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 Accords 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 (HL), and three at the Standard Level (SL). 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.
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 GRADING SYSTEM

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
- Total Required 26

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

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
- Babson College 3
- Bard College 5
- Barnard College 8
- Bates College 2
- Beloit College
- Berklee School of Music
- Boston College 2
- Boston University 9
- Bowdoin College
- Brandeis University 4
- Brown University 4
- Bryn Mawr College 3
- Bucknell University
- California Coll. of the Arts
- Carnegie Mellon Univ. 3
- Champlain College 3
- City University of New York: Baruch College 3
- Gettysburg College
- Goucher College 1
- Hamilton College 4
- 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
- Lafayette College 2
- Lehigh University 3
- 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
- New York University 35
- Northeastern University 7
- Northwestern University 3
- Oberlin College
- Occidental College 5
- Pace University 2
- Pennsylvania State Univ.
- Pitzer College 5
- Pomona College
- Pratt Institute
- Princeton University 3
- Purdue University 3
- Quinnipiac University
- Reed College 2
- Rhode Island School of Design 2
- Rice University
- Rollins College
- Sarah Lawrence College 3
- Savannah College of Art and Design
- School of the Art Institute of Chicago
- School of Visual Arts
- Skidmore College 3
- Smith College 3
- St. Lawrence University
- Stanford University
- State University of New York:
  - Binghamton University 2
  - Fashion Inst. of Tech. 4
  - Purchase College 2
  - Stony Brook 1
  - Stevens Inst. of Techn. 2
  - Swarthmore College 4
  - Temple University
- The New School 6
- Trinity College 5
- Tufts University
- Tulane University 2
- Union College 2
- US Military Academy
- US Naval Academy
- Univ. of California at Berkeley 4
- Davis 1
- Los Angeles 5
- San Diego 2
- University of Chicago 5
- University of Illinois
- University of Maryland 3
- University of Massachusetts
- University of Miami 5
- University of Michigan 4
- Univ. of Pennsylvania 2
- University of Rochester 2
- University of San Francisco 3
- University of Vermont
- University of Virginia 2
- University of Wisconsin
- Vanderbilt University
- Vassar College 7
- Virginia Military Inst. 1
- Washington University 8
- Wellesley College
- Wesleyan University 13
- Yale University

### Universities Outside the U.S.A.
- Australia
  - University of Canberra 1
  - Queensland University of Technology
- Austria
  - Modul Tourism College
- Belgium
  - University of Leuven 2
- Canada
  - Bishops University 2
  - Concordia University 7
- McGill University 19
- McMaster University 1
- Queens University 2
- Un. of British Columbia 7
- University of Toronto 4
- China
  - NYU Shanghai
- Denmark
  - University College of Northern Denmark
- Estonia
  - University of Tallinn 1
- Finland
  - Aalto University
- France
  - American University of Paris
  - Ecole Superieure Internationale de Savignan
  - Sciences Po 3
- Germany
  - Ludwig Maximillian 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
  - 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 Nova 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
  - 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
- University of Dundee
- University of East Anglia
- University of Edinburgh 3
- University of Exeter 3
- University of Kent 4
- University of Leeds 3
- University of Liverpool
  - University of Manchester 2
- University of Nottingham
- University of Oxford 3
- University of Royal Holloway 2
- University of St. Andrews 3
- Univ. of Southampton 2
- 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)