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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

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### 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%

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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

### 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

### GERMANY

Munich Business School  
Regensburg University  
Munich Technical University

### HOLLAND

Breda University  
Erasmus University  
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

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 Polytechnic University  
George Washington University  
Haverford College, Pennsylvania  
Hobart 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