

# Profile 2016/17 for Colleges and Universities

## Mission and Philosophy

We are a learning community of students, faculty, staff, and parents. At Zurich International School (ZIS), educational excellence commits us to: *Learn, Care, Challenge, Lead.*

## The School

ZIS is a leading non-profit day school offering a comprehensive education program for students ages 3–18. We are *an inclusive school with an open admission policy* that serves mainly the transient expatriate population in the greater Zurich area. Our *four campuses* hold more than **1,400 students** representing over **50 countries** and more than **40 mother tongue languages**.

Our Upper School houses 513 students in Grades 9–12, with 135 students in our senior class. Each year approximately 98% of our graduates continue to higher education institutions around the world.

## Curriculum

All students work toward earning a ZIS Upper School Diploma. The school offers the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme, Advanced Placement (AP) courses, or ZIS Upper School Courses. All students have the option to choose which academic pathway they wish to pursue. *The language of instruction is English.*

ZIS has a technology-rich learning environment. All classrooms are equipped with interactive white boards and all Upper School students are issued a computer. The integration of technology into the curriculum is a priority and is based on the International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) Standards.

## Upper School Faculty

The 70 Upper School full-time and part-time faculty have an *average of 17 years teaching experience* and over six years with the school. **70% hold MA/MS or higher degrees**, and most have taught at other international schools throughout the world. Native speakers teach the world language courses.

## Accreditation/Memberships

ZIS is an International Baccalaureate (IB) World School and is accredited by both the Council of International Schools and the New England Association of Schools and Colleges in the United States. ZIS is also approved by the Department of Education of the Canton of Zurich. ZIS is a member of the European Council of International Schools and the Swiss Group of International Schools.



## ZIS Upper School Campus at a Glance

**513** students in Grades 9–12

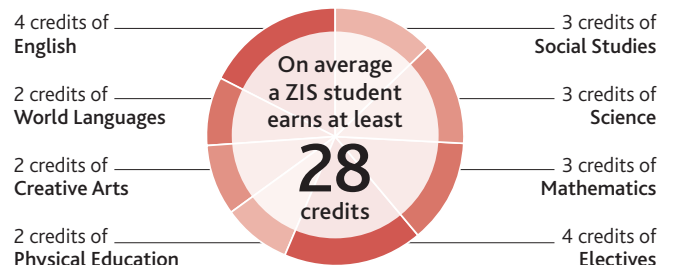
**135** students in our senior class (2017)

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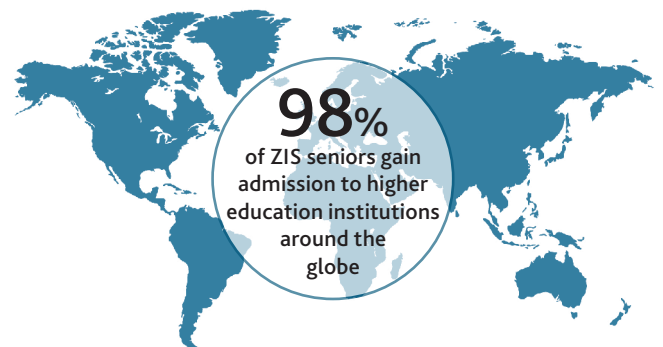
College Board Code: 796330

IB School Code: 1170

## Minimum Graduation Requirements (23 credits)



## Class of 2016 University Destinations (111 students)



United Kingdom (48%) United States (20%) Europe (9%) Canada (5%)  
Switzerland (2%) Gap year, military, undecided (15%)

# ZIS Upper School Students, Grading and Programs

As a school with an open admission policy, ZIS has an academically diverse student population with a range of abilities. Learning Support and English as an Additional Language (EAL) support is available at all grades. In Grades 11 and 12, students can choose to enroll in either the IB Diploma Programme, AP courses, and/or ZIS Upper School courses. All students enrolled in IB/AP courses are required to take the external exam.

## Community Service

Together with the IB CAS Programme, ZIS offers a large number of opportunities for students to connect with local and global service projects throughout the year. Additionally, many ZIS students create their own meaningful and impactful service projects about which they are passionate. Students work together to support local, national and international causes from shelters for refugees in Zurich to Amnesty International.

## Internship Program

In 2016, 55 students participated in 2–6 week internships with 47 leading companies and hospitals in the greater Zurich area. These opportunities provide real-life experiences which help our students understand the world of work and what life post-ZIS might look like. Participating companies included: Adveq, Amcor, Cartier, CERN, Deloitte, Dow Chemical, EF, Ernst & Young, Falcon Private Bank, Bank Julius Bär, Keytrade, Little Hipstar, Oriflame, Premier Switzerland, RobecoSam, Royal Dutch Shell, Swarovski, University Hospital Zurich, Baselspital Liestal, Zurich Insurance.

## ZIS Grading Scale and General Grade Descriptors

A 4.0 scale is used to calculate a student's Grade Point Average (GPA). Please note that **no additional GPA weighting is provided** for any IB HL/SL, AP, or Honors course in any grade at ZIS. ZIS does not weight grades.

## GPA, Class Rank and Honor Roll

The international and frequently changing composition of the student body (average stay is three years) does not permit equitable or accurate comparison between students. Therefore, **Grade Point Averages (GPA) are not cumulative** (Grade 9 through 12) nor is class rank reported as a measure of a student's academic standing.

Students who qualify for the Honor Roll, which is computed at the end of each semester, are enrolled in at least five classes, earn at least a "B" average (3.0 GPA), have no incomplete grades, and have no grades lower than a "C".

A	A (4.00)	A– (3.67)
"A" Demonstrates an intellectual command of the subject. This includes mastery of techniques, skills, and knowledge, as well as the ability to integrate and to synthesize knowledge. The student shows initiative; describes and exhibits various ways of seeing; thinks critically and analytically; and must be able to work well independently and in groups.		
B	B+ (3.33)	B– (2.67)
"B" Produces work which shows a mastery of the basic skills and concepts of the material, as well as moments of insight, understanding and independence of inquiry.		
C	C+ (2.33)	C– (1.67)
"C" Demonstrates competent work in understanding and using the skills and concepts of the course. Reveals a sound enough grasp of facts and a sufficiently mature attitude to pursue the next course level (possible exception: World Languages and Mathematics).		
D	D+ (1.33)	D– (0.67)
"D" Represents limited understanding of the course content and unless extra work or effort is given, student will probably not be able to succeed at the next level of the course.		
F	F (below 0.67)	
"F" Displays poor understanding and achievement; insufficient for the student to attempt the next course level without remedial work.		

## IB Programme

### International Baccalaureate Courses at ZIS

#### – Group 1, Studies in Language and Literature:

English A: Literature HL/SL,  
English A: Language & Literature HL/SL,  
German A: Literature HL/SL,  
German A: Language & Literature HL/SL  
Spanish A: Language & Literature HL/SL

#### – Group 2, Language Acquisition:

English A: Language & Literature HL/SL,  
French Ab Initio SL, French B HL/SL,  
German B HL/SL, Spanish Ab Initio,  
Spanish B HL/SL

#### – Group 3, Individuals & Societies:

Economics HL/SL, Geography HL/SL,  
History HL/SL, Philosophy HL/SL,  
Psychology HL/SL

#### – Group 4, Experimental Sciences:

Biology HL/SL, Chemistry HL/SL,  
Physics HL/SL, Environmental Systems  
and Societies SL

#### – Group 5, Mathematics:

Math Studies SL, Mathematics HL/SL

#### – Group 6, Arts:

Music HL/SL, Theatre HL/SL,  
Visual Arts HL/SL

## AP Courses

### Advanced Placement Courses at ZIS

– **Art:** Studio Art Drawing, 2D Design,  
3D Design, Music Theory

– **English:** Literature & Composition,  
Language & Composition

– **Mathematics:** Calculus AB, Calculus BC,  
Statistics, Computer Science

– **Science:** Biology, Chemistry, Physics 1,  
Physics 2

– **Social Studies:** European History, United  
States History, World History, Art History  
Macroeconomics, Microeconomics,  
Psychology, Seminar

– **World Languages:** German, French, Spanish

## ZIS Upper School Courses

– **Creative Arts:** Foundation Art & Design,  
Studio Art, Digital Photography, Graphic  
Design, Choir, Concert Band, String  
Ensemble, Creative Music, Composition  
Workshop, Essential Theater, Acting and  
Directing

– **English:** English 9–12, EAL III–IV, Digital  
Journalism, Speech and Debate, Grade 9  
Humanities

– **Mathematics:** Math 9 Studies, Math 9, Math  
9 Honors, Math 10 Studies, Math 10, Math  
10 Honors, Algebra II, Pre-Calculus, Business  
Math, Applied Mathematics (STEM)

– **Physical Education:** Physical Education/  
Health 9–12, Outdoor Education &  
Leadership, Competitive Games & Fitness,  
Yoga Fit & Wellness

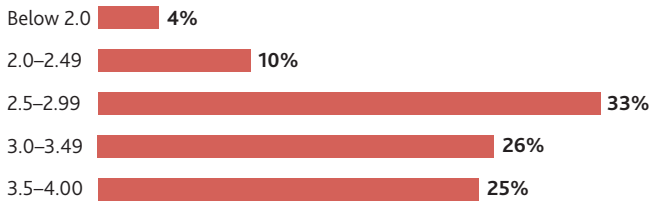
– **Science:** Honors Biology, Applied Biology,  
Honors Chemistry, Coordinated Science I–II,  
Robotics & Applications (STEM)

– **Social Studies:** History I–II, Art History,  
Philosophy, Environmental Economics

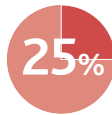
– **World Languages:** German I–IV, French I–IV,  
Spanish I–IV, German for Fluent Speakers,  
Spanish for Fluent Speakers, French for  
Fluent Speakers

# External Results at a Glance

## Grade 11 Final Unweighted Grade Point Average (GPA) Distribution for Class of 2017



of Grade 11 students had a GPA of 3.0 or higher



of Grade 11 students had a GPA of 3.5 or higher

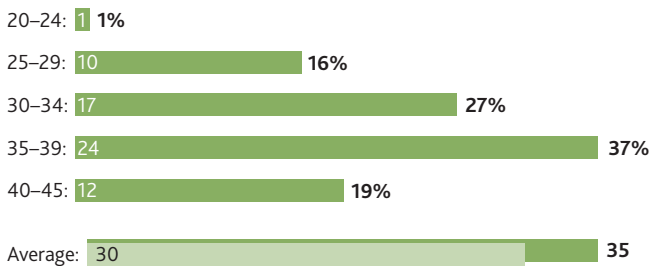
ZIS Grade 11 (Class of 2017)

## IB Diploma Results 2016

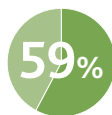
Number of IB Diploma candidates: 64

Pass rate: 62 (97%)

Total points obtained by candidates:



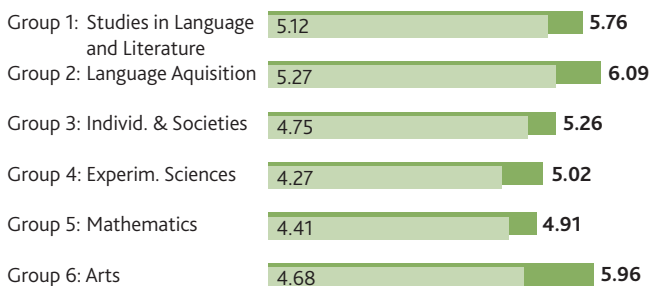
of IB Diploma candidates passed



of students were enrolled as full IB Diploma students

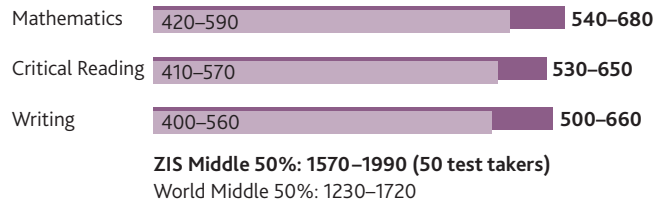
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## Average IB Scores by Subject Groups 2016



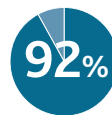
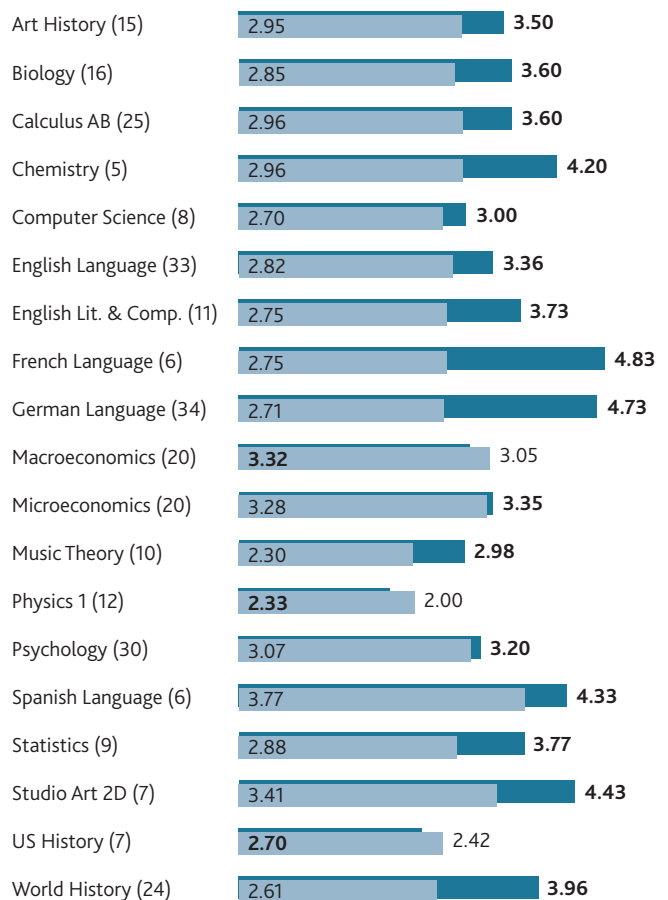
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## SAT Reasoning Scores: World and ZIS Class of 2016

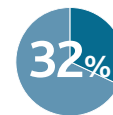


ZIS Middle 50% World Middle 50%

## Average AP Subject Scores: World and ZIS 2016



of AP test takers scored 3.0 or higher



of students in Grades 10–12 enrolled in one or more AP classes

- All grades reported for subjects with five or more students
- All scores include test candidates in Grades 10, 11 and 12
- Number in brackets indicates the number of candidates who sat the exam

ZIS World

# University and College Placement

The graduates from ZIS (2014–2016) have been offered admission to leading institutions worldwide including:

## United States

Allegheny College  
American University  
Amherst College  
Appalachian State University  
Arizona State University  
Assumption College  
Babson College  
Bard College  
Bates College  
Beloit College  
Bentley University  
Berklee College of Music  
Boston University  
Brigham Young University  
Brown University  
California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo  
Calvin College  
Case Western Reserve University  
Chapman University  
Clark University  
College of Charleston  
College of the Holy Cross  
College of William and Mary  
Colorado State University  
Columbia University  
Connecticut College  
Cornell University  
Dartmouth College  
Davidson College  
Denison University  
DePaul University  
Drew University  
Drexel University  
Duke University  
Eckerd College  
Elon University  
Emerson College  
Emmanuel College  
Emory University  
Fairfield University  
Fashion Institute of Technology  
Florida Institute of Technology  
Fordham University  
Franklin Pierce University  
Furman University  
Georgetown University  
Georgia Institute of Technology  
Gettysburg College  
Goucher College  
Guilford College  
Hamilton College  
Haverford College  
Hobart and William Smith Colleges  
Hofstra University  
Indiana University at Bloomington  
Ithaca College  
James Madison University  
Johnson & Wales University  
Keene State College  
Kenyon College  
Landmark College  
Lehigh University  
Loyola Marymount University  
Loyola University Chicago  
Lynn University  
Manhattan College  
Marymount California University  
Marymount Manhattan College  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
Merrimack College  
Miami University (Ohio)  
Michigan State University  
Mount Holyoke College  
Muhlenberg College  
New Mexico Military Institute  
New York University  
Newberry College  
Northeastern University  
Northwestern University

Pace University  
Pennsylvania State University  
Plymouth State University  
Princeton University  
Purdue University  
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute  
Rochester Institute of Technology  
Roger Williams University  
Rollins College  
Rutgers University  
Santa Clara University  
Savannah College of Art and Design  
Seattle University  
Seton Hall University  
Skidmore College  
Smith College  
Southern Methodist University  
Stevens Institute of Technology  
Stonehill College  
Suffolk University  
Syracuse University  
Temple University  
Texas Christian University  
The College of Wooster  
The George Washington University  
The New School  
The Ohio State University  
The University of Arizona  
The University of Georgia  
The University of Oklahoma  
The University of Texas, San Antonio  
Tufts University  
Tulane University  
University College Worcester  
University of Arkansas  
University of California, Berkeley  
Davis  
Irvine  
Los Angeles  
Riverside  
San Diego  
Santa Barbara  
University of Chicago  
University of Colorado at Boulder  
University of Connecticut  
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University of Hartford  
University of Illinois at Chicago  
Urbana-Champaign  
University of Kansas  
University of Maine  
University of Maryland, College Park  
University of Massachusetts, Amherst  
Dartmouth  
Lowell  
University of Miami  
University of Michigan  
University of Missouri Columbia  
University of New Haven  
University of Notre Dame  
University of Oregon  
University of Rhode Island  
University of South Carolina  
University of Southern California  
University of Southern Maine  
University of Tulsa  
University of Vermont  
University of Virginia  
University of Wisconsin, Madison  
Oshkosh  
Villanova University  
Virginia Tech  
Wagner College  
Wake Forest University  
Washington and Jefferson College

Washington State University  
Washington University in St. Louis  
Webster University  
Wesleyan University  
Westmont College  
Wheaton College  
Worcester Polytechnic Institute

## United Kingdom

Abertay University  
Aberystwyth University  
Anglia Ruskin University  
Arts University Bournemouth  
Aston University  
Bangor University  
Bath Spa University  
Birkbeck, University of London  
Birmingham City University  
Bournemouth University  
Brunel University London  
Canterbury Christ Church University  
Texas Christian University  
City University London  
Coventry University  
Durham University  
Edinburgh Napier University  
European Business School, London  
Exeter College  
Goldsmiths, University of London  
Heriot-Watt University  
Imperial College London  
King's College London  
Kingston University  
Lancaster University  
Leeds College of Art & Design  
Leeds Metropolitan University  
London Metropolitan University  
London South Bank University  
Loughborough University  
Manchester Metropolitan University  
Middlesex University  
Mountview Academy of Theatre Arts  
New College of the Humanities  
Newcastle University  
Northumbria University  
Nottingham Trent University  
Oxford Brookes University  
Plymouth University  
Queen Mary University of London  
Regent's University London  
Robert Gordon University  
Royal Holloway, University of London  
Royal Veterinary College  
SAE Institute London  
School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London  
Sheffield Hallam University  
Southampton Solent University  
Swansea University  
The London School of Economics and Political Science  
The Sheffield College  
The University of Edinburgh  
The University of Manchester  
The University of Northampton  
The University of Nottingham  
The University of Sheffield  
The University of Warwick  
The University of Winchester  
Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music and Dance  
University College Birmingham  
University College London  
University for the Creative Arts at Farnham  
University of Aberdeen  
University of Bath  
University of Bedfordshire

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University of Glasgow  
University of Greenwich  
University of Hertfordshire  
University of Huddersfield  
University of Hull  
University of Kent  
University of Leeds  
University of Leicester  
University of Liverpool  
University of New Hampshire at Durham  
University of Oxford  
University of Portsmouth  
University of Reading  
University of Roehampton  
University of Salford  
University of Southampton  
University of St. Andrews  
University of Stirling  
University of Strathclyde  
University of Suffolk  
University of Surrey  
University of Sussex  
University of the West of England, Bristol  
University of West England, Hartbury Campus  
University of West London  
University of Westminster  
University of York  
York St. John University

 Belgium  
Gent University  
Katholieke Universiteit Leuven

 Canada  
Concordia University  
Humber College  
Keele University  
McGill University  
Quest University Canada  
Ryerson University  
Simon Fraser University  
University of British Columbia  
University of Toronto  
University of Victoria

 Czech Republic  
Charles University

 France  
The American University of Paris

 Germany  
Carl Benz School of Engineering  
Karlsruhe Institute of Technology  
RWTH Aachen University  
Technische Universität Darmstadt

 Italy  
Universita Bocconi  
John Cabot University  
Universita Cattolica del Sacro Cuore

 Netherlands  
Amsterdam Fashion Institute  
Breda University of Applied Sciences  
Delft University of Technology  
Eindhoven University of Technology  
Erasmus Universiteit Rotterdam  
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Hanze University of Applied Sciences  
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HZ University of Applied Science  
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Leiden University College The Hague  
Rotterdam School of Management, Erasmus University  
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