

ISF HIGH SCHOOL (GRADES 9 TO 12)

Grade 9 is the beginning of the four-year cycle that leads to graduation from ISF and infinite possibilities. Upon graduating in Grade 12, students receive an ISF High School Diploma accompanied by either the IB Diploma or Advanced Placement® (AP®) exams.



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- English as a Second Language program (minimum level: advanced)
- Beginner Foreign Language German classes offered in all grade levels
- Strong native-speaker German program with five lessons per week
- Regular assessments to ensure students are on track
- Rich and varied athletics program including on-site swimming

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GRADE 9 SUBJECTS

- First Language English or Second Language English
- Mathematics – two levels
- First Language German (Hesse curriculum) or Foreign Language German* (beginner, intermediate, and advanced levels)
- Social Studies – combined humanities course focusing on History and Geography
- Science – one term each of Biology, Chemistry, and Physics
- Information Technology (IT)
- Physical Education (P.E.)
- Art or Music (with optional music ensemble)
- Other Languages: Foreign Language French, Foreign Language Spanish, First Language Japanese. First Language Korean is available as a paid SLO® activity.

* Students who start learning German in Grade 8 generally have the proficiency to study in German at university.

GRADE 10 AND IGCSEs

In Grade 10, ISF students take a minimum of seven subjects and have the option of taking International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) courses offered by Cambridge International Examinations in the U.K.

GRADE 10 SUBJECTS

- First Language English / English Literature / Second Language English
- Mathematics – two levels
- First Language German (Hesse curriculum) or Foreign Language German (beginner, intermediate, and advanced levels)
- Social Science
 - History
 - Geography
 - Economics / Business Studies
- Science
 - Biology
 - Chemistry
 - Physics
- Physical Education (P.E.)
- Optional subjects
 - Information Technology (IT)
 - Foreign Language French or Spanish
 - First Language Korean or Japanese
 - Art
 - Music



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IGCSES

IGCSEs in Grade 10: languages, mathematics, IT, business studies, art, music, P.E.

IGCSEs in Grade 11: sciences, social sciences

REGULAR ASSESSMENTS

ISF students take weekly assessments in various subjects to ensure they are on track. If a student is falling behind, s/he receives the academic support needed to catch up.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Students are encouraged to participate in extra-curricular activities and can choose from a wide range of options including debate, Model United Nations, community service projects, and many sports. They are also encouraged to join the SABIS Student Life Organization®, where they can gain valuable skills in leadership, communication, and collaboration, among others.

THE SCHOOL DAY

School starts at 08:20 and ends at 16:10. Students can arrive from 08:00 in the morning. After-school sports finish at 18:00.



HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA, IB DIPLOMA, AND AP® EXAMINATIONS

All students in Grades 9 to 12 follow the SABIS® curriculum leading to a High School Diploma

In grades 9 to 12, students must complete 22 credits:

4 credits each: English and Math

3 credits each: World languages, social sciences and sciences

5 credits: Other subjects

In addition to a High School Diploma, students in Grades 11 and 12 have the option of two pathways to prepare for admission to universities in Germany and around the world. Students can take Advanced Placement® (AP®) courses set by The College Board or they can choose to enter the IB Diploma Programme. Students taking AP®s also take PSAT and SAT examinations.

All students in grades 11 and 12 usually take six courses from the following subjects:

- English
- Math
- Another language (German, French, Spanish, Japanese, Korean)*
- Social Science (Geography, History, Economics or Psychology**)
- Science (Biology, Chemistry or Physics)
- An additional subject (Information Technology, Art, Music or another language, social science or science)

*Some students may not be required to take another language if they have enough credits

**Psychology is only offered as an IB subject



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Students opting for the IB Diploma require

- 3 Higher Level (HL) subjects
- 3 Standard Level (SL) subjects
- Extended Essay
- Theory of Knowledge
- Creativity, Activity, Service

Some students take the prestigious bi-lingual Diploma.

Students who take AP®s have the option of taking all three sciences.

IB DIPLOMA SUBJECTS

- IB Diploma
<https://www.ibo.org/>
- IB Diploma Course Descriptions
https://www.ibo.org/university-admission/ib-recognition-resources-and-document-library/#dp_briefs

Group 1	
Studies in Language and Literature	English, German, Korean, Japanese
Group 2	
Language Acquisition	English, German, French, Spanish
Group 3	
Individuals and Societies	Economics, Geography, History, Psychology
Group 4	
Sciences	Biology, Chemistry, Physics
Group 5	
Mathematics	Analysis & Approaches, Applications & Interpretation
Group 6	
The Arts / Electives	Music, Visual Arts, Computer Science and Another Subject from Groups 1-4

AP[®] SUBJECTS

English Literature and Composition	Studio Art Drawing
European History	Calculus AB
US History	Macro and Microeconomics
Human Geography	Biology
French Language & Culture	Chemistry
German Language & Culture	Physics C Electricity and Magnetism and Physics C Mechanics
Spanish Language & Culture	Computer Science A
Music Theory	

Some courses may not be available every year. In some cases, students may sit for self-prepared exams.

AP[®] course descriptions

<https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/>