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The International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme is a rigorous academic programme that has gained worldwide recognition and enables students to access the best universities around the world. The IB Diploma is also legally recognized as a high school leaving certificate in most countries and in Italy is the only international diploma to be recognized as equivalent to the Italian Maturità.

IST is the oldest full continuum IB World School in Piedmont and offers the DP as the culminating step in the IB educational path after the Primary Years Programme and the Middle Years Programme. IST has been suc-

cessfully offering the Diploma Programme to its students since 1990 and now gives access to 20 different face to face subjects on top of Theory of Knowledge and multiple self-taught mother tongues and online subject courses accessible through the IB endorsed provider Pamoja.

IST is also accredited by NEASC (the New England Association of Schools and Colleges) and CIS (the Council of International Schools) and its graduating students are eligible to obtain the American high school diploma.

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THE DIPLOMA PROGRAMME OFFER AT IST



The IB DP allows for students to devise individualized study plans based on their personal interests, skills and future plans and aspirations. The curriculum is made up of the DP Core and six subject groups students can choose from.

THE DP CORE

TOK – Theory of Knowledge: in which students reflect on the nature of knowledge and on how we know what we claim to know.

The extended essay: which is an independent, self-directed piece of research, finishing with a 4,000-word paper.

CAS - Creativity, activity, service: in which students complete a project related to those three concepts.

DP SUBJECT OFFER:

Group 1: First Language

English Language & Literature HL / SL
Italian Literature HL / SL
Self-taught mother tongues upon request

Group 2: Language Acquisition

English Language Acquisition HL
Italian ab initio SL
Italian Language Acquisition HL / SL
French Language Acquisition HL / SL
German Language Acquisition HL / SL
Spanish Language Acquisition HL / SL

Group 3: Individuals & Societies

Economics HL / SL
History HL / SL
Geography HL / SL
Online courses: Business and Management and Psychology

Group 4: Science

Biology HL / SL
Chemistry HL / SL
Physics HL / SL
Computer Science HL / SL

Group 5: Mathematics

Mathematics Applications & Interpretations HL/SL
Mathematics Applications & Analysis HL / SL

Group 6: Arts

Visual Arts HL / SL
or an additional subject from the groups above.

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Based on IB guidelines, students aiming for the full IB diploma should enroll on 6 courses, one per group 1-5, with the 6th subject being taken from either Group 6 or as a second subject from Groups 1-4. The students study three at higher level and three at standard level. In addition to this, all students must take TOK, be involved in CAS projects and experiences and prepare and Extended Essay.

THE IST DIPLOMA

The IST Diploma

This Diploma is awarded to all students who have successfully completed the final four years of Secondary School. Credit is given for achievements from IST and any other schools attended. The IST Diploma is valid as a High School Diploma in the USA and therefore at American universities around the world. Credit is awarded by semester. One full credit is earned by completing two semesters of a course that meets 160 minutes per week. The school year consists of 176 teacher-student contact days from September through June.

Students registered for the IST diploma only are not required to take any higher level subjects or prepare the Extended Essay.

ASSESSMENT, GRADING and REPORTING IB

Assessment in the Diploma Programme is criterion based and through formative and summative assessments aims at informing teaching and learning. The IB grading system 1-7 is used at all times and teachers refer to subject specific criteria and to the grade descriptors when providing feedback. Students work on their Internal Assessments throughout the two years based on a structured calendar of internal deadlines.

Requirements to obtain the IB Diploma

A student's final diploma result score is made up of the combined scores for each subject. The diploma is awarded to students who gain at least 24 points out of 45, subject to certain minimum levels of performance including successful completion of the three essential elements of the DP core (*IBO, Understanding DP Assessment*).

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IST DIPLOMA GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS:

GRADING SCHEME AND LETTER EQUIVALENCE USING THE IB 1-7 SCALE		
GRADING LEVEL	IB SCALE	LETTER
Excellent	7	A+
Very Good	6	A-
Good	5	B
Satisfactory	4	C
Needs Improvement	3	D
Weak	2	F
Very Weak	1	F

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS
 The minimum graduation requirements consist of 27 high school credits accumulated over eight semesters of study during Grades 9-12. The minimum credit requirement for an IST High School Diploma are: English (4); Foreign Language (4); Mathematics (4); Science (3); Humanities (3); Art/Music (1); Physical Education (1); Theory of Knowledge (1); CAS (1); Electives (5). A minimum grade of 3 (on a 7 point scale) is required to receive credit for a course. Grade Point Averages (GPAs) are not calculated at IST.

FACTS AND FIGURES ABOUT THE IB DP AT IST:

YEAR	IST HIGHEST MARK	IST AVERAGE	IB WORLD AVERAGE	IST PASS RATE	IB WORLD PASS RATE
MAY 2016	38	30	30		79%
MAY 2017	40	33	30		78%
MAY 2018	40	33	29.78		78%
MAY 2019	42	32	29.63	100%	77%
MAY 2020	41	32	29.9	100%	79%
MAY 2021	43	35	33	100%	89.93%
MAY 2022	42	33	31.98	99%	85.85%
MAY 2023	40	32	30.24	84%	79.3%

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AFFILIATIONS

IST is an active member of the Association of IB World Schools in Italy (AIBWSI) and has been recognized by the International Foundation for Environmental Education as an Eco-School. It's Sustainability projects and activities are an important part of the MYP Action and Service and DP CAS offer.

IST students have a leading role in the Model United Nations program and participate to local and international events.



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UNIVERSITY COUNSELLING

University counselling at IST

IST offers its student an internal university counselling service. Our counsellor works with students in their DP subject choices and then carries out both group and individual meetings to support students with their university choice and applications.

University Counselling events

IST students are kept informed of university fairs held in our region and our university counsellor arranges for university reps to come and present their institution at our school. Most important though, IST organizes an annual University Fair that is open to its students and to the wider community to give a chance to students and university reps from around the world to meet face to face.

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UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES SINCE 2014

ARGENTINA

University of Buenos Aires
Universidad Católica de Córdoba

ASIA

Hong Kong University
Tokyo International University

AUSTRIA

University of Vienna
Webster University, Vienna

AUSTRALIA

University of New South Wales

BELGIUM

Leuven School of Management

CANADA

University of British Columbia
University of Ottawa, Ontario
Toronto Film School

FRANCE

EM Lyon, Paris
ECAM, Lyon
IPAG, Nice
Paris Business School
The New School Parsons, Paris

GERMANY

Munich Business School
Regensburg University
Munich Technical University

HOLLAND

Amsterdam University of Applied Sciences
Breda University
Eindhoven University of Technology
Erasmus University
Hanze University of Applied Sciences
Hogeschool In Holland
Leiden Universiteit
Maastricht University
Rijksuniversiteit Groningen
Rotterdam University

Tilburg University

University of Amsterdam
University of the Hague
University of Groningen
University of Utrecht
Vrije Universiteit

ITALY

Università Bocconi, Milan
Cattolica Università, Milan
European Institute of Osteopathic
Medicine, Turin
Luiss University
Marangoni Institute, Milan
St. John International University
Università di Milano
Università di Torino, Economia
Polimoda, Florence
Politecnico di Milano
Politecnico di Torino
Scuola Amministrazione Aziendale, Turin
Università di Scienze Gastronomiche
di Pollenzo
IED, Turin
IAAD University
Bocconi University
Humanitas University

JAPAN

Waseda University

LITHUANIA

LSU University

MONACO

International University of Monaco

POLAND

Warsaw University of Technology

SPAIN

King Luis University
University of Barcelona
EU Business School
ESADE University
IE Business School

SWITZERLAND

Glion Institute of Higher Education
Sustainability Management School,
Sumas, Gland
International University in Geneva

SWEDEN

University of Stockholm

UK

Aberdeen University
Aberystwyth University
Bournemouth University
Brunel University
Buckingham University
Cardiff University
City University
University of East Anglia
Edinburgh University
Exeter University
Herriot-Watt University
Hult College, London
Leeds University
Goldsmith's London
Liverpool University
Kings College, London
University of Manchester
Middlesex University
University of Northumbria
Oxford Brookes University
Regents College, London
Royal Arts College, London
SOAS, London
Sheffield University
Stirling University
St. Andrews University
University of Glasgow
University of Arts, London
University of Strathclyde
University of Sussex
University of Warwick
University of Westminster

University of York

Queen Margaret University, Edinburgh
Queen Mary, University of London
University of Edinburgh

USA

American University, Washington
Barry University, Miami
University of California, Berkeley
Boston College
University of Alabama
University of Boulder, Colorado
Carthage College
Central Michigan University
Columbia University
University of Cincinnati
University of Detroit, Mercy
Eastern Michigan University
Fashion Institute of Technology, NY
Florida Atlantic University
Florida Polytechnic University
George Washington University
Haverford College, Pennsylvania
Hobarth and William Smith College
Lake Forest University, Illinois
Marist College, New York
University of Michigan
New York School of Arts and Film
Oakland University
Parsons School of Fashion
Rochester Community College
Rochester Institute of Technology
Rutgers University, New Brunswick
University of San Diego
Scripps College
Stony Brook University, New York
Syracuse University
Washington State University
Wayne State University
University of New York

