



THE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL IN GENOA

SINCE 1966

2023 - 2024 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 Reception (age 2) 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 one of only 8 schools in Italy accredited by CIS, the Council of International Schools. It is a certified Eco-School, 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 14th-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 MYP courses of 9th - 10th grades at ISG provides the foundation for the academic rigors of the IB Diploma Programme, which all ISG students follow in the 11th - 12th grades.

The IB Diploma Programme requires students to study six main academic subjects, including 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 a program 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 11th - 12th grade ISG students are full IB Diploma candidates; only a few are IB course candidates.

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IB DIPLOMA PROGRAMME SUBJECT OFFERINGS

IB Diploma Programme courses available to the class of 2024 include the following:

- Group 1 - English A: language and literature, Italian A: literature
- Group 2 - English B, French B, Italian B and *ab initio*, Mandarin B, Spanish B
- Group 3 - History, Economics, Psychology (online with Pamoja)
- Group 4 - Biology, Chemistry, Computer science, Physics
- Group 5 - Mathematics: analysis and approaches, Mathematics: applications and interpretation
- Group 6 - Visual arts

All subjects are offered at both Higher and Standard level (except the *ab initio* languages, which are SL only).

ISG BY THE NUMBERS

- 1** We are the only school in the entire region of Liguria offering a complete international program for students from Reception through 12th grade, and ours is the only accredited school (by the Council of International Schools) in the region. We are also the only school in Liguria to serve as an SAT and a PSAT testing center. Our students have come not only from Genoa (population over 600,000, and the capital city of the province and region), but also from as far away as Savona and La Spezia.
- 4** The school has 4 IB DP examiners / exam authors (physics, history, world studies EE, and visual arts) on staff.
- 14** ISG graduates have gone on to study at excellent universities in 14 different countries (the USA, the UK, Italy, Austria, Canada, France, Spain, the Netherlands, Switzerland, Denmark, Hungary, Sweden, Monaco, and China). Some have earned significant merit-based scholarships.
- 30** ISG offers more than 30 different after-school activities and lesson opportunities for students, including sports and activities (basketball, table tennis, volleyball), music (recorder, piano, guitar, and the high school musical) as well as art therapy, innovation lab, chess, foreign languages, comics club, science club and SAT prep. Our students can also participate in the school's Model United Nations club and have participated in MUN events throughout Europe. They can serve as members of the school's Green Team or Student Council.
- 33.9** In the last five years of testing, the overall average score of ISG students on their IB diplomas was 33.9 points (out of a maximum possible 45).
- 58** This is the school's 58th 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. The school earned IB MYP authorization in the fall of 2023.
- 95.2%** Since we had our first high school graduating class in the spring of 2004, 95.2% of our candidates have earned the IB diploma. Our students' success is due to a very close student-teacher-family relationship and high academic standards.
- 409** The school currently has 409 students enrolled in all grades. The high school population continues to experience significant growth from its original 13 to its current 129 today.

ISG IB RESULTS 2019 – 2023

	May 2023	May 2022	May 2021	May 2020	May 2019
ISG: Highest score of all candidates	36	43	45	43	39
ISG: Average score of all who earned the diploma	31.0	35.9	37.2	35.9	32.9
World-wide average score	30.24	32.00	32.98	31.34	29.65
ISG: Average subject grade	4.87	5.68	5.82	5.68	5.14
World-wide average subject grade	4.83	5.13	5.33	5.08	4.77

GRADING / RANKING / WEIGHTING / HONORS

Secondary School students at ISG are graded on a 1 - 7 scale, with the following corresponding grade points:

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

GRADING FROM JANUARY 2021:

Semester grades are not averaged. They indicate the student's current level of achievement at the end of the semester. The results of summative assessments throughout the semester and end-of-semester exams inform teachers' evaluations of students' current achievement levels.

GRADING PRE-JANUARY 2021:

- Semester 1 grades = (40% of Q1 grade) + (40% of Q2 grade) + (20% S1 exam grade)
- Semester 2 grades = (40% of Q3 grade) + (40% of Q4 grade) + (20% S2 exam grade)

RANKING AND WEIGHTING:

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

HONOR ROLL:

Awarded each semester to students who have earned at least a "6" as a semester grade in all classes.

COURSE CREDITS/GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

The awarding of the ISG High School diploma is dependent upon meeting all graduation requirements, including those relative to attendance, listed on the school's website (<https://www.isgenoa.it/key-policies/>).

The specific graduation requirements regarding **course credits** are as follows:

Credits are awarded upon successful completion of a course with an end of year assessment grade of at least a 4 and satisfactory attendance as outlined above. In Grades 11 & 12 students must enrol in a programme with a minimum of 5 academic courses.

Students who have not completed the graduation requirements by the end of their 12th Grade year, may, at the discretion of the Director, receive a Certificate of Attendance in place of the graduation diploma.

On completion of high school studies, students must have earned a minimum **total** of **26** course credits, including, at least:

- 4 credits in Language & Literature
- 4 credits in Mathematics
- 4 credits in Individuals & Societies
- 4 credits in Science
- 4 credits in Language Acquisition, or
- 4 additional credits in a second Language & Literature course
- 2 credits in the Arts
- 2 credits in Design
- 2 credits in PE

N.B. The above graduation requirements are valid starting with the class of 2024.

SCHOOL YEAR

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

Core academic subjects for 11th - 12th grade students meet for 60 minutes four times per week.

Core academic subjects for 9th - 10th grade students meet for 60 minutes three times per week.

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, Belgium, Canada, China, Germany, Italy, Lebanon, Romania, Switzerland, and Spain. The school continues to have strong enrollments, with students representing 30 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 Student Mentors 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 6th largest city in Italy with a population of around 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, Ansaldo Energia, 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.

THE IMPACT OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

2022 - 2023 and 2023 - 2024 school years

Class of 2024 (11th and 12th grades):

Full in-person learning for all students. Only those who test positive for Covid are required to stay home. No adaptations to any assessment model or grading system for any class.

2021 - 2022 school year

Full in-person learning for the entire year. Various HS classes experienced periods of quarantine due to positive Covid cases.

Class of 2024 (10th grade):

- End-of-semester exams for all HS students in both January 2022 and June 2022.
- No other changes made to our assessment model or grading system for these classes.
- SAT testing available in October, December, and May.

2020 - 2021 school year

From November 2020 - Spring 2021, all high school students spent most of this period in virtual learning. Some flexibility was given for in-person learning for lessons that required the use of laboratories and for students with learning disabilities.

Class of 2024 (9th grade):

- E-learning model with synchronous learning in all subjects during high school closures.
- No end-of-semester exams administered either semester for the class of 2024.
- Starting with 2nd semester report cards, semester grades are not averaged. They indicate the student's current level of achievement at the end of the semester. (N.B. This change was not due to Covid, but to a planned revision of our assessment policy.)
- No other changes made to our assessment model or grading system.

UNIVERSITY OFFERS SINCE 2019

United Kingdom

- Aberystwyth University
- Anglia Ruskin University
- Bath Spa University
- Bishop Burton College
- Bournemouth University
- Bristol, University of the West of England
- Brunel University London
- Cardiff University
- City, University London
- De Montfort University
- [Durham University](#)
- Goldsmiths, University of London
- [Hartpury University](#)
- [Hult International Business School](#)
- [Imperial College London](#)
- Istituto Marangoni London
- Keele University
- [King's College London](#)
- Kingston University London
- Leeds Beckett University
- Leeds Trinity University
- Liverpool Hope University
- [London Metropolitan University](#)
- London School of Economics (LSE)
- London South Bank University
- Loughborough University
- Middlesex University London
- Newcastle University
- [Northeastern University - London](#)
- [Oxford Brookes University](#)
- Queen Mary University of London
- [Regent's University London](#)
- [Richmond, The American International University in London](#)
- Royal Holloway, University of London
- SOAS University of London
- Solent University
- St. Mary's University, Twickenham
- University College London (UCL)

United Kingdom

- University of Bath
- [University of Bath, IFY](#)
- University of Birmingham
- University of Brighton
- [University of Bristol](#)
- University of Central Lancashire
- University of Chester
- [University of Chichester](#)
- University of Derby
- University of East Anglia (UEA)
- University of East London
- University of Edinburgh
- University of Essex
- University of Exeter
- [University of Glasgow](#)
- University of the Highlands and Islands
- [University of Kent](#)
- University of Leeds
- University of Leicester
- University of Manchester
- University of Nottingham
- [University of Oxford](#)
- [University of Reading](#)
- University of Roehampton
- University of Sheffield
- University of Southampton
- University of St Andrews
- University of Surrey
- University of Sussex
- [University of the Arts London](#)
- University of Warwick
- University of Westminster, London
- University of York
- Warwickshire College
- Writtle University College
- York St John University

Each university listed above has made an offer of admission to at least one ISG student since 2019.

[Universities listed in blue have had at least one ISG student attend since 2019.](#)

A complete list of all universities that have made offers to ISG graduates since 2004 is on the [school website](#).

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United States of America

- American University
- Boston University
- Columbia University
- [Fisher College](#)
- Fordham University
- Gardner-Webb University
- George Mason University
- Hawai'i Pacific University
- [Hult International Business School](#)
- [Lone Star College](#)
- [Lynn University](#)
- Manhattan College
- [New York University](#)
- [Northeastern University](#)
- Pepperdine University
- Purdue University
- Queens College, City University of New York (CUNY)
- Santa Clara University
- [Suffolk University](#)
- University of California, Berkeley
- University of California, Irvine
- University of California, Los Angeles
- University of California, Santa Barbara
- University of Colorado, Boulder
- University of Miami
- University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
- University of North Carolina, Wilmington
- University of Tampa
- University of Vermont
- [University of Virginia](#)

Italy

- European School of Economics
- [Galileiana di Studi Superiori di Padova](#)
- [Humanitas University](#)
- [Istituto Marangoni Milano](#)
- [IULM - University of Languages and Communication](#)
- [John Cabot University](#)
- [Libera Università di Bolzano](#)
- [LUISS Guido Carli University](#)
- [Nuova Accademia di Belle Arti Milano \(NABA\)](#)
- [Politecnico di Torino](#)

Other

- **AUSTRALIA:** The University of Melbourne
- **AUSTRIA:** [Sigmund Freud University](#)
- **BELGIUM:** KU Leuven
- **CANADA:** Bishop's University, Dalhousie University, Mount Allison University, [University of Alberta](#), University of British Columbia
- **CHINA:** Chinese University of Hong Kong, [University of Hong Kong](#)
- **FRANCE:** [ESCP Europe Business School](#), ESSEC Business School, Sciences Po, The American University of Paris, University of London Institute in Paris
- **PRINCIPALITY OF MONACO:** [International University of Monaco](#)
- **SPAIN:** [ESADE](#), Harbour.Space University, [IE University](#), La Salle University, Saint Louis University Madrid
- **SWITZERLAND:** [École hôtelière de Lausanne](#), Webster University Geneva
- **THE NETHERLANDS:** Breda University of Applied Sciences, HAN University of Applied Sciences, [Hanze University of Applied Sciences](#), [Hotelschool The Hague](#), HU University of Applied Sciences Utrecht, Leiden University, [Maastricht University](#), The Hague University of Applied Sciences, Tilburg University, [TU Delft](#), University of Amsterdam, University of Groningen, [Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam](#)

Italy

- Scuola Superiore di Udine
- UniCamillus - Saint Camillus International University of Health Sciences
- [Università Bocconi](#)
- [Università Campus Bio-Medico](#)
- [Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore](#)
- [Università degli Studi di Firenze](#)
- [Università degli Studi di Genova](#)
- [Università degli Studi di Scienze Gastronomiche](#)
- [Università di Pavia](#)
- [Università Vita-Salute San Raffaele](#)

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