

SOCIAL STUDIES

AP Capstone Seminar (1)
AP Capstone Research (1)
AP European History (1)
AP Government & Politics (1)
AP Human Geography (1)
AP Economics (1)
AP Psychology (1)
AP United States History (1)
AP World History: Modern (1)
Advanced Research (1)
Business Leadership (.5)
Introduction to Psychology (.5)

WORLD LANGUAGE

Mandarin for Near Native Speakers (MNN)
Advanced Chinese Literature & History (1)
Mandarin for Near Native Speakers (MNN)
Advanced Chinese Literature & Society (1)
Mandarin for Near Native Speakers (MNN)
Chinese Language & Culture 1 to 5 (1 each)
Mandarin for Near Native Speakers (MNN)
Chinese Literature & Society (1)
AP Chinese Language & Culture (1)
Mandarin as a Second Language (MSL)
Chinese Advanced 1 to 2 (1 each)
Mandarin as a Second Language (MSL)
Chinese Intermediate 1 to 5 (1 each)
Mandarin as a Second Language (MSL)
Chinese Novice 1 to 2 (1 each)
AP French Language & Culture (1)
French Advanced (1)
French Intermediate 1 to 4 (1 each)
French Novice (1)
AP Spanish Language & Culture (1)
Spanish Advanced (1)
Spanish Intermediate 1 to 4 (1 each)
Spanish Novice (1)

RELIGION

Applied Practices of Mindfulness (.5)
Biblical Explorations (.5)
Christian Apologetics (.5)
Comparative Religions (.5)
Searching for Self (.5)
Moral Philosophy (Religion/Social Studies) (.5)

ART AND DESIGN

VADT Foundation (.5)
3D Form & Function (.5)
Art & Design Foundation (.5)
Advanced Computer Science Studio (1)
Advanced Film Photography (.5)
Advanced Painting (.5)
Advanced Studio (.5)
Advertising & Layout Design (.5)
AI and Machine Learning (1)
AP Art History (1)
AP Computer Science A: Self-Paced Study (1)
AP Computer Science Principles (1)
AP Studio Art (1)
Architecture (.5)
Ceramics (.5)
Ceramics Advanced (.5)
Coding in Action (.5)
Digital Photography (.5)
Drawing & Painting (.5)
Fashion & Textiles Studio (.5)
Graphic Design (.5)
Independent Studio (.5)
Introduction to Fashion & Textiles (.5)
Introduction to Photography (.5)
Mobile App Development (.5)
Mobile Games Development (.5)
Product Design (.5)
Robotics (.5)
Spatial & Urban Design (.5)
Street Art (.5)

PERFORMING ARTS

Beginner Band (.5 or 1)
Chamber Strings (1)
Concert Choir (.5 or 1)
Digital Music Production & Recording (.5)
Drama Workshop 1 & 2 (.5 each)
Drama Production – Musical (.5)
Drama Production – Play (.5)
Effective Speech (.5)
Guitar 1 (.5)
Madrigal Singers (1)
Men's Choir (1)
Orchestra (.5)
Performing Arts Student Leadership (.5)
Stagecraft (.5)
String Ensemble (1)
Symphonic Band – Brass, Percussion, Woodwinds (1 each)
Wind Ensemble – Brass, Percussion, Woodwinds (1 each)
Women's Choir (1)

INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

Humanities I (English/History) (1/1)
Humanities I in Action (English/History) (1/1)
Humanities II (English/History) (1/1)
Humanities II in Action (English/History) (1/1)

LEARNING SUPPORT

Learning Strategies (.5 or 1)

GLOBAL ONLINE ACADEMY

Consortium of the world's leading independent schools using online platforms for classrooms.

WELLBEING BLOCK

Physical Education Grade 9-12 (.5 each)
Spiritual Exploration Grade 9-12 (.25 each)
Counseling Seminar Grade 9-12
Health Grade 9-12

LEADERSHIP STUDIES

Community Leadership (1)
Spiritual Community (1)

FLEXIBLE STUDIES

Teaching Assistant (.5 or 1)
Independent Study (.5 or 1)
Hong Kong National Sport (.5)
Elementary Teaching Assistant (1 or 2)
Internship (.5 or 1)
Junior Option & Senior Option (1 or 2)

College Matriculation 2022 – 2024

A team of eight counselors offers students personalized guidance to help them understand and articulate their own interests, needs and aspirations and to choose post-secondary experiences appropriate to that understanding. Nearly 100% of our graduates pursue tertiary study, over 80% of them at colleges and universities in the US. In the last three years, HKIS graduates have attended the following institutions:

United States

American University	2
Amherst College	2
Babson College	3
Bates College	3
Beloit College	1
Berklee College of Music	1
Boston College	7
Boston University	19
Bowdoin College	3
Brandeis University	2
Brigham Young University	4
Brown University	3
Bryn Mawr College	2
California Institute of Technology	1
California Polytechnic State University- San Luis Obispo	1
California State University-Northridge	1
Carleton College	1
Carnegie Mellon University	6
Case Western Reserve University	2
Claremont McKenna College	7
Clark University	2
Colby College	1
Colgate University	3
Colorado College	1
Columbia University	9
Cornell University	6
Dartmouth College	2
Denison University	2
Duke University	4
Emerson College	1
Emory University	19
Fordham University	5
George Washington University	7
Georgetown University	6
Georgia Military College	1
Grinnell College	1
Harvard University	3
Harvey Mudd College	2
High Point University	1
Indiana University-Bloomington	1
James Madison University	1
Johns Hopkins University	5
Lehigh University	2
Loyola Marymount University	3
Marymount Manhattan College	1
Michigan State University	1
Middlebury College	1
Minnesota State University Moorhead	1
Montana State University	1
Mount Holyoke College	1
Mount St. Mary's University	1
New York University	40
Northeastern University	15
Northwestern University	5
Ohio Wesleyan University	1
Orange Coast College	1
Pace University	1
Parsons School of Design	2
Pepperdine University	2
Pitzer College	1
Pratt Institute	1
Princeton University	2

Purdue University	6
Rhode Island School of Design	3
Rice University	2
Santa Clara University	4
Santa Monica College	1
Sarah Lawrence College	1
Scripps College	3
Skidmore College	2
Stanford University	5
Texas A & M University	1
The New School	3
The University of Tennessee-Knoxville	1
Tufts University	6
University of California, Berkeley	16
University of California, Davis	7
University of California, Irvine	3
University of California, Los Angeles	10
University of California, San Diego	8
University of California, Santa Barbara	2
University of California, Santa Cruz	3
University of Chicago	6
University of Colorado at Boulder	1
University of Denver	1
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign	1
University of Iowa	1
University of Kentucky	1
University of Maryland-College Park	1
University of Memphis	2
University of Miami	1
University of Michigan	6
University of Notre Dame	1
University of Pennsylvania	4
University of Richmond	1
University of Rochester	1
University of San Diego	3
University of San Francisco	1
University of Southern California	11
University of Washington-Seattle Campus	2
University of Wisconsin-Madison	3
Utah State University	1
Vanderbilt University	1
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University	1
Washington University In St Louis	2
Wellesley College	2
Wesleyan University	5
William & Mary	1
Williams College	1
Yale University	3

Other Countries

Australia

University of Sydney	1
University of Melbourne	1
University of New South Wales	1

Canada

Concordia University	1
McGill University	3
The University of British Columbia	11
Toronto Metropolitan University	1
University of Lethbridge	1
University of Ottawa	1
University of Toronto	14
University of Victoria	1
Western University	1

France

EDHEC Business School	1
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Hong Kong

The Hong Kong Polytechnic University	1
The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology	5
The University of Hong Kong	4

Ireland

Trinity College Dublin	1
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Italy

Universita Bocconi	1
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Japan

Keio University	1
Ritsumeikan University	1
Waseda University	2

Netherlands

Erasmus University Rotterdam	1
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Spain

IE University	1
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United Kingdom

Durham University	5
Imperial College London	3
King's College London	3
Oxford Brookes University	1
Queen Mary University of London	1
The University of Edinburgh	3
University College London	13
University of Cambridge	2
University of Glasgow	1
University of Oxford	3
University of Reading	1
University of the Arts London	1