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Founded in 1947, the United Nations International School (UNIS) is an independent college preparatory day school. With approximately 1,600 students from pre-kindergarten through twelfth grade, the school is accredited by the Council of International Schools (CIS) and chartered by the New York State Board of Regents. There are two campuses: in Queens, schooling children from kindergarten through eighth grade, and a pre-kindergarten through twelfth-grade school in Manhattan. The High School at UNIS is called Tutorial House. Overall, the students represent 111 countries and collectively speak over 100 languages.

mission and guiding principles

Under the auspices of the United Nations and guided by its ideals, UNIS provides an inclusive and diverse learning environment in which rigorous international programs foster academic excellence, innovation, creativity and cross-cultural communication to educate and inspire its students to become an active force in shaping a better world: peaceful, compassionate and sustainable.
language diversity

Multilingualism permeates the UNIS campus, in the school’s mission, curriculum, and student activities. All language classes at UNIS are taught by native speakers. The Modern Language department, the largest faculty at UNIS, organizes many events to enrich students’ learning and the community.

All students begin the study of French or Spanish in Kindergarten and another second language (Arabic, Chinese, German, Italian, Japanese or Russian) in Middle School. UNIS students usually take three languages, including English, through Grade 10. In Grades 11 and 12, students continue to study two or three languages, including English, to meet IB Diploma requirements. 19% of students in the last three graduating classes graduated with the Bilingual IB Diploma. The French mother tongue program is known as the Francophone program which includes the option to study Humanities (Grades 9-10) and Theory of Knowledge (Grades 11-12) in French. In addition, UNIS fosters the study of other mother tongue languages through an after-school program with UNIS-approved tutors.

activities, the arts, and athletics

Activities: 58 clubs, committees, and publications: 22 Advocacy, 9 Activism/Political, 8 Academic, 7 Media/Publication, 6 Cultural, and 6 Arts/Recreation clubs. Many increase awareness for causes and raise money to support them. Students participate in academic conferences such as Model UN and the Student Diversity Leadership Conference, and a range of student-led programs such as the annual UNIS-UN, Model UN, and Human Rights conferences, and Teen Tech New York. The student newspaper UNISverse, Literary Magazine LitMag, and Yearbook provide numerous editorial opportunities.

Athletics: 8 Varsity Sports: Baseball, Basketball, Cross Country, Soccer, Softball, Tennis, Track and Field (indoor and outdoor), Volleyball; 15 Varsity Teams; 3 Junior Varsity Teams (Grades 9 & 10).

Arts: Extensive Music, Theater, Film and Visual Arts productions, performances, and exhibitions.

Music: Tutorial House music ensembles include the Jazz Band, Senior Wind Ensemble/String Ensemble/Senior Chorus, and the Vocal Chamber Ensemble. Several annual concerts, including Graduation performance at the United Nations General Assembly and a Spring Carnegie Hall concert. Extra-curricular music program includes numerous guest artists, clinicians, and field trips. Vocal Chamber Ensemble performs at special events in New York and has toured in Europe.

Theater: Several major annual productions, including original plays, musicals, Theatre Workshop plays, student-directed one-act plays, and a multilingual International Festival of Performing Arts. 2015-16 highlights include: First International Festival of Performing Arts produced in Spring 2016: students, teachers, and staff created, wrote, directed, and choreographed original work in 8 different languages.

Film and Visual Arts: Visual arts students produce and curate a body of work for exhibition. The 2015 exhibition titled “Oops, Made You Look” was shown publicly in NYC’s Chelsea art district. Visual art students also work with UNIS theater productions to create sets and costumes. Film students use college-level film production equipment to complete works for submission into local and national film festivals.

un & unis ideals and student activism

UNIS-UN Conference, a unique annual event focusing on a major social theme with students from around the world. Organized by Tutorial 3 and 4 students, the conference is held in the UN General Assembly. The 2016 Conference topic was Media’s Influence: Opinions, Activism, and Outcomes.

Picture Justice: A Play About Mass Incarceration in the United States, devised, written, and co-directed by Tutorial House students.

18th Annual Human Rights Conference, a 2-day student-led conference at UNIS and the UN headquarters focused on a human rights issue. In 2016, the theme was gender equality.

students 2017

| Students enrolled grades 9-12 | 490 |
| Grade 12 enrollment | 121 |
| UN affiliation | 61% |
| Nationalities represented | 44 |
| Two or more nationalities | 24 |

exam results 2016

In May 2016, 134 students in Grades 11 and 12 sat for 722 IB exams in 65 subjects. 74 students participated in the Diploma Program; 70 earned the diploma (95% UNIS pass rate; 79% world pass rate). The scores of 34 subjects were above the world mean.

IB Score Distribution - 2016

SAT Score Distribution 2016

Median Score Range: 520-670 510-670 540-670

ACT Score Distribution 2016

Median Score: English 27 Math 26 Reading 29 Science 26 Composite 27
UNIS students are not ranked. Grading at UNIS is similar to the International Baccalaureate (IB) system, with grades ranging from 7+ to 2.

Grades 9 and 10 (Preparation for the IB Program)
In Grades 9 and 10, all students take English, two modern languages, mathematics, and physical education. Students must select up to two electives from the list below.

- Elective subjects are Art (Drawing, 3D Animation or Art Dimensions), Drama, Filmmaking and Film Studies, Game Design in Java, Robotics, Journalism, Music (Chorus, String/Wind ensembles, Music Theory or Guitar), Yearbook.
- All language classes at UNIS are taught by native speakers. English Language Learning (ELL) is also offered at each grade level. Languages offered are Arabic, Chinese, English, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Russian and Spanish.

Grade 11 and 12 (IB Program)
In Grades 11 and 12, all students enroll in IB courses taken at a Standard Level (SL) or Higher Level (HL). Students pursue either an IB Diploma or an IB Course Program. IB Diploma candidates take three HL and three SL courses, and must meet the IB Core Requirements. IB Course Candidates may take up to six IB courses at any level (HL or SL) and are not required to complete the IB Core Requirements, but must complete a Senior Project.

All IB courses are offered at the Higher Level (HL) and Standard Level (SL) unless otherwise noted. Three categories of language courses are offered: Language A (which includes three types of literature courses), Language B (acquisition), and Language Ab Initio (beginner). Students are required to choose at least one language course in addition to their English course. Students who choose two Languages A are eligible for the IB Bilingual Diploma.

- IB Core Requirements: Extended Essay (4,000-word research paper), Theory of Knowledge (epistemology course offered in English or French), and Creativity-Action-Service requirement.

Group 1 First Language (Language A): Literature, Language & Literature, or Literature & Performance (SL). Languages offered: Arabic, Chinese, English, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Russian, and Spanish.

Group 2 Second Language: Language A (see above), Language B, or Language Ab Initio SL. Languages offered are Arabic, Chinese, English, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Russian or Spanish. Other languages may be taken as an IB-approved School-supported Self-Taught Literature SL course, e.g. Dutch, Hebrew, Portuguese.


Group 4: Experimental Sciences: Biology, Chemistry, Physics, and Environmental Systems & Societies SL.

Group 5: Mathematics: Mathematics HL, Mathematics SL, or Mathematics Studies SL.

Group 6: Arts or Elective: Art, (Film, Music, Theater, Visual Arts), or an Elective (3rd Language, 2nd Experimental Science, or 2nd Social Science).

IB Higher Level (IBH) grades are weighted on the transcript at two steps above the awarded grade.

IB Standard Level (IBS) grades are weighted at one step above the awarded grade.
**UNIVERSITIES IN THE U.S.A.**

American Musical and Dramatic Academy 1  
American University 2 (1)  
Babson College 1  
Bard College 4(1)  
Barnard College 6 (2)  
Bates College (1)  
Beekley School of Music 1  
Boston College 4  
Boston University 15 (3)  
Bowdoin College 1  
Brandeis University 3  
Brown University 4  
Bryn Mawr College 4  
Bucknell University 1  
California College of the Arts 1  
Carnegie Mellon University 1  
Champlain College 4 (1)  
City University of New York:  
Baruch College 3 (1)  
Brooklyn College 1  
Hunter College 3 (1)  
Colby College 2  
Colgate University 1  
College of William & Mary (2)  
Columbia College Chicago 1  
Columbia University 4 (2)  
Connecticut College (1)  
Cornell University 8 (1)  
Dartmouth College 4  
Dickinson College 2  
Drew University 1  
Drexel University 2  
Duke University 5 (2)  
Elon University 4  
Emerson College (1)  
Emory University 10 (3)  
Eugene Lang College 5 (1)  
Florida State University 2  
Fordham University 8 (2)  
Franklin & Marshall College 3  
George Washington University 18 (3)  
Georgetown University 2  
Georgia Institute of Technology 2  
Gettysburg College 1  
Hamilton College 5  
Harvard College 1  
Harvard University 2  
Haverford College 1  
Hobart and William Smith Colleges 1  
Hofstra University 1  
Howard University (1)  
Iona College 1  
Ithaca College (1)  
Johns Hopkins University 4 (1)  
Lafayette College (1)  
Lehigh University 1  
Long Island University 1  
Loyola Marymount University 1  
Loyola University of New Orleans 1  
Lynn University 1  
Manhattan School of Music (1)  
Marist College (2)  
Maryland Institute College of Art (1)  
Marymount Manhattan College 1  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology 4  
Middlebury College 1  
Monroe College (1)  
Mount Holyoke College 4 (1)  
New England Conservatory of Music 1  
New York Institute of Technology 1  
New York University 32 (9)  
Northeastern University 8 (1)  
Northwestern University 3  
Oberlin College 2  
Oberlin Conservatory of Music 1  
Occidental College 2  
Oxford College of Emory University 1  
Pace University (1)  
Parsons School of Design 5  
Pennsylvania State University 4  
Pepperdine University 1  
Pitzer College 3 (2)  
Pratt Institute 1  
Princeton University 5  
Providence College 1  
Purdue University 3 (1)  
Quinnipiac University 1  
Reed College 5  
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute 1  
Rhode Island School of Design 3  
Rivier College 1  
Rochester Institute of Technology 2  
Rollins College 1  
Rutgers University 4  
Saint Lawrence University 1  
Salve Regina University 1  
Sarah Lawrence College 5 (1)  
Savannah College of Art and Design 2  
School of the Art Institute of Chicago 2 (1)  
School of Visual Arts 4  
Simmons College 1  
Skidmore College 3  
Smith College 2  
St. Lawrence University 1  
Stanford University 1  
State University of New York:  
Binghamton 1  
Fashion Institute of Technology 2 (1)  
Purchase 1  
Stony Brook 1  
Swarthmore College 3  
Syracuse University 3  
Temple University 1  
Trinity College 5  
Tufts University 2  
Tulane University 3  
Union College 1  
US Military Academy 1  
US Naval Academy 1  
University of California at:  
Irvine 1  
Los Angeles 1  
San Diego 1  
University of Chicago 3  
University of Illinois 1  
University of Maryland (1)  
University of Massachusetts 3  
University of Michigan 6 (2)  
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill 1  
University of Pennsylvania 1  
University of Rochester 2 (1)  
University of San Francisco 4 (1)  
University of Southern California-Film School 1  
University of Vermont 2  
University of Virginia (2)  
Vanderbilt University 1  
Vassar College 8 (1)  
Wagner College 1  
Washington University 5 (2)  
Wellesley College 1  
Yale University 2  

**UNIVERSITIES OUTSIDE THE U.S.A.**

**Australia**  
Curtin University 1  
Queensland University of Technology 1  
University of New South Wales 1  

**Austria**  
Modul Tourism College 1  
University of Vienna 1  
University of Vienna-Institute For Film & Media 1  

**Belgium**  
University of Leuven (1)  

**Canada**  
Bishops University 1  
Carleton University 1  
Concordia University 3 (1)  
McGill University 24 (3)  
Queens University (1)  
University of British Columbia 5 (1)  
University of Toronto 3 (1)  
University of Waterloo (1)  

**Denmark**  
Copenhagen Business School 1  
University College of Northern Denmark 1  

**France**  
American University of Paris 1  
Ecole Superieure Internationale de Savignac 1  
Institute National des Sciences  
Appliquees de Lyon 1  
Prep’art Toulouse 1  
Sciences Po 2 (1)  

**Germany**  
Freie Universität Berlin 1  
Humboldt University 1  
Jacobs University 1  
University of Frankfurt 1  
University of Hamburg (1)  

**Ghana**  
Akwaui University 1  

**Iceland**  
Reykjavik University 1  

**Ireland**  
University College Dublin 1  

**Israel**  
IDC Herzliya-Raphael Recanati International School (1)  

**Japan**  
International Christian University 1  
Waseda University 1  

**Korea**  
KAIST University 2  

**Malaysia**  
International Islamic University 2 (1)  

**Netherlands**  
Amsterdam University College 1  
Erasmus University 2  
Leiden University College (1)  
University College Maastricht 1  
University College Utrecht 2  

**Panama**  
Florida State University 1  

**Paraguay**  
Universidad Catolica “Nuestra Sehora de Asuncion” (1)  

**Portugal**  
Universidade Nove de Lisboa 1  

**Singapore**  
Yale-NUS College (1)  

**Spain**  
Les Roches Hotel School 1  

**Sweden**  
Linkopings University 1  

**Switzerland**  
Les Roches Hotel School 1  
University of Lausanne 1  

**Taiwan**  
Ming Chuan University (1)  

**United Kingdom**  
Abertystwyth University 1  
Kings College London 2 (1)  
London School of Economics 1  
Plymouth University (1)  
Regents College London 1  
Richmond American University of London 1  
Saint Mary’s University College, Twickenham 1  
University College London 1  
University for the Creative Arts 1  
University of Aberdeen 2  
University of the Arts London 1  
University of Bristol 2 (1)  
University of East Anglia of 1  
University of Edinburgh 2  
University of Exeter 3 (2)  
University of Kent 5  
University of Liverpool 1  
University of Manchester 2  
University of Newcastle 1  
University of Dundee 1  
University of Nottingham 1  
University of Oxford 1  
University of Royal Holloway 2  
University of Saint Andrews 1  
University of Sussex 1  
University of Winchester (1)  
University of York 2  

**Venezuela**  
Central University of Venezuela in Caracas 1