



High School Academic Profile 2023-24

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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 2024 consists of 158 students from 16 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 41% are from the United States, 19% are from Hong Kong and 40% are from 43 other countries. 778 students are enrolled in the High School.



Faculty

HKIS attracts and retains an outstanding faculty, 73% of whom hold advanced degrees, by providing a vibrant work environment and exceptional professional development opportunities. The average tenure is 9 years. The faculty-student ratio is 1:10.



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

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

Class of 2023 Advanced Placement Exam Results, by Subject

Subject	5	4	3	2	1	Total Exams
2D Art & Design	5	3	1	--	--	9
3D Art & Design	--	--	2	--	--	2
Art History	4	--	--	--	--	4
Biology	29	13	2	--	--	44
Calculus AB	27	29	16	4	2	78
Calculus BC	35	4	2	--	--	41
Capstone Research	--	1	1	--	--	2
Capstone Seminar	4	4	4	--	--	12
Chemistry	46	22	1	--	--	69
Chinese Language	61	15	6	--	--	82
Computer Principles	3	5	3	--	--	11
Computer Science	9	5	1	--	4	19
Drawing	1	1	--	--	--	2
English Language & Composition	48	30	21	5	--	104
English Literature & Composition	36	26	17	--	1	80
Environmental Science	7	10	6	2	--	25
European History	1	3	3	--	--	7
French Language	6	2	1	--	--	9
Government & Politics Comparative	27	10	19	4	1	61
Government & Politics US	25	11	15	7	2	60
Human Geography	30	10	3	3	--	46
Macroeconomics	84	22	11	5	4	126
Microeconomics	74	34	11	8	1	128
Physics I	3	1	4	1	--	9
Physics II	5	9	2	--	1	17
Physics C: E & M	14	6	--	--	--	20
Physics C: Mechanics	14	5	1	--	--	20
Psychology	82	11	4	1	--	98
Spanish Language	3	3	1	--	--	7
Statistics	39	34	19	6	3	101
United States History	8	3	3	--	--	14
World History: Modern	25	12	4	--	--	41

Grading Scale

Grade	GPA
A	4.0
A-	3.67
B+	3.33
B	3.0
C	2.33
D	1.33
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 2024 Distribution of Six-Semester Cumulative GPA

GPA	Percent in Range
3.8-4.00	35.67%
3.6-3.79	34.39%
3.4-3.59	15.92%
3.2-3.39	10.83%
<3.2	3.19%

Class of 2022-24 SAT Scores

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

	2022	2023	2024
# of Students tested	137	159	124
Evidence Based Reading & Writing	650-750 690	630-750 690	650-740 700
Mathematics	640-790 700	640-780 700	630-780 730

Class of 2022-24 ACT Scores

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

	2022	2023	2024
# of Students tested	23	4	5
Reading	30-35 32	30-34 32	32-33 33
Science	27-35 31	29-32 31	31-36 33
Math	28-35 31	30-33 31	32-36 35
English	29-35 32	29-33 31	35-35 35
Composite	29-35 31	30-33 31	33-35 34

Advanced Placement Exam Results: Overall (2021-23)

	2021	2022	2023
Candidates	466	474	484
Exams Taken	1300	1253	1333
Percent of Exams that earned Passing Scores (3+)	95	95	95
Percent of Exams that earned a 4 or 5	81	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)
AP Calculus AB (1)
AP Calculus BC (1)
AP Statistics (1)
Applied Statistics (.5/1) / Statistics (.5)
Foundations of PreCalculus (1)
Geometry (1)
Geometry (Honors) (1)
Introduction to Differential Calculus (.5)
Introduction to Integral Calculus (.5)
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 Comparative Government & Politics (.5)
AP United States Government & Politics (.5)
AP Human Geography (1)
AP Macroeconomics (.5)
AP Microeconomics (.5)
AP Psychology (1)
AP United States History (1)
AP World History: Modern (1)
Advanced Research (1)
Business Leadership (.5)

Community Leadership (.5/1)
Introduction to Psychology (.5)

WORLD LANGUAGE

MNN Advanced Chinese Literature & Society (1)
MNN Chinese Language & Culture 1 to 5 (1 each)
MNN Chinese Literature & Society (1)
Mandarin for Near Native Learners Literature & Society (1)
AP Chinese Language & Culture (1)
MSL Chinese Advanced 1 to 2 (1 each)
MSL Chinese Intermediate 1 to 5 (1 each)
MSL Chinese Novice 1 to 2 (1 each)
AP French Language & Culture (1)
French Advanced (1)
French Language & Culture (Honors) (1) *until May 2021*
French Intermediate 1 to 4 (1 each)
French Novice (1)
AP Spanish Language & Culture (1)
Spanish Advanced (1)
Spanish Language & Culture (Honors) (1) *until May 2021*
Spanish Intermediate 1 to 4 (1 each)
Spanish Conversation & Culture (1) *until May 2021*
Spanish Novice (1)
Spanish 1 to 4 (1 each) *until May 2021*

RELIGION

Applied Practices of Mindfulness (.5)
Biblical Explorations (.5)
Christian Apologetics (.5)
Personal Spirituality Project (.5)
Spiritual Community (.5 or 1)
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 Studio Art – 2D, 3D and Painting & Drawing (1)
AP Art History (1)
AP Computer Science A: Self-Paced Study (1)
AP Computer Science Principles (1)
AP Studio Art (1)
Ceramics (.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 I & II (.5 each)
Drama Production – Musical (.5)
Drama Production – Play (.5)
Guitar I & II (.5 each)
Madrigal Singers (1)
Makeup Design & Application (.5)
Men's Choir (1)
Orchestra (.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

Architecture I (Math/Design) (.5)
Effective Speech (English/Performing Arts) (.5)
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 / 1)
Strategies for Self Advocacy (.25)

GLOBAL ONLINE ACADEMY

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

WELLBEING BLOCK

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

College Matriculation 2021 – 2023

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	1	Princeton University	2
Amherst College	2	Purdue University	8
Babson College	7	Rhode Island School of Design	3
Bates College	3	Rice University	2
Beloit College	1	Santa Clara University	5
Berklee College of Music	2	Santa Monica College	1
Boston College	4	Sarah Lawrence College	1
Boston University	24	Scripps College	3
Bowdoin College	4	Simmons University	1
Brandeis University	1	Skidmore College	2
Brigham Young University	2	Stanford University	2
Brown University	4	Swarthmore College	1
Bryn Mawr College	2	Texas A & M University	1
California College of the Arts	1	The New School	6
California Institute of Technology	1	The University of Tennessee-Knoxville	2
California Polytechnic State University-San Luis Obispo	1	Tufts University	5
Carleton College	1	University of Arizona	1
Carnegie Mellon University	6	University of California, Berkeley	18
Case Western Reserve University	2	University of California, Davis	8
Claremont McKenna College	8	University of California, Irvine	7
Clark University	3	University of California, Los Angeles	9
Colby College	2	University of California, San Diego	8
Colgate University	2	University of California, Santa Barbara	3
Colorado College	2	University of Chicago	6
Columbia University	7	University of Colorado at Boulder	1
Cornell University	9	University of Denver	1
Dartmouth College	2	University of Iowa	1
Denison University	2	University of Kentucky	1
Duke University	4	University of Maryland-College Park	1
Emerson College	1	University of Memphis	2
Emory University	17	University of Miami	1
Fordham University	3	University of Michigan	7
George Washington University	11	University of North Carolina At Chapel Hill	1
Georgetown University	5	University of Notre Dame	1
Georgia Military College	1	University of Pennsylvania	5
Grinnell College	1	University of Richmond	1
Harvard University	2	University of Rochester	1
Harvey Mudd College	2	University of San Diego	3
Haverford College	1	University of San Francisco	1
High Point University	1	University of Southern California	19
James Madison University	2	University of Virginia	3
Johns Hopkins University	3	University of Washington-Seattle Campus	2
Kenyon College	1	University of Wisconsin-Madison	2
Lehigh University	2	Utah State University	1
Loyola Marymount University	5	Vanderbilt University	2
Marymount Manhattan College	1	Washington University In St Louis	1
Michigan State University	1	Wellesley College	1
Montana State University	1	Wesleyan University	3
Mount St. Mary's University	1	Yale University	4
New York University	36		
Northeastern University	11		
Northwestern University	5		
Occidental College	2		
Ohio Wesleyan University	1		
Pace University	1		
Parsons School of Design	2		
Pennsylvania State University	2		
Pepperdine University	3		
Pitzer College	1		
Pomona College	1		
Pratt Institute	1		

Other Countries

Australia

University of Sydney	1
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Canada

Carleton University	1
Concordia University	1
Queen's University	1
Sheridan College Inst. of Tech & Adv. Learning	1
The University of British Columbia	14
Toronto Metropolitan University	1
University of Lethbridge	1
University of Ottawa	1
University of Toronto	15
University of Victoria	1
University of Waterloo	1
Western University	1

France

Edhec Business School	1
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Hong Kong

Hong Kong University of Science and Technology	3
The University of Hong Kong	3

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	1

Netherlands

Erasmus University Rotterdam	2
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United Kingdom

Durham University	2
Imperial College London	2
King's College London	1
Oxford Brookes University	1
Queen Mary University of London	1
University College London	10
University of Edinburgh	2
University of Glasgow	1
University of Manchester	1
University of Oxford	6
University of Reading	1
University of the Arts London	2