



# THE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL IN GENOA

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## 2017 - 2018 High School Academic Profile

*Our school's mission is for everyone to demonstrate the ISG community themes of  
**RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, AND REACHING FOR EXCELLENCE.***

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## THE SCHOOL

The International School in Genoa was founded in 1966 as a private, co-educational day school to serve the needs of the international and national communities in Liguria. ISG is the only school in Liguria that offers a complete international education in the English language for all students from Pre-School (age 3) to Grade 12 (age 18) leading to the achievement of both the ISG High School Diploma and the International Baccalaureate Diploma.

The International School in Genoa is accredited by CIS, the Council of International Schools. It is a UNICEF ambassador school and a founding member of AIBWSI, the Association of IB World Schools in Italy.

ISG moved in 2009 to its fourth site: the beautiful grounds of a restored 14<sup>th</sup>-century Benedictine abbey. The move was necessitated in large part by the consistently-increasing student population.

## HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULUM

The content of all main academic subjects in the 9<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> grades at ISG provides the foundation for the academic rigors of the IB Diploma Programme, which all ISG students follow in the 11<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grades.

The IB Diploma Programme requires students to study six main academic subjects which include at least two languages, one social science, one experimental science, and a mathematics course. Exams are set and marked by external examiners. Each subject is graded on a scale of 1 to 7. To earn the IB diploma a student must gain a minimum of 24 points in six subjects, complete 150 hours of extra-curricular activities (CAS), participate in a course called the Theory of Knowledge, and write an original 4,000-word thesis paper (Extended Essay). The vast majority of 11<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade ISG students are full IB Diploma candidates; only a few are IB course candidates.

## IB DIPLOMA PROGRAMME SUBJECT OFFERINGS

In recent years, the IB Diploma Programme courses offered at ISG have included the following:

- Group 1 - English A: literature, Italian A: literature
- Group 2 - English B, Italian B, Italian *ab initio*, French B, French *ab initio*, Spanish B, Spanish *ab initio*, German
- Group 3 - History, Economics
- Group 4 - Biology, Chemistry, Physics
- Group 5 - Mathematics Higher, Mathematics Standard, Mathematical Studies
- Group 6 - Visual Arts

## ISG BY THE NUMBERS

- 1** We are the only school in the entire region of Liguria offering a complete international program for students from Pre-School through 12<sup>th</sup> grade, and ours is the only accredited school (by the Council of International Schools) in the region. Our students have come not only from Genoa (population over 600,000, and the capital city of the province and region), but from as far away as Savona and La Spezia.
- 3** The school has 3 IB Diploma Programme examiners (physics, history, and visual arts) on staff.
- 8** ISG graduates have gone on to study at excellent universities in 8 different countries (the USA, the UK, Italy, Canada, France, the Netherlands, Switzerland, and Denmark). Some have earned significant merit-based scholarships.
- 27** ISG currently offers 27 different after-school activities for secondary students, including sports and activities (baseball, soccer, rugby, Spanish dancing, table tennis, Taekwondo, volleyball, Zumba), languages (Chinese, Greek, Latin, French), music (recorder, clarinet, piano, percussion, violin, violoncello, and the high school musical) as well as arts and crafts, computer, yearbook, school newspaper, and SAT prep. Our students also have the opportunity to participate in the school's Model United Nations club and have participated in MUN events throughout Europe.
- 31** In the last five years of testing, the overall average score of ISG students on their IB diplomas was 31 points (out of a maximum possible 45). The annual score of IB students world-wide is typically 30 points.
- 49** This is the school's 49<sup>th</sup> year of operation. A high school program was begun in the fall of 2000 and the school was authorized to start teaching the IB diploma programme in the fall of 2002.
- 97.5%** Since we had our first high school graduating class in the spring of 2004, 97.5% of our candidates have earned the IB diploma (as compared to the typical 80% annual rate of candidates who earn the IB diploma world-wide). Our students' success is due to a very close student-teacher-family relationship and high academic standards.
- 400** The school currently has 400 students enrolled in all grades. The high school population has grown from its original 13 to its current 62 in just a few years.

## OUR COMMUNITY

### Faculty, Students and Parents

ISG faculty members are highly-qualified professionals. Many have advanced degrees in their fields; one holds a Ph.D. They are native speakers of or fluent in English. High School faculty members come from the USA, the UK, Australia, Canada, Belgium, Ireland, Italy, and Spain. The school continues to have record enrollments, with 400 students representing 23 different nationalities. The majority of students are Italian and many enter ISG at a very early age. All high school students speak at least two languages and are university-bound. ISG students are protagonists in the life of the school and have opportunities to serve as school ambassadors or Student Council representatives and participate in initiatives such as Model United Nations events. ISG parents are mostly professionals, working in industry, banking, commerce, or tourism.

### Genoa

Along 30 km of the magnificent Italian Riviera, nestled between the Sea of Liguria and the Apennine mountains, lies Genoa, the 6<sup>th</sup> largest city in Italy with a population of over 600,000. The capital of the Region of Liguria and one of the four original maritime republics of Italy, the port city of Genoa has one of the most extensive and interesting historic districts of any city in Europe. Many of the historic "*Rolli*" palaces in the city center have been declared UNESCO world heritage sites, and the old harbor ("*Porto Antico*") area, recently restored by the world-famous architect and Genoa native Renzo Piano, is host to the second-largest aquarium in Europe. Genoa has a long tradition of banking and one of the oldest banks in the world, the *Banca di San Giorgio*, was founded in Genoa. Genoa is home to the international IIT, the Italian Institute of Technology, involved in robotics research and related sciences, as well as to Fincantieri, AnsaldoEnergia, and a number of international shipping companies such as MSC Cruises. Genoa is a major Italian economic center and forms the southwestern vertex of the Milan-Turin-Genoa economic triangle. The economy of Liguria is based on commerce and tourism as well as high-quality and high-tech products. Annual international events in Genoa include: the Genoa Science Festival, the Boat Show, EuroFlora, and the Nicolò Paganini International Violin Contest. In 2004 Genoa was named a European Capital of Culture.

## GRADING SCALE

Secondary School students at ISG are graded on the 1 - 7 International Baccalaureate scale:

GRADE	COMMENT	PERCENT	LETTER	GRADE POINTS
7	Excellent performance	90 - 100%	A+	4.3
6	Very good performance	80 - 89%	A	4.0
5	Good performance	70 - 79%	B	3.0
4	Satisfactory performance	60 - 69%	C	2.0
3	Mediocre performance	50 - 59%	D	1.0
2	Poor performance	20 - 49%	F	0.5
1	Very poor performance	0 - 19%	F	0.0

## RANKING/GRADE WEIGHTING/ACADEMIC HONORS

ISG does not rank students and we do not weight grades. The grades for all courses count towards GPA's.

### SCHOLARS' LIST:

A student who earns at least a "6" in all subjects for the semester earns the Scholars' List award for the semester.

### HONOR ROLL:

A student who earns an overall semester average of "5," with no single semester grade lower than a "4," earns the Honor Roll award for the semester.

## COURSE CREDITS/GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

All students (including transfer students) must meet all ISG requirements in order to earn the ISG High School Diploma.

In general, each semester of a course offered in the high school is worth 0.5 credits; a year-long course is worth 1 credit. The student must successfully complete the course (i.e., earn at least a passing grade of "3") in order to earn the credit.

In order to graduate from ISG, a student must earn a minimum total of 26 credits according to the following guidelines:

English	4 credits
Mathematics	4 credits
Science	4 credits
History	4 credits
Modern Languages: Italian, French, Spanish, German	4 credits
Electives (i.e. Technology, Art, Music, TOK, or Options from Other Subjects)	6 credits
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>26 credits</b>

Creativity, Action, Service is graded on a Pass/Fail basis only and does not carry any credit.

The student must also earn a minimum cumulative average of at least an IB mark "4" for all courses taken over the four years of high school, and in all cases, an ISG Diploma cannot be issued unless the final requirements for grades 11 and 12 are met. Starting in 2013-2014, course credit will only be awarded in subjects for which a student earns at least a "3."

## SCHOOL YEAR

The school year has 180 days and is divided into two semesters beginning early September and February.

Core academic subjects meet for 60 minutes four times per week.

## UNIVERSITY OFFERS TO ISG HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

### United States of America

- American University
- Bentley University
- Boston College
- Boston University
- Brown University
- Bryant University
- Case Western Reserve University
- Catholic University of America
- Chapman University
- Clarkson University
- College of William and Mary
- Cornell University
- Drexel University
- Florida Institute of Technology
- Fordham University
- George Mason University
- Georgetown University
- Harvard University
- Lehigh University
- Loyola University New Orleans
- New York University
- Northeastern University
- Pace University
- Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey
- Scripps College
- Southern Methodist University
- Suffolk University
- Syracuse University
- Tufts University
- Tulane University
- University of California - Berkley
- University of California - Los Angeles
- University of California - San Diego
- University of California - Santa Barbara
- University of Colorado, Boulder
- University of Maryland, College Park
- University of Massachusetts, Amherst
- University of Miami
- University of Michigan
- University of Pennsylvania
- University of San Francisco
- University of Vermont
- University of Virginia
- Wentworth Institute of Technology

### Other

- **CANADA:** University of British Columbia, University of Toronto
- **DENMARK:** Aarhus Business School
- **FRANCE:** American University of Paris; Sciences Po, Emylon Business School
- **LEBANON:** American University of Beirut
- **PRINCIPALITY OF MONACO:** International University of Monaco
- **NETHERLANDS:** Leiden University, Saxion University of Applied Sciences, University of Amsterdam, University of Groningen, Utrecht University, University of Rotterdam
- **SPAIN:** IE University, UEM European University of Madrid
- **SWITZERLAND:** Glion Institute of Higher Education; Les Roches International School of Hotel Management; Università della Svizzera Italiana
- **SWEDEN:** Jönköping International Business School

### United Kingdom

- Anglia Ruskin University
- Birkbeck, University of London
- Bishop Burton College
- British School of Osteopathy
- Brunel University London
- Central Saint Martins - University of the Arts London
- City University London
- Durham University
- Edinburgh Napier University
- European Business School, London
- Hartpury College
- Hult International Business School
- Imperial College London
- Kings College London
- Kingston University London
- London Metropolitan University
- London South Bank University
- Loughborough University
- Newcastle University
- Nottingham Trent University
- Oxford Brookes University
- Queen Mary University of London
- Richmond, The American International University in London
- Royal Holloway, University of London
- SOAS, University of London
- University College London
- University of Brighton
- University of Bristol
- University of Cambridge
- University College London
- University of Derby
- University of East Anglia
- University of East London
- University of Edinburgh
- University of Essex
- University of Exeter
- University of Gloucestershire
- University of Greenwich
- University of Hertfordshire
- University of Huddersfield
- University of Hull
- University of Kent
- University of Lincoln
- University of Nottingham
- University of Portsmouth
- University of Reading
- University of Southampton
- University of Stirling
- University of Surrey
- University of Sussex
- University of the West of England, Bristol
- University of Westminster
- University of York
- Warwickshire College
- Writtle College

### Italy

- John Cabot University
- Loyola University Chicago - Rome Start Program
- NABA - Nuova Accademia di Belle Arti Milano
- Politecnico di Milano
- Politecnico di Torino
- The European School of Economics, Milan
- Università Bocconi
- Università Cattolica Sacro Cuore
- Università Commerciale Luigi Bocconi
- Università degli Studi di Genova
- Università degli Studi di Pavia
- Università degli Studi di Scienze Gastronomiche
- Univesità IULM
- Università Vita - San Raffaele