



High School Academic Profile 2016



Hong Kong International School

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Mission

Dedicating our minds to inquiry, our hearts to compassion, and our lives to service and global understanding

An American-style education grounded in the Christian faith and respecting the spiritual lives of all

Vision

HKIS will be a leading place of learning that inspires a socially engaged community of collaborative, creative, and resilient learners dedicated to realizing their full potential.



Accreditation

Hong Kong International School is a member of the East Asia Regional Council of Schools and is fully accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.



Students

HKIS enjoys a diverse student body committed equally to academic excellence and service around the world. HKIS students are noted for being active in the community, eager to learn, as well as ambitious and entrepreneurial. **The class of 2016 consists of 176 students.** Nearly 100% of a typical class pursues tertiary study, over 80% of them at colleges and universities in the United States, and of whom nearly 90% earn acceptance to Phi Beta Kappa Institutions*.



School Calendar

The school operates under a 180-day calendar, divided into two semesters. The first semester begins the third week of August and concludes mid-January. The second semester begins the second week of January and concludes early June.



Student Learning Results

In addition to providing a rigorous course of study, HKIS targets student growth in six domains: Academic Excellence, Spirituality, Character Development, Self-Motivated Learning, Contributing to Society, and Chinese Culture.



School and Community

Hong Kong International School, a private coeducational day school, serves students (Pre-K to Grade 12) in the international community who seek an American-style college preparatory education in a Christian setting. Students come from business, government, and professional families. HKIS serves over 2600 students, of whom 56% are from the United States, 6% are from Hong Kong, and 38% are from 40 other countries. 756 students are enrolled in the High School.



Faculty

HKIS attracts and retains an outstanding faculty, 73% of whom hold advanced degrees, by providing a vibrant work environment and exceptional professional development opportunities. The average tenure is 7.28 years. The faculty-student ratio is 1:10.



Interim

Interim is an annual 7-8 day off-campus experiential service and learning program for all four high school grade levels. Through its cultivation of communication and leadership skills, self-awareness and self-reliance, compassion and cross-cultural understanding, the program promotes student growth relative to the six Student Learning Results. The Interim experiences form an integral part of the high school curriculum, and annual participation is a graduation requirement for all students.

Counseling Practice & HKIS Policy on Early Plans

HKIS will support up to 10 college applications and counsels its students to use this allowance deliberately and wisely. In addition, HKIS limits the number of early plans to which students may apply; they may apply to one early decision and one early action or two early action plans. HKIS students understand that early decision is a global decision, and, should they be admitted under an early decision agreement, they must withdraw applications from all other institutions. The students are also aware that their college counselors will inform all other colleges to which applications have been submitted of those decisions.

In its observation of NACAC Best Practices, when asked, HKIS will, through established reporting structures, disclose to colleges and universities disciplinary infractions that result in out-of-school student suspensions.

All HKIS seniors complete the FERPA agreement online.

*About 10% of U.S. colleges meet the stringent criteria of academic excellence in the liberal arts and sciences to qualify for membership to this prestigious honor society.

Advanced Placement Exam Results: *Subject*

Subject	5	4	3	2	1	Total Exams
Biology	13	18	4	1	--	36
Calculus AB	32	19	21	6	8	86
Calculus BC	25	5	1	--	--	31
Capstone Research	3	7	7	6	--	23
Capstone Seminar	10	15	20	1	--	46
Chemistry	37	28	4	1	--	70
Chinese Language	57	17	7	--	--	81
Computer Science	6	3	8	2	2	21
English Language & Composition	25	19	31	2	--	77
English Literature & Composition	12	17	15	6	--	50
Environmental Science	9	13	3	4	1	30
European History	3	7	3	2	--	15
French Language	5	2	--	--	--	7
Government & Politics Comparative	15	13	4	4	1	37
Government & Politics US	14	12	4	2	2	34
Human Geography	14	5	2	2	1	24
Macroeconomics	71	28	8	7	2	116
Microeconomics	66	32	12	5	4	119
Physics I	9	10	--	--	--	19
Physics C: <i>E & M</i>	20	5	--	1	--	26
Physics C: <i>Mechanics</i>	20	4	1	--	--	25
Psychology	51	17	5	2	--	75
Spanish Language	2	5	2	--	--	9
Statistics	23	16	12	4	1	56
Studio Art 2D	3	3	3	--	--	9
United States History	11	4	3	--	1	34
World History	9	20	16	--	--	45

Class of 2017 Distribution of Six-Semester Cumulative Grade-Point Averages

GPA	Percent in Range
3.67-4.00	36%
3.33-3.66	31%
3.00-3.32	22%
2.66-2.99	6%
<2.67	5%

Grade Point Average & Class Rank

Hong Kong International School computes a student's Grade Point Average on a 4-point scale, using only grades earned at HKIS. HKIS neither weights grades nor uses percentage equivalents of letter grades. HKIS does not report rank in class.

Changes to Grading & Assessment Practices

Starting with the 2015-16 school year, the high school at Hong Kong International School moved to standards referenced grading and assessment. These practices explicitly address the students' performance according to the published learning standards of our curriculum, which is the approach to assessment and grading supported by the schoolwide HKIS Shared Philosophy of Education statement.

There is no change in the rigor of the classes, nor in the ability to differentiate one HKIS student's performance from another. Grades more accurately demonstrate each student's knowledge, understanding and mastery of skills.

Grading Scale

Grade	Prev	Since 2015-16
A	4.0	4.0
A-	3.67	3.67
B+	3.33	3.33
B	3.0	3.0
B-	2.67	-
C+	2.33	-
C	2.0	2.33
C-	1.67	-
D+	1.33	-
D	1.0	1.33
D-	0.67	-
F	0.00	0.00

HKIS's Advanced Placement Policy

- 26 AP courses offered.
- Juniors & seniors are counseled to take no more than three AP courses a year.
- Students enrolled in an AP course must take the corresponding exam in May.

Advanced Placement Exam Results: *Overall (2014-16)*

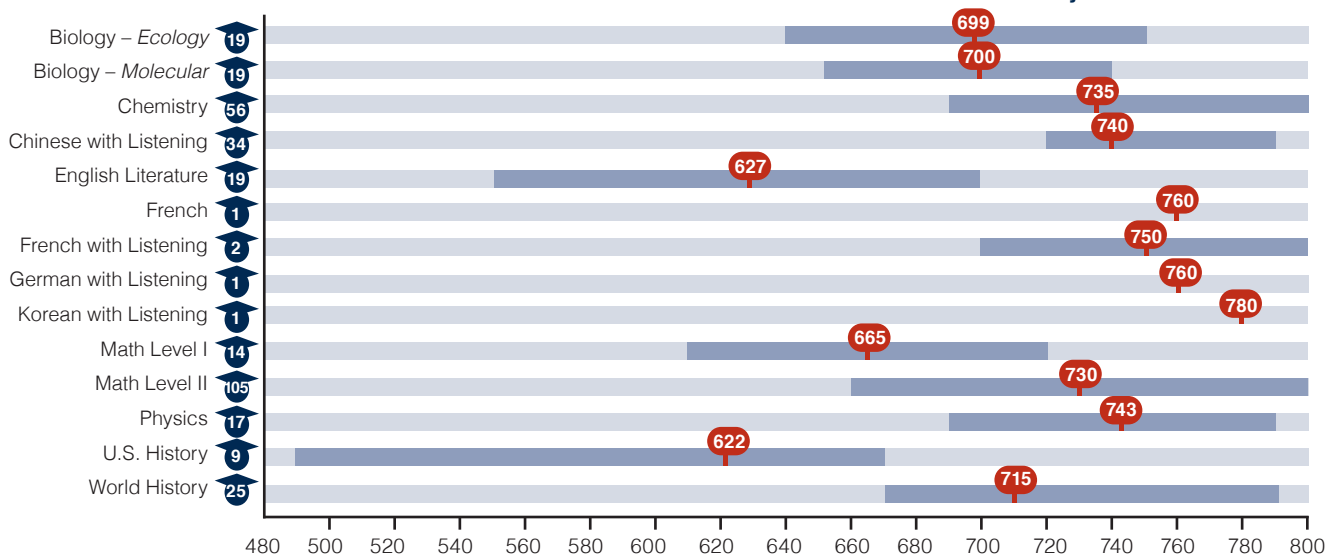
GPA	2014	2015	2016
Candidates	409	436	437
Exams Taken	1099	1079	1192
Percent of Exams that Earned Passing Scores (3+)	90	92	93
Percent of Exams that earned a 4 or 5	76	76	77

Class of 2016 SAT Scores

Middle 50-Percentile Scores and Mean for SAT (2400)

	Middle 50%	Mean
Critical Reading	600-720	656
Math	650-760	698
Writing	610-740	673

Class of 2016 50-Percentile Scores & Mean for SAT Subject Tests



Academic Program

To earn a diploma, a student must earn a minimum of 22 credits distributed as follows: English (4), Mathematics (3), Science (2), Social Studies (2), Modern Languages (2), Religion (1.5), Fine Arts (1.5), P.E. (2), and electives sufficient to complete the 22 credits. Students must also complete an Interim experience and participate in a comprehensive counseling curriculum for each year of residency at HKIS. In the final two years of high school, each student must write and defend a Junior Research Paper and undertake and present a Senior Project.

ENGLISH

Junior English (1)
Senior English: Asian or Western (1)
Senior English: Rhetoric of Non-Fiction (1)
AP English Literature (1)
Film: Critical Introduction (1)
Journalism (.5)
Effective Speech Communication (.5)

MATHEMATICS

Algebra (1)
Advanced Algebra (1)
Advanced Algebra (Honors) (1)
Geometry (1)
Geometry (Honors) (1)
PreCalculus (1)
PreCalculus (Honors) (1)
Models in Math A & B (.5 each)
Math of Human Behavior (.5)
Statistics (.5)
AP Statistics (1)
AP Calculus AB (1)
AP Calculus BC (1)
Topics in Advanced Mathematics (1)

SCIENCE

Physical Science (1)
Biology (1)
Biology (Honors) (1)
AP Biology (1)
AP Environmental Science (1)
Chemistry (1)
Chemistry (Honors) (1)
AP Chemistry (1)
Physics (1)
Physics (Honors) (1)
AP Physics 1 (1)
AP Physics C (1)
Astronomy (.5)
Earth Science (.5)
Forensic Science (.5)
Human Biology / Sports Science (.5)
Marine Biology (.5)

SOCIAL STUDIES

Asian History & Action: Cambodia (.5)
Business Leadership (.5)
International Business (.5)
Introduction to Psychology (.5)
Introduction to Sociology (.5)
Young Women: Challenges & Empowerment (.5)

Peace Studies (.5)
Political Economics of Sustainable Development (.5)
AP Capstone Seminar (1)
AP Capstone Research (1)
AP European History (1)
AP Comparative Government and Politics (.5)
AP United States Government and Politics (.5)
AP Human Geography (1)
AP Macroeconomics (.5)
AP Microeconomics (.5)
AP Psychology (1)
AP United States History (1)
AP World History (1)

MODERN LANGUAGES

French I-IV (1 each)
French Conversation & Culture (1)
French Language and Culture (Honors) (1)
AP French Language and Culture (1)
Mandarin as a Second Language Foundation I & II (1 each)
Mandarin as a Second Language Intermediate I-III (1 each)
Mandarin as a Second Language Advanced I-II (1 each)
Mandarin as a Second Language Advanced Honors (1)
Mandarin for Near Native Learners I-VI (1 each)
Chinese Language and Culture (1)
Spanish I-IV (1 each)
Spanish Conversation and Culture (1)
Spanish Language and Culture (Honors) (1)
AP Spanish Language and Culture (1)

RELIGION

Biblical Traditions (.5)
Service, Society and the Sacred (.5)
Spiritual Community (.5)
Spiritual Practices of the East (.5)
World Religions (.5)
Personal Spirituality Project (.5)
Existentialism (.5)
Jesus Christ: Movie Star (.5)

VISUAL ART, DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY

3D Studio (.5)
2D Studio I-III (.5 each)
Graphic Design I & II (.5 each)
Photography & Digital Imaging I-III (.5 each)
Fashion Design I & II (.5 each)
Art and Design Advanced Studio (.5)

AP Art History (1)
AP Studio Art 2D & 3D (1)
Digital Media Design (.5)
Robotics (.5)
Invent to Learn (.5)
Introduction to Game Design (.5)
Introduction to Programming (.5)
AP Computer Principles (1)
AP Computer Science (1)

PERFORMING ARTS

Integrated Arts (.5)
Drama Workshop I & II (.5 each)
Drama Production I & II (.5 each)
Musical Theatre Workshop (.5)
Stagecraft for the Theater (.5)
Effective Speech Communication (.5)
Symphonic Band – Brass and Percussion (1)
Symphonic Band – Woodwind (1)
Orchestra (.5)
String Ensemble (1)
Wind Ensemble – Brass & Percussion (1)
Wind Ensemble – Woodwind (1)
Guitar I & II (.5 each)
Concert Choir (.5 or 1)
Men's Choir (1)
Madrigal Singers (1)
Women's Choir (1)

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Physical Education Grade 9 (.5)
Physical Education Grade 10 (.5)
Physical Education Grade 11 (.5)
Physical Education Grade 12 (.5)

INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

(English and Social Studies Credit)
Humanities I (English/History) (1/1)
Humanities I In Action (English/History) (1/1)
Humanities II (English/U.S. History) (1/1)
Humanities III (English/History) (1/1)

LEARNING SUPPORT

Learning Strategies (.5)
Strategies for Self Advocacy (.25)

DEVELOPMENTAL GUIDANCE

Seminar Program Grade 9-12

GLOBAL ONLINE ACADEMY

Consortium of the world's leading independent schools using online platforms for classrooms.

College Matriculation 2014 – 2016

A team of eight counselors offers students personalized guidance to help them understand and articulate their own interests, needs and aspirations and to choose post-secondary experiences appropriate to that understanding. Nearly 100% of our graduates pursue tertiary study, over 80% of them at colleges and universities in the US. In the last three years, HKIS graduates have attended the following institutions:

U.S.A.			
American University	2	Middlebury College	1
Appalachian State University	1	Mount Holyoke College	1
Arcadia University	1	Muhlenberg College	1
Auburn University	1	New York Institute of Technology	1
Babson College	1	New York University	27
Barnard College	1	Northeastern University	19
Baylor University	1	Northwestern University	5
Bentley University	2	Occidental College	6
Bethany College	1	Ohio Wesleyan University	1
Bob Jones University	1	Pace University, New York City	1
Boston College	2	Pennsylvania State University, all campuses	1
Boston University	20	Pepperdine University	1
Bowdoin College	1	Pitzer College	3
Brandeis University	1	Pratt Institute	1
Brigham Young University	4	Princeton University	8
Brigham Young University, Idaho	1	Purdue University	7
Brown University	4	Purdue University Calumet	1
Bryn Mawr College	1	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	1
Buffalo State College of SUNY	1	Rhode Island School of Design	2
California College of the Arts (San Francisco)	1	Rice University	1
California Lutheran University	1	Rochester Institute of Technology	2
California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo	2	Saint Mary's College of California	1
Carleton College	1	San Jose State University	1
Carnegie Mellon University	12	Santa Clara University	3
Case Western	3	School of the Art Institute of Chicago	1
Chapman University	2	Scrpps College	3
Claremont McKenna College	3	Sewanee: The University of the South	1
Clark University	1	Skidmore College	1
Colby College	3	Southern Illinois University, Carbondale	2
Colgate University	4	Stanford University	1
College of the Holy Cross	1	Suffolk University	3
College of William and Mary	2	Swarthmore College	2
Colorado College	2	Syracuse University	2
Colorado State University	1	The College of Wooster	1
Columbia University	7	The Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science & Art	1
Connecticut College	1	The George Washington University	3
Cornell University	10	The New School: Parsons School of Design	5
Dartmouth College	2	The Ohio State University	1
DePaul University	1	The University of Alabama	1
Drexel University	3	The University of Arizona	1
Duke University	2	Trinity University	1
Elon University	2	Tufts University	5
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University	1	Tulane University	1
Emerson College	3	United States Naval Academy	2
Emory University	1	University of California, Berkeley	13
Endicott University	1	University of California, Davis	2
Fordham University	6	University of California, Irvine	2
Full Sail University	2	University of California, Los Angeles	9
George Mason University	1	University of California, Riverside	1
Georgetown University	5	University of California, San Diego	5
Georgia Institute of Technology	1	University of California, Santa Barbara	1
Gordon College	1	University of California, Santa Cruz	3
Hamilton College, NY	1	University of Connecticut	1
Harvard University	3	University of Chicago	4
Haverford College	1	University of Hawaii at Manoa	1
Hobart and William Smith Colleges	1	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	2
Hofstra University	2	University of Maryland, College Park	1
Illinois Wesleyan University	1	University of Massachusetts, Amherst	1
Indiana University at Bloomington	4	University of Massachusetts, Boston	1
James Madison University	1	University of Miami	6
Johns Hopkins University	2	University of Michigan	5
Kenyon College	1	University of Missouri, Columbia	2
La Salle University	1	University of Montana - Missoula	1
Lafayette College	4	University of Notre Dame	1
Lawrence University	1	University of Pennsylvania	10
Lehigh University	3	University of Portland	1
Lindenwood University	1	University of Rhode Island	1
Lipscomb University	1	University of Richmond	1
Loyola Marymount University	7	University of Rochester	2
Loyola University Chicago	2	University of San Francisco	2
Marist College	1	University of South Carolina	1
Marymount California University	2	University of Southern California	12
Massachusetts Institute of Technology	4	University of Utah	1
Menlo College	1	University of Virginia	6
Miami University, Oxford	1	University of Washington	2
		University of Wisconsin-Madison	5
		Utah State University	2
		Vassar College	1
		Villanova University	1
		Virginia Tech	1
		Wake Forest University	1
		Washington College	1
		Washington State University	1
		Washington University in St. Louis	1
		Wellesley College	3
		Wesleyan University	3
		Westmont College	1
		Wheaton College MA	1
		Williams College	1
		Yale University	1
		Other Countries	
		Australia	
		University of Melbourne	1
		University of New South Wales	1
		Canada	
		McGill University	5
		Queen's University	2
		Simon Fraser University	2
		University of British Columbia	9
		University of Calgary	1
		University of Guelph	1
		University of Toronto	9
		Western University	2
		France	
		The American University of Paris	1
		Hong Kong	
		Hong Kong Polytechnic University	1
		The Chinese University of Hong Kong	1
		The Hong Kong University of Science & Technology	2
		University of Hong Kong	3
		Ireland	
		Trinity College Dublin	1
		University College Dublin	1
		Japan	
		International Christian University	1
		Korea	
		Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology	1
		Netherlands	
		Amsterdam University College	1
		Singapore	
		La Salle College of Arts	1
		Switzerland	
		Ecole Hôtelière de Lausanne	1
		Les Roches International School of Hotel Management	1
		U.K.	
		Brighton and Sussex Medical School	1
		Durham University	3
		Hult International Business School	1
		Imperial College London	3
		King's College London	7
		London College of Fashion	1
		London School of Economics and Political Science	1
		Royal Holloway, University of London	2
		University College London	3
		University of Bath	2
		University of Edinburgh	1
		University of Oxford	1
		University of Reading	1
		University of St. Andrews	1
		University of the Arts London	1