

## 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 Multilingual 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 school with 2,900 students taught on 4 campuses. We have an inclusive French Stream taught in French and a selective International Stream taught in English with separate Heads of the French and International Streams under the supervision of a whole-school Headmaster.

FIS was founded in 1963 and was the first international school in Hong Kong. In 1988, we became the first school in Hong Kong to offer the International Baccalaureate.

Our school has a strong academic emphasis and employs highly qualified expatriate and local staff. There are over 250 teachers from 20 different countries.

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 for the national examinations ("Brevet" and "Baccalauréat").

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

In the final year of schooling, there are 57 students in International Stream Year 13, and 64 students in the French Stream Terminale.

#### Extra-curricular activities:

Students are given the opportunity to join a multitude of activities, ranging from competitive sports (horse riding, track and field, swimming, soccer, basketball, rugby, handball and volleyball), competing against other French schools in the Asia-Pacific region as well as local schools. Other student clubs include: Drama, MUN, the World Scholar's Cup, Wharton Global Youth Program, Green Club and School Journal.

#### The Curriculum: International Stream

**Overview:** An English medium K to 13 curriculum with IGCSE and IBDP

**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 in Year 9. 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), French A, Mandarin A

- Group 2: French B, Mandarin B, Spanish B, Spanish Ab Initio

- 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, Film Studies, Theatre 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) Students complete **Creativity, Action and Service (CAS)** (approximately 200-300 hours)

#### The Curriculum: French Stream

**Overview:** A French medium K to 13 with the French Baccalaureate curriculum

**Grade 10 and 11:** Students study French, math, languages, history-geography, civics, science and technology, art and PE. All students take 1 of 3 English course: ESL, English language and culture, or American International Section.

At the end of Grade 9, students take the **Brevet** exams that measure oral and written competencies across multiple subjects.

**Grade 12:** All students in the **baccalaureate** program take the compulsory requirements of: French literature, science, history-geography, English, math, civics, PE and a modern language. They can opt to take film studies, Latin, a third modern language and one of European Section, Oriental Section or BFI (American Section).

Students take **3 specialisms** (majors) from: History, Geography, Geopolitics + Political Science, Humanities, Literature + Philosophy, Literature + Foreign Cultures, Visual Arts, Mathematics, ICT + Data Science (NSI), Physics-Chemistry, Biology (SVT), Economics + Social Sciences

**Grade 13:** Students continue with their compulsory courses with French literature replaced with philosophy. Two further math options (complementary and expert) are available in their final year as well as law.

Students continue with **2 of 3 specialisms**.

Over 40% of students opt for the academically advanced version of the baccalaureate, the **BFI (American Section)** where 3 additional courses are taught in English: History and Geography, Language and Literature, and Global Issues. During their junior year, they complete an Extended Essay (2500 words). Students in this stream have the option of taking **AP European History** in their junior year.

Due to the academic nature of our curriculum, students are often in lessons for up to 40 hours a week. This extended timetable coupled with the travel time from being the only French language high school in Hong Kong, can have an impact on the level of students' extra curricular activities.

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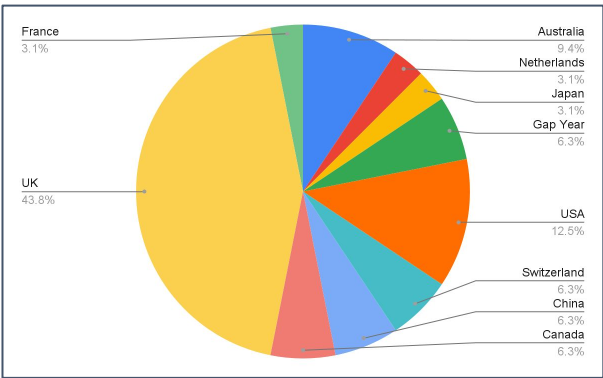
Every year, FIS students achieve strong results across:  
IBDP and Baccalauréat (16-18), and IGCSE and DNB (14-16)

BACCALAUREAT 2025				
Pass Rate	Mention « Très bien » with congratulations from the jury (18+)	Mention "Très bien" (16+)	Mention "Bien" (14+)	Mention "Assez bien" (+12)
100%	17%	44%	26%	13%

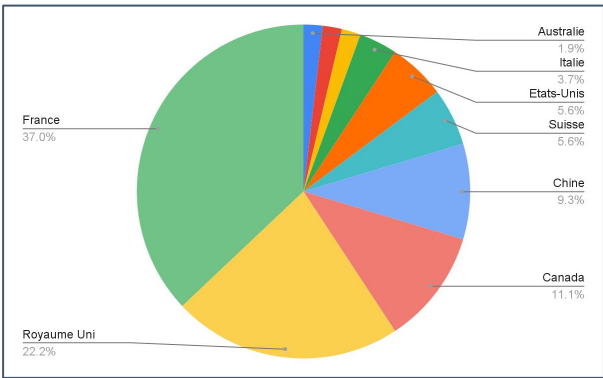
IBDP 2025			
Pass Rate	Average score	40+/45	Bilingual Diploma
94%	34/45	20%	6%

University Destinations 2025

International Stream



French Stream



Recent Matriculations (2020-2025)

USA

Berklee School of Music  
Boston University  
Carnegie Mellon University  
Clark University  
Cornell University  
Duke University  
Dartmouth College  
Harvard University  
New York University  
Parsons New School for Design  
Stanford University  
UC Berkeley  
UCLA  
University of Michigan  
University of Pennsylvania  
University of Southern California (USC)  
University of Virginia  
Wheaton College  
Yale University

UK

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

Dual Degrees

Sciences Po / Columbia  
Centrale Supélec / McGill  
Sciences Po / HKU

Canada

Concordia University  
McGill University  
Queen's University  
University of British Columbia  
University of Montreal  
University of Toronto  
University of Waterloo

Hong Kong

CUHK  
HKUST  
University of Hong Kong

Australia

La Trobe University  
University of Melbourne  
University of Sydney

France

Henri IV  
INSA Lyon  
Louis le Grand  
Polytechnique  
Sainte-Geneviève  
Sciences Po  
Paris Sorbonne  
Université Paris Dauphine

Europe (ex-France)

Bocconi, Italy  
Ecole Hôtelière de Lausanne, Switzerland  
EPFL, Switzerland  
IE University, Spain  
Erasmus Univ, Netherlands  
Leiden Univ, Netherlands  
Univ of Amsterdam, Netherlands