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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 successfully 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  
ESS HL / SL

#### Group 4: Science

Biology HL / SL  
Chemistry HL / SL  
Physics HL / SL  
Computer Science HL / SL (G12 only)  
ESS HL / SL

#### Group 5: Mathematics

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

## 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*).

## 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%              |
| MAY 2024 | 42               | 32          | 30.30            | 86%           | 80.1%              |
| MAY 2025 | 45               | 32          | 30.50            | 84%           | 81.3%              |
| MAY 2026 | 43               | 34          | 30.88            | 91%           | 82.6%              |

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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

Maisonnette College, Montreal  
University of British Columbia  
University of Ottawa, Ontario  
University of Toronto  
Toronto Film School

### FRANCE

EDHEC Business School  
EM Lyon, Paris  
ECAM, Lyon  
HEC Paris  
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  
HU University of Applied Sciences, Utrecht  
Leiden Universiteit  
Maastricht University  
Radboud University Nijmegen  
Rijksuniversiteit Groningen  
Rotterdam University  
Tilburg University  
University of Amsterdam  
University of the Hague  
University of Groningen  
University of Twente  
University of Utrecht  
Vrije Universiteit

### ITALY

Università Bocconi, Milan  
Cattolica Università, Milan  
European Institute of Osteopathic  
Medicine, Turin  
Luiss University  
Marangoni Institute, Milan

### NABA

St. John International University  
Università di Milano  
Università di Torino, Economia  
Università degli Studi di Roma Tor Vergata  
Università UniCamillus  
Polimoda, Florence  
Politecnico di Milano  
Politecnico di Torino  
Scuola Amministrazione Aziendale, Turin  
Università di Scienze Gastronomiche  
di Pollenzo  
IED, Turin  
IAAD University  
Humanitas University

### JAPAN

Waseda University

### LITHUANIA

LSU University

### MONACO

International University of Monaco

### NORWAY

Norges Handelshøyskole, Bergen  
BI Norwegian Business School, Oslo

### POLAND

Warsaw University of Technology

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### SPAIN

King Luis University  
University of Barcelona  
EU Business School  
ESADE University  
ESCP Business School  
IE Business School  
Universidade Europea de Madrid

### SWITZERLAND

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

### SWEDEN

University of Stockholm  
Karolinska Institutet  
Lund University

### UK

Aberdeen University  
Aberystwyth University  
Bournemouth University  
Brunel University  
Buckingham University  
Cardiff University  
City University  
Durham University  
University of East Anglia  
Edinburgh University  
Exeter University  
Herriot-Watt University  
Hult College, London

Imperial College  
Leeds University  
Goldsmith's London  
Liverpool University  
London Metropolitan University  
Kings College, London  
Kingston University, 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 Bath  
University of Bristol  
University of Glasgow  
University of Arts, London  
University of Roehampton  
University of Strathclyde  
University of Sussex  
University of Warwick  
University of Westminster  
University of Worcester  
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  
Emory University  
Fashion Institute of Technology, NY  
Florida Atlantic University  
Florida Polytechnic University  
George Washington University  
Haverford College, Pennsylvania  
Hobart and William Smith College  
Lake Forest University, Illinois  
Lynn University, Florida  
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  
University of Oregon  
Scripps College  
Stony Brook University, New York  
Syracuse University  
Washington State University  
Wayne State University  
University of New York