



THE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL IN GENOA

SINCE 1966

2025 - 2026 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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SAT Test Center Number:
58333

UCAS Centre Number:
45529

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 an IB continuum school, authorized to offer the IB DP, IB MYP, and IB PYP, and 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 2026 include the following:

- Group 1 - English A: language and literature, Italian A: literature, Russian A: literature (self-taught)
- Group 2 - English B, French B, German *ab initio*, Italian *ab initio* and B, Mandarin *ab initio* and B, Spanish B
- Group 3 - History, Economics, Psychology
- Group 4 - Biology, Chemistry, Computer science, Physics
- Group 5 - Mathematics: analysis & approaches (HL & SL), Mathematics: applications & interpretation (SL)
- 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 were the first school in the entire region of Liguria to offer 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 close to 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.
- 16** Since 2004 ISG graduates have gone to study at excellent universities in 16 different countries (the USA, the UK, Italy, Austria, Canada, China, Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Hungary, Ireland, Monaco, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and the Netherlands). Some have earned significant merit-based scholarships.
- 30** ISG offers more than 30 different after-school activities and enrichment opportunities for students, including debate club, math club, homework club, sports (volleyball, basketball, soccer, table tennis), cheerleading, music (recorder, piano, guitar, and the high school musical) as well as chess, cooking, and foreign languages. Our students can also participate in the school's Model United Nations club or Junior MUN club and have participated in MUN events throughout Europe. They can serve as members of the school's Student Council, JEDI Team (Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion), and the Green Team.
- 32.7** In the last five years of testing, the overall average score of all ISG students who earned the IB diploma was 32.7 points (out of a maximum possible 45). As an inclusive school, we are proud of our students' results.
- 60** The 2025-2026 academic year is the school's 60th 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 and IB PYP authorization in the spring of 2024.
- 94%** Since we had our first high school graduating class in the spring of 2004, 94% 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.
- 374** The school currently has 374 students enrolled in all grades. The high school population continues to experience significant growth from its original 13 to its current 112 today.

ISG IB RESULTS 2020 – 2025

	May 2025	May 2024	May 2023	May 2022	May 2021	May 2020
Summary	Between 2020 and 2025 the school has entered 127 candidates for the full IB diploma. 90.1% of them have passed and earned the IB diploma.					
ISG: Highest score of all candidates	42	42	36	43	45	43
ISG: Average score of all who earned the diploma	31.8	30.4	31.0	35.9	37.2	36.0
World-wide: Average score of all candidates (pass + not pass)	30.5	30.3	30.2	32.0	33.0	31.3
ISG: Average subject grade of all who earned the diploma	5.1	4.9	4.9	5.4	5.8	5.7
World-wide: Average subject grade of all candidates (pass + not pass)	4.9	4.9	4.8	5.1	5.3	5.1

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.

NB: In the cases when grades are initially calculated as a percent, they are then converted back to a 1-7 grade as per the above chart. These ISG grade boundaries are much stricter than those generally applied by the IB.

TOK in 11th and 12th grades is assessed on the IB's scale of A, B, C, D, E.

GPA:

The semester GPA is calculated by the sum of all GPA values per class divided by the total number of credits earned. Cumulative GPAs are calculated for each single year as the average of the two semester GPAs.

RANKING AND WEIGHTING:

ISG does not rank students, and we do not weight grades. The grades for all courses count towards GPAs.

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.

Most 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, India, Italy, Lebanon, Serbia, and Spain. The school continues to have strong enrollments, with students representing over 50 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, members of the JEDI group, 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.

UNIVERSITY OFFERS SINCE 2021

United States of America

- Auburn University
- Boston University
- Brown University
- Colorado School of Mines
- Dartmouth College
- Duke University
- Fisher College
- Florida Institute of Technology
- Gardner-Webb University
- Georgia Institute of Technology
- **Harvard University**
- Hawai'i Pacific University
- **Hult International Business School**
- James Madison University
- Loyola Marymount University
- **Lynn University**
- Manhattan University
- **New York University - Stern School of Business**
- Northeastern University
- Northwestern University

United States of America

- Pepperdine University
- **Purdue University**
- Santa Clara University
- Southern Methodist University
- Suffolk University
- Texas A&M University
- The George Washington University
- University of California, Berkeley
- University of California, San Diego
- University of California, Santa Barbara
- University of Colorado, Boulder
- University of Denver
- University of Miami
- University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
- University of North Carolina, Wilmington
- University of Tampa
- **University of Utah**
- **University of Virginia**
- Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech)

Each university listed above has made an offer of admission to at least one ISG student since 2021.

Universities listed in blue have had at least one ISG student attend since 2021.

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 Kingdom

- Anglia Ruskin University
- Bath Spa University
- Bournemouth University
- Brunel University London
- Cardiff University
- City St George's, University of London
- De Montfort University
- Durham University
- Goldsmiths, University of London
- **Hult International Business School**
- **Imperial College London**
- **King's College London**
- Kingston University London
- Lancaster University
- Leeds Beckett University
- Liverpool Hope University
- **London Metropolitan University**
- London South Bank University
- Loughborough University
- Manchester Metropolitan London
- **Middlesex University**
- Newcastle University
- Northeastern University - London
- Nottingham Trent University
- **Oxford Brookes University**
- Queen Mary University of London
- **Regent's University London**
- **Richmond American University London**
- Royal Holloway, University of London
- **Solent University**
- St. Mary's University, Twickenham

United Kingdom

- The University of Edinburgh
- UCL - University College London
- **University of Bath**
- University of Birmingham
- University of Brighton
- **University of Bristol**
- University of Derby
- University of East Anglia (UEA)
- University of East London
- University of Essex
- University of Exeter
- University of Huddersfield
- University of Hull
- **University of Glasgow**
- **University of Kent**
- University of Leeds
- University of Leicester
- University of Liverpool
- **University of Manchester**
- University of Nottingham
- University of Reading
- University of Roehampton
- University of Southampton
- University of St Andrews
- University of Surrey
- University of Sussex
- University of Warwick
- University of West London
- **University of Westminster, London**
- York St John University

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ITALY

- Bocconi University
- European School of Economics
- Free University of Bozen-Bolzano
- Galileiana di Studi Superiori di Padova
- Humanitas University
- Istituto di Alti Studi SSML Carlo Bo
- Istituto Marangoni Milano
- John Cabot University
- LUISS Guido Carli University
- NABA - Nuova Accademia di Belle Arti Milano
- Politecnico di Milano
- Politecnico di Torino
- Scuola Superiore dell'Università degli Studi di Udine
- The American University of Rome
- UniCamillus - Saint Camillus International University of Health Sciences
- United International Business School
- Università Campus Bio-Medico
- Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore
- Università degli Studi di Genova
- Università degli Studi di Padova
- Università degli Studi di Pavia
- Università IULM
- Università IULM (Libera Università di Lingue e Comunicazione)
- AUSTRALIA: The University of Melbourne
- AUSTRIA: Sigmund Freud University Vienna
- BELGIUM: Brussels School of Governance
- CANADA: Bishop's University, Dalhousie University, Mount Allison University, University of Alberta
- CHINA: Chinese University of Hong Kong, University of Hong Kong (HKU)
- CZECH REPUBLIC: Anglo-American University in Prague
- FRANCE: American Business School of Paris, American University of Paris, ESCP Business School, ESSEC Business School, IFA - International Fashion Academy, Paris Business School
- IRELAND: Griffith College, Trinity College Dublin
- PRINCIPALITY OF MONACO: International University of Monaco
- SPAIN: Alfonso X El Sabio University, EAE Business School, ESADE, ESIC University, European School of Economics, GBSB Global Business School, Geneva Business School Barcelona, IE University, Saint Louis University Madrid, Universidad Europea de Madrid
- SWEDEN: Lund University
- SWITZERLAND: EHL - École hôtelière de Lausanne
- THE NETHERLANDS: Breda University of Applied Sciences, Eindhoven University of Technology (TU Eindhoven), HAN University of Applied Sciences, Hanze University of Applied Sciences, Hotelschool The Hague, HU University of Applied Sciences Utrecht, Inholland University of Applied Sciences, Leiden University, Maastricht University, NHL Stenden University of Applied Sciences, The Hague University of Applied Sciences, Tilburg University, TU Delft, University of Amsterdam, University of Groningen, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

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