

## French International School of Hong Kong

### One school, two streams

At FIS, we are a multicultural school, offering diverse curricula built upon values of global mindedness, critical thinking and personal development. Our mission is to energise young minds, prepare independent and compassionate life-long learners and inspire our students to achieve their full potential. We reach our goals by providing a collaborative and stimulating bilingual learning environment where all members of our community are valued and respected.

A Multi-Lingual Education—Language learning has always been a great priority of FIS, with most of our students bi-lingual or trilingual at the end of their studies.

#### The School

The French International School, Hong Kong is a dual-system through-train school with a total of 2,700 students taught on 4 campuses. It consists of a French Stream taught in French and an International Stream taught in English, under the supervision of whole-school Headmaster and a separate Head of International Stream.

FIS was founded in 1964 and was the first international school in Hong Kong. In 1988 it became the first school in Hong Kong to offer the International Baccalaureate.

It has a strong academic emphasis and employs highly qualified expatriate staff.

FIS is linked by Partnership to the Agency for French Teaching Abroad (AEFE), a national administrative body. This partnership guarantees that the French curriculum is taught in conformity with the French Ministry of Education instructions, and allows the school to present students to the national examinations ("Brevet" & "Baccalauréat").

Students in the International Stream take IGCSE and IB Diploma examinations.

There are 26 students in this year's International Stream Year 13, and 95 students in the French Stream Terminale (Grade 12).

#### Extra-curricular activities:

Students are given the opportunity to join a multitude of activities, ranging from competitive sports (horse riding, sailing, track and field, swimming, soccer, basketball, rugby, handball, volleyball and gymnastics), competing against other French school in the Asia-Pacific Region.

Other student clubs include: Drama MUN, Green Club and School Journal, among others.

#### The Curriculum: International Stream

**Primary Years:** Our elementary school follows the IPC (International Primary Curriculum)—It is a comprehensive, thematic, creative curriculum, with a clear process of learning and specific learning goals for every subject.

**Middle School Years:** Students have exposure to a wide range of subjects from which they make their IGCSE selections for Year 10. Academic work is underpinned by a strong pastoral programme encouraging the development of communication and collaboration skills, creativity and independence.

**High School Years:**  
**Years 10 and 11 (Grades 9 and 10):** students study towards the IGCSE, administered by Cambridge University and examined in Year 11. Grades from A\* - G are awarded. All students take 4 core IGCSEs (English Language, English Literature, Mathematics and French), plus 5 more options from science, humanities, languages or creative arts.

**Years 12 and 13 (Grades 11 and 12)** students follow the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP). **IB students** choose six subjects from the groups below: 3 at higher level; 3 at standard level.

- Group 1: English A (Literature or Language and Literature) or French A.
- Group 2: French B, Mandarin B or Spanish B
- Group 3: History, Geography, Psychology or Economics
- Group 4: Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Computer Science or Environmental Systems & Societies
- Group 5: Math AA or AI (HL) or Math AA or AI (SL)
- Group 6: Visual Arts or one other subject from either Group 2, Group 3 or Group 4

In addition:

- a) All IB students must follow a course in **Theory of Knowledge (TOK)**.
- b) Each student must carry out research into a topic of their choice and produce an **Extended Essay** of 4,000 words.
- c) **Creativity, Action and Service (CAS):** (Approx. 200 - 300 hours).

#### The Curriculum: French Stream

The French Bac recently underwent a reform, eliminating the Streams known previously as "S", "ES" and "L". Now, students choose their pathways and study fewer subjects in more depth.

**Grade 11:** Students choose 3 specialisms from the list below (4 hours per week per subject)

**Grade 12:** Students continue to study 2 of their specialisms, for 6 hours per week per subject.

#### Specialisms :

History, Geography, Geopolitics + Political Science  
Humanities, Literature + Philosophy  
Languages, Literature + Foreign Cultures  
Literature, Languages + Ancient Cultures (Latin)  
Mathematics\*  
ICT + Data Science  
Physics-Chemistry\*\*  
Biology (SVT)  
Economics + Social Sciences  
Visual Arts

\**Math Specialism is a challenging course, similar in content and difficulty to the former "S" Math course.*  
\*\**The curriculum content and level of difficulty has been likened to AP Physics and Chemistry*

#### Core courses:

Alongside their Specialisms, all students take a Foreign Language, Science, French, Philosophy, and Physical Education.

Students who have opted for the **American Section OIB** take History and Geography as well as literature in English. These subjects replace HG in French and Language A in the Common Core.

#### Options:

*Expert Math* (an additional 3 hours per week on top of 6 hours for Math specialism)—This course would be the equivalent, or possibly higher level than AP Calculus BC.

*Complementary Math* (designed for students who want some Math their Senior year—3 hours per week).

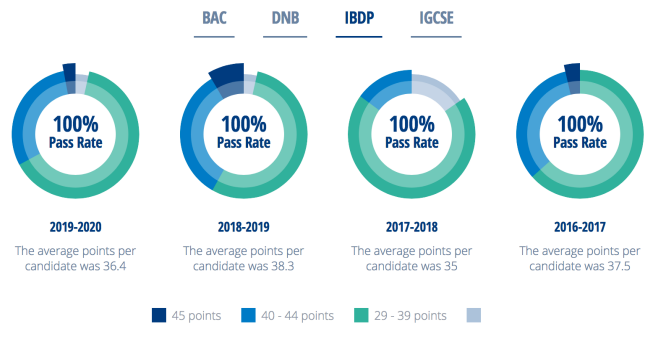
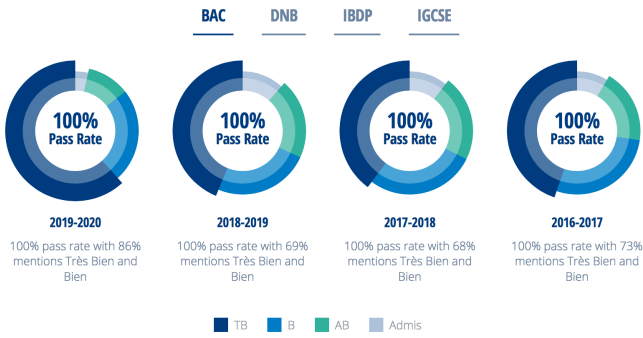
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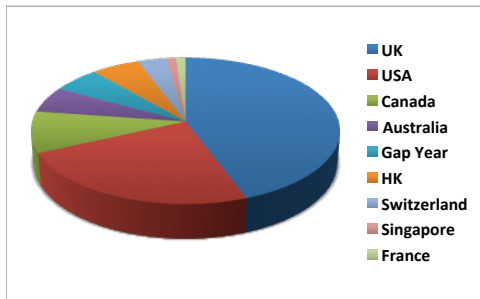
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## Every year, FIS students achieve excellent results at all 4 major exams IBDP and Baccalauréat, as well as IGCSE and DNB

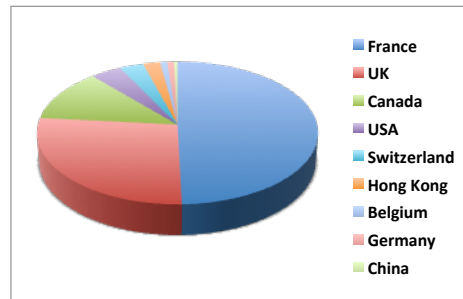


## Recent University Destinations

### International Stream



### French Stream



## Recent Matriculations (2015-2020)

### USA

Duke University  
 Dartmouth College  
 Harvard University  
 Haverford College  
 Northeastern University  
 Stanford University  
 University of Southern California  
 University of Michigan  
 University of Chicago  
 New York University  
 Parsons New School For Design  
 Cornell University  
 UC Irvine  
 UC Davis  
 UCLA  
 University of Pennsylvania  
 Skidmore College  
 Washington University in St. Louis

### UK

London School of Economics  
 King's College London  
 University of Cambridge  
 Imperial College London  
 University of Oxford  
 U.C.L.  
 S.O.A.S.  
 University of York  
 University of Birmingham  
 University of Durham  
 University of Edinburgh  
 University of Bristol  
 University of St Andrews  
 University of Exeter  
 University of Bath  
 University of Bristol  
 U. A. L.  
 University of Warwick

### Canada

University of British Columbia  
 University of Toronto  
 McGill University  
 Concordia University  
 University of Montreal  
 University of Waterloo  
 University Guelph

### Hong Kong

University of Hong Kong  
 Chinese University of Hong Kong  
 HKUST

### Australia

University of Melbourne  
 Monash University  
 ANU

### France

Sciences Po Paris  
 Sorbonne  
 Ecole Nat. Sup. d'Architecture  
 ESMOD  
 INSA Lyon  
 Ginette  
 Ste Geneviève  
 Henri IV  
 Louis le Grand  
 Université Paris Dauphine

### Switzerland

Ecole Hôtelière de Lausanne  
 Ecole Vatel  
 EPFL

### Ireland

Royal College of Surgeons

### Dual Degrees

Sciences Po / Columbia