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Founded in 1947, the United Nations International School (UNIS) is celebrating its 71st year as 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 112 countries and speak 91 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.

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## A MULTILINGUAL ENVIRONMENT

Multilingualism permeates the UNIS campus, in the school's mission, curriculum, and student activities. All eight official languages of the United Nations are offered at UNIS, and 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.

## A STRONG CONNECTION WITH THE UNITED NATIONS

About 60% of our families are affiliated with the United Nations, and students are frequently given the opportunity to participate in events connected with the UN:

- Our yearly UN Day emphasizes the ideals of the UN Charter.
- Students are frequently invited to the UN Headquarters for various events (e.g. UN General Assembly, International Day of Peace, Signature of the Paris Climate Accord in 2016, UNICEF events, etc).
- The UNIS graduation takes place in the General Assembly Hall of the UN Headquarters in New York.

## STUDENT ACTIVISM

- The UNIS-UN Conference is a yearly student-led event focusing on a major social theme, with students from around the world. Organized by Grade 11-12 students, the conference is held in the UN General Assembly. The topic of the 2018 conference was "UNDER CTRL: Technology, Innovation and the Future of Work."
- The Human Rights Project allows students to meet with local activists on a range of social justice issues, and to write and co-direct a play derived from their experience. Recent topics have included health disparities (2018), mass incarceration (2017) and immigration (2016).
- The Human Rights Conference is another yearly student-led event held at UNIS and the UN headquarters, focused on a human rights issue. The topic of the 2018 conference was "Human Trafficking: Victims in Plain Sight."

## A RICH STUDENT LIFE

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.

## THE ARTS AND ATHLETICS

- **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. 2017-18 highlights include: Third Annual International Festival of Performing Arts produced in Spring 2017: students, teachers, and staff created, wrote, directed, and choreographed original work in several different languages.
- **Visual Arts and Film:** Visual arts students produce and curate a body of work for exhibition. The 2018 exhibition titled "Stand Still" 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.
- **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).

## PREPARATION FOR THE IB (GRADE 9-10):

- **Required courses** are English or English Language Learning (ELL), two modern languages, mathematics, sciences, humanities, physical education and health (in grade 9). Students must select up to two electives.
- **Elective subjects** include Visual Art, Drama, Game Design in Java and many more.
- **Languages offered** are Arabic, Chinese, English, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Russian and Spanish. English Language Learning (ELL) is also offered at each grade level.

## IB PROGRAM (GRADE 11-12):

The International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Program is a rigorous, externally assessed, two-year college preparatory program, in which candidates are expected to choose six courses: two languages (including at least one at the native speaker level), a social science, an experimental science, a mathematics course, and an elective course (one of the arts, or a second social science, or a second science, or a third language). In order to obtain an IB Diploma, three of these courses must be taken at the Higher Level (IBH), and three at the Standard Level (IBS). IB Diploma candidates must also meet the following core requirements:

- Follow an epistemology course, known as Theory of Knowledge (ToK).
- Develop their civic responsibility through Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS) projects.
- Complete an Extended Essay, a 4,000 word individual research paper.

## OUR FACULTY MEMBERS:

High School faculty members	107
Countries represented	32
Doctoral degrees	13
Masters degrees	77
Faculty speaking two or more languages	70%

## UNIS GRADING SYSTEM

**IMPORTANT CHANGE:**  
UNIS no longer weights any IB courses, and as of the 2017/2018 academic year, +/- markers have been removed from the transcript. All grades reflect the 7 point IB scale.

## UNIS GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

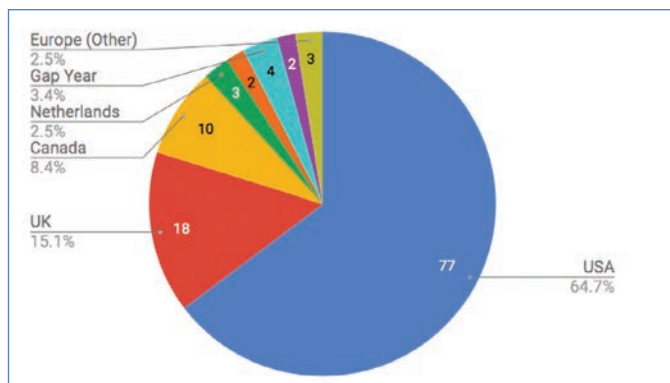
26 credits are required for the UNIS High School Diploma as well as 30 hours of community service each year

English	4
Mathematics	4
Science	4
Humanities	4
Modern Language	4
Physical Education	2
Health	0.5
Electives	2
Community Service	1
Independent Study Project (Gr. 12)	0.5
<b>Total Required</b>	<b>26</b>

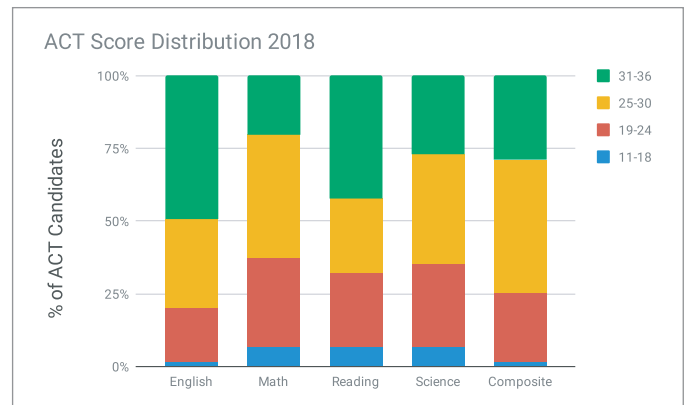
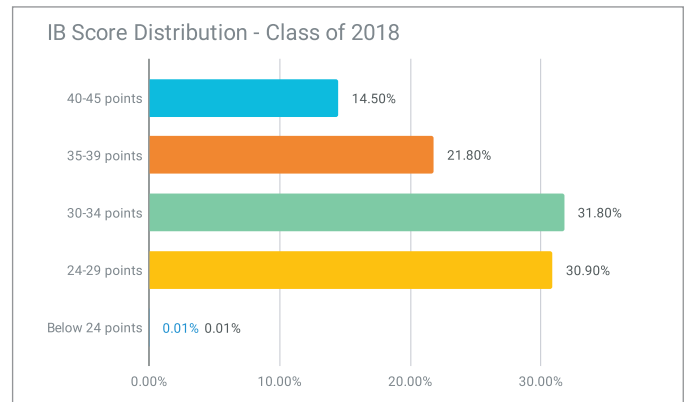
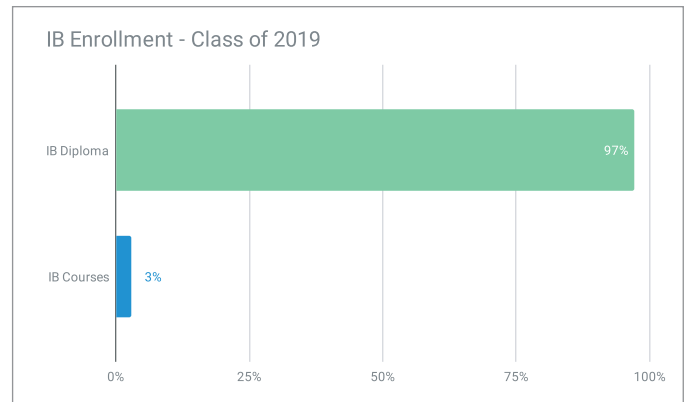
## A DIVERSE STUDENT BODY

Students enrolled grades 9-12	496
Grade 12 enrollment	118
UN affiliation	61%
Nationalities represented	44
Two or more nationalities	24

## COLLEGE ATTENDANCE CLASS OF 2018

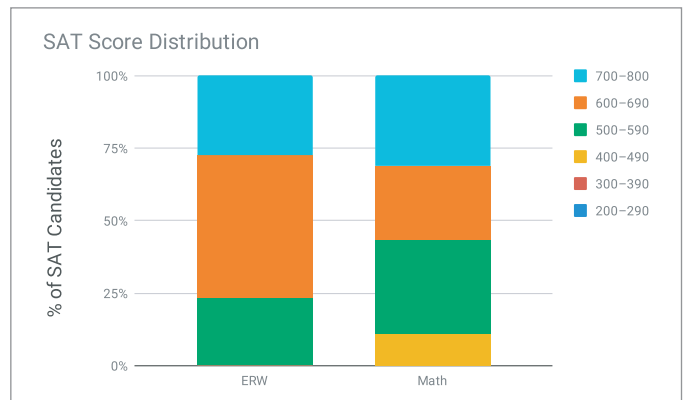


## EXAM RESULTS 2018



Average ACT Scores:

**English 29 Math 27 Reading 28 Science 27 Composite 28**



Average SAT Scores:

**ERW 648 Math 628**

# UNIVERSITY ATTENDANCE

CLASSES 2014 - 2018

## UNIVERSITIES IN THE U.S.A.

American Musical and Dramatic Academy  
American University  
Amherst College 2 (1)  
Babson College 3 (1)  
Bard College 5 (3)  
Barnard College 8 (1)  
Bates College 2 (1)  
Beloit College  
Berklee School of Music  
Boston College 2  
Boston University 9  
Bowdoin College  
Brandeis University 4 (1)  
Brown University 4 (1)  
Bryn Mawr College 3  
Bucknell University  
California Coll. of the Arts  
Carnegie Mellon Univ. 3 (2)  
Champlain College 3  
City University of New York:  
Baruch College 3  
Guttman Comm. College  
Hunter College 2  
Clark University  
Colby College 2  
Colgate University 2  
College of William & Mary 2  
Columbia College Chicago  
Columbia University 5 (1)  
Connecticut College 3  
Cooper Union (1)  
Cornell University 10 (1)  
Dartmouth College  
Depaul University (1)  
Dickinson College  
Drexel University  
Duke University 5 (1)  
Elon University  
Emerson College 2  
Emory University 8  
Florida State University  
Fordham University 12 (2)  
Franklin & Marshall Coll.  
George Washington University 13 (4)  
Georgetown University  
Gettysburg College

Goucher College (1)  
Hamilton College 4 (1)  
Hartwick College  
Harvard University 3  
Harvey Mudd College 2  
Haverford College 3  
Howard University  
Illinois Institute of Tech.  
Iona College  
Ithaca College 3  
Johns Hopkins University 7 (1)  
Lafayette College 2 (1)  
Lehigh University 3 (2)  
Loyola Marymount Univ.  
Manhattan School of Music  
Marist College 3  
Maryland Inst. College of Art  
Marymount Man. College 3  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology 2  
Monroe College  
Mount Holyoke College 4 (1)  
New York University 35 (3)  
Northeastern University 7 (2)  
Northwestern University 3 (1)  
Oberlin College  
Occidental College 5 (2)  
Pace University 2  
Pennsylvania State Univ. 5  
Pitzer College 5 (1)  
Pomona College  
Pratt Institute  
Princeton University 3 (1)  
Purdue University 3  
Quinnipiac University  
Reed College 2 (1)  
Rhode Island School of Design 2 (1)  
Rice University  
Rollins College  
Sarah Lawrence College 3  
Savannah College of Art and Design  
School of the Art Institute of Chicago 2  
School of Visual Arts  
Skidmore College 3 (2)  
Smith College (3)  
St. Lawrence University  
Stanford University

## State University of New York:

Binghamton 2 (1)  
Fashion Inst. of Tech. 4 (2)  
Purchase College (2)  
Stony Brook (1)  
Stevens Inst. of Techn. (2)  
Swarthmore College 4 (2)  
Temple University  
The New School 6 (1)  
Trinity College 5  
Tufts University  
Tulane University 2  
Union College 2  
US Military Academy  
US Naval Academy  
Univ. of California at:  
Berkeley 4 (1)  
Davis (1)  
Los Angeles 5 (1)  
San Diego 2 (1)  
University of Chicago 5 (1)  
University of Illinois  
University of Maryland 3 (2)  
University of Massachusetts  
University of Miami 5 (3)  
University of Michigan 4  
Univ. of Pennsylvania 2 (1)  
University of Rochester 2  
University of San Francisco 3  
University of Vermont  
University of Virginia 2  
University of Wisconsin  
Vanderbilt University  
Vassar College 7 (2)  
Virginia Military Inst. (1)  
Washington University 8  
Wellesley College  
Wesleyan University 13 (3)  
Yale University

## UNIVERSITIES OUTSIDE THE U.S.A.

**Australia**  
University of Canberra (1)  
Queensland University of Technology  
Univ. of New South Wales

**Austria**  
Modul Tourism College  
University of Vienna

University of Vienna-Institute For Film & Media

**Belgium**  
University of Leuven 2

**Canada**  
Bishops University 2  
Concordia University 7 (3)  
McGill University 19 (3)  
McMaster University (1)

Queens University 2  
Univ. of British Columbia 7 (1)  
University of Toronto 4 (1)

**China**  
NYU Shanghai

**Denmark**  
University College of Northern Denmark

**Estonia**  
University of Tallin (1)

**Finland**  
Aalto University

**France**  
American University of Paris  
Ecole Superieure Internationale de Savignac

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**Germany**  
Ludwig Maximilian Universitat Munchen (1)

Technion Israel Institute of Technology (1)

University of Frankfurt  
University of Hamburg

**Ghana**  
Ashesi University

**Israel**  
IDC Herzliya-Raphael Recanati Int'l School

**Japan**  
International Christian Univ.  
Sophia University (1)

**Malaysia**  
International Islamic Univ. 2

**Netherlands**  
Amsterdam Univ. College (2)

Erasmus University College (2)  
Erasmus Univ. Rotterdam (1)

Leiden University College  
Radboud College (1)  
University College Utrecht 2

**Panama**  
Florida State University (1)

**Paraguay**  
Universidad Catolica "Nuestra Señora de Asuncion"

**Portugal**  
Universidade Nove de Lisboa

**Singapore**  
Yale -NUS College

**Sweden**  
Linkopings Univ.

**Spain**  
Les Roches Hotel School

**Switzerland**  
University of Lausanne

**Taiwan**  
Ming Chuan University

**United Kingdom**  
Bath Spa University (1)

Kings College London  
London School of Econ. 4 (3)

Plymouth University

Queen Mary, Univ. of London  
School of African & Asian Studies

University College London (2)

University for the Creative Arts  
University of Aberdeen 3

University of the Arts London  
University of Birmingham (1)

University of Bristol 3 (1)

University of Dundee  
University of East Anglia

University of Edinburgh 3

University of Exeter 3 (1)

University of Kent 4

University of Leeds (3)

University of Liverpool  
University of Manchester 2

University of Nottingham

University of Oxford 3 (2)

University of Royal Holloway 2

University of St. Andrews 3 (2)

Univ. of Southampton 2 (1)

University of Sussex

University of Winchester

University of York 2

**Venezuela**  
Central University of Venezuela in Caracas

(First number represents five year total; highlighted universities and number in brackets represent the Class of 2018)