

TISA THE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF AZERBAIJAN

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Academic School Profile

2023-2024

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UCAS Code: **45160**

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Our Mission

We engage as thoughtful, generous and resilient members of our local and global communities, **taking action in Azerbaijan and beyond**
We empower one another to pursue personal and academic challenges **with courage and a growth mindset**
We inspire life-long, authentic and principled learning **to create our best future together**

Accreditation & Membership

CIS Council of International Schools
IB International Baccalaureate
CEESA Central and Eastern European Schools Ass.

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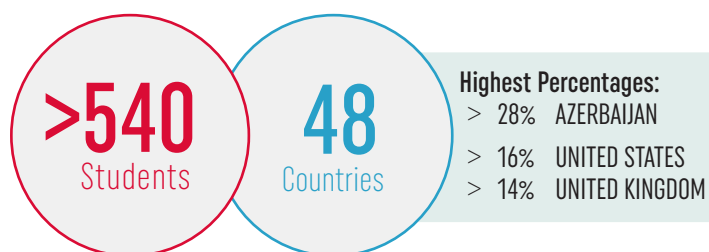
TISA is authorised to offer all 3 IB Programmes:



Students take part in a variety of Central & Eastern European Schools Association (CEESA) and other International events each school year. These include various sports including football, basketball, swimming, and volleyball, as well as extra-curricular activity events such as Speech & Debate and Model United Nations. Each year, TISA hosts international events.

Our School

TISA is a secular, co-educational college-preparatory day school for students aged 3 to 19 years. It serves both the expatriate community and those seeking an international education. **The language of instruction is English.** All Azerbaijani citizens are required to take Azerbaijani language as part of their MYP programme.



We have 25 students in Class of 2024.

Admission

Admission is determined by previous school reports, an admissions screening procedure, and the school's ability to provide a suitable program within class size limitations. Children of Azerbaijan International Operating Company (AIOC) / BP employees have priority for admissions.

Our Staff



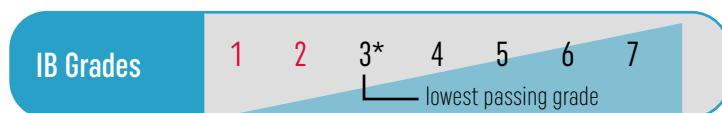
All of TISA's highly committed faculty members are university-certified, and most hold advanced degrees. Extensive professional staff development opportunities are available during the school year and funding is provided for continuing education.

Curriculum and Grading System

Classes at TISA are aligned with the IB philosophy and requirements for the Middle Years Programme (MYP) and the Diploma Programme (DP). On transcripts, the student's year level and grades are designated using the IB formula.

Upper Secondary Grade Equivalents:

TISA and IB	USA	UK
M4-M5	Grades 9-10	Years 10-11 (GCSEs)
DP1-DP2	Grades 11-12	Years 12-13



TISA does not calculate GPAs or rank our students. International students are highly transitory and often arrive with grades from different systems or countries, making it inappropriate to calculate GPA or rank students from various systems. Students earn credit by scoring a grade of 3 or above in M4-DP1. Transcripts are generated for students in the final four grade levels (M4-DP2). TISA values student growth, and within that philosophy, the end of year grade best represents the students' overall level of mastery. The semester grade serves as a formative grade. TISA works individually with students who may have moved in during the semester, and in cases where there is not enough evidence to provide a 1-7 grade within the IB system, a grade of Pass/Fail will be issued. In such cases, additional documentation will be provided.

Student Support

TISA offers three programmes of Student Support:

- > **Learning Support**
- > **English-As-An-Additional-Language (EAL)**
- > **Counselling**

Secondary School IB Course Selection 2023-2024

Lower Secondary Students (M1-M3) take a standard curriculum but can choose between **Russian***, **Azerbaijani***, **Spanish** and **French** as a **Second Language**. Upper Secondary Students (M4-M5) add the ability to choose between **Drama, Art**, and **Music**. The IB Course Offering Chart is accurate for the Class of 2024. Please note that the offerings may change slightly from year to year.

Group 1

- English Lang & Lit (SL, HL)
- English Literature (SL, HL)
- Russian Literature (SL, HL)
- Self-Taught A Lit (SL)

Group 4

- Physics (SL, HL)
- Env. Systems (SL)
- Biology (SL, HL)

Group 5

- Analysis & Approaches (SL, HL)
- Applications & Interpr. (SL)

Group 6

- Theatre Arts (SL, HL)
- Visual Arts (SL, HL)
- Chemistry (SL, HL)
- Economics (SL, HL)

Group 2

- French B (SL, HL)
- Spanish B (SL, HL)
- Spanish Ab Init. (SL)
- Russian B (SL, HL)
- English B (SL, HL)
- Russian AB Init. (SL)

Group 3

- History (SL, HL)
- Geography (SL, HL)
- Psychology (SL, HL)
- Economics (SL, HL)

Completion Required:

- Community Service & Personal Project (M5)
- Creativity, Action & Service (DP1-2)
- Extend. Essay OR Research Proj. (DP1-2)

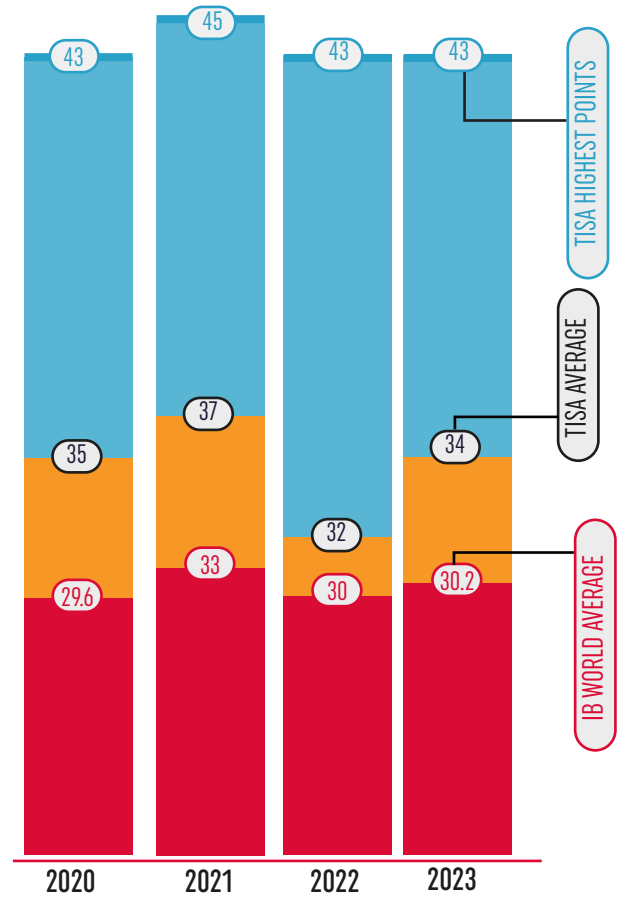
TISA Predicted Grades for University Application

In alignment with IB practices, teachers review student evidence, collaborate with other teachers within their department, and use their experienced judgment to provide predicted IB grades. Historical review has validated that TISA's predicted grades have a high degree of accuracy.

Testing Restrictions on International Students & US Citizens Abroad

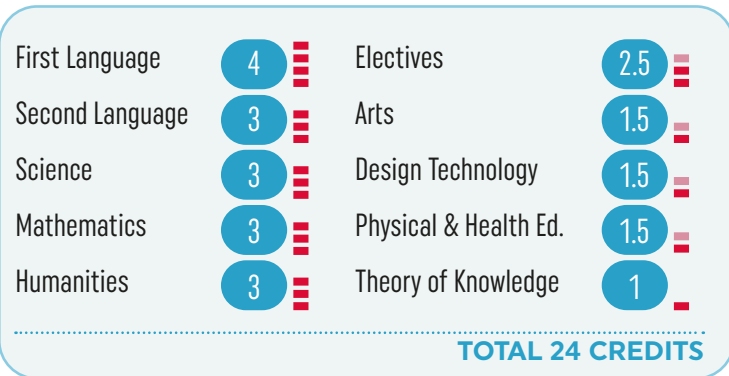
During the pandemic, our students have had less access to **SAT/SAT Subject** and **ACT** tests because of fewer test dates abroad, fewer sites offering the test, score cancellations, and technology difficulties, and higher fees. We ask that all higher education institutions take this into account when evaluating our students' applications.

Final IB Grades



Graduation Requirements

To earn a TISA High School Diploma students are required to earn the following 24 credits. Students not taking the full IB Diploma may take IB Classes for Certificates, online courses, and or TISA courses to meet the graduation requirements. For a TISA diploma, all students are required to take at least a year of TOK, meet CAS requirements, and complete an EE or an Extended Research Capstone Project. If a student enters after M5 and they are transferring from a non-IB School we may waive the MYP personal and service projects.



TISA University Acceptances 2020-2023

BOLD - TISA graduates matriculated
 * - More than one TISA student matriculated

Canada

Carleton University
 Carleton University
Concordia University
Toronto Metropolitan University
University of British Columbia (Vancouver)
 University of Calgary
 University of Guelph
 University of Ottawa
University of Toronto
Vancouver Island University
 Western University, Ontario
 York University

Australia

University of Melbourne
 University of New South Wales

Georgia

Tbilisi State Medical University

Turkey

Koc University
Sabancı University
Yeditepe University

Middle East

American University of Sharjah
New York University Abu Dhabi
 Reichman University

Asia

National University of Singapore
Duke Kunshan University
KAIST
Korea University
Nanyang Technological University
 Seoul National University
 University of Hong Kong
Yonsei University

Asia (India)

St Stephens College, University of Delhi (India)
 Christ University
 University of New Delhi, College of Commerce

Russia

Moscow State Institute of International Relations

Great Britain

Aberystwyth University
 Anglia Ruskin University
 Arts University Bournemouth
 Bangor University
 Birkbeck, University of London
 Birmingham City University
 Bournemouth University
 Brunel University London
Buckinghamshire New University
City, University of London
 Coventry University
 Durham University
 Edge Hill University
 Edinburgh Napier University
 ESCP Business School
Glasgow Caledonian University
 Goldsmiths, University of London
 Goldsmiths, University of London
 Heriot-Watt University

Istituto Marangoni London
 Keele University
King's College London
 Kingston University
 Leeds Arts University
 Leeds Beckett University
 Liverpool John Moores University
London School of Economics
 Loughborough University
Manchester Metropolitan University
Northeastern University London (formerly New College of the Humanities)
 Nottingham Trent University
 Oxford Brookes University
 Oxford Brookes University
 Oxford Brookes University
Queen Mary University of London
 Queen's University Belfast
 Richmond, The American International University in London
Robert Gordon University

Royal Holloway, University of London
 Sheffield Hallam University
 St Mary's University, Twickenham
 UCFB
 University Academy 92 (UA92)
University College London
University of Aberdeen
 University of Bath
 University of Birmingham
 University of Brighton
 University of Chichester
University of Dundee
University of Edinburgh
 University of Essex
 University of Exeter
 University of Glasgow
 University of Greenwich
University of Kent
 University of Leeds
University of Lincoln
 University of Liverpool
 University of Manchester
University of Nottingham
 University of Roehampton
 University of Sheffield
 University of Southampton
University of St Andrews
 University of Stirling
 University of Surrey
 University of Sussex
 University of the Arts London
 University of the West of England (UWE), Bristol
University of Warwick
University of Westminster

United States

American University, Washington DC*
George Mason University*
Georgetown University
New York University, NYC*
The New School*
University of California, Santa Cruz
University of Mary Washington
Univ. of Mass., Amherst (Honors Program)
University of Pennsylvania
Brown University*
Utica College
Virginia Tech
George Washington University*
University of California LA
James Madison University
University of Texas-Austin
 Ashland University
 Bernard College
 Bentley University

Bryant University
 Boston University
 California Institute of the Arts
 Canisius College
 Capital University
 Clemson University
 Columbia University*
 Creighton University
 Drexel University
 Illinois Institute of Technology
 Le Salle University
 Longwood University
 Massachusetts College of Art and Design
 Minnesota State Univ., Mankato
 Northeastern University
 Oglethorpe University
 Ohio State University
 San Diego State University
 SUNY Plattsburg
 Rhode Island School of Design
 Pratt Institute

Texas State University
 Tufts University
 SCAD
 St John's University
 Suffolk University
 University of California, Berkeley
 University of California, San Diego
 University of Denver
 U of Maine at Presque Isle
 University of Oregon
 University of Puget Sound
 University of Southern California
 University of Texas, Austin
 University of Texas, Dallas
 University of Washington
 University of Wisconsin, Madison
 Wesleyan University
 Wheaton College
 Macalester College
 Duke University

Europe

American College of Greece
 American University of Paris
 Amsterdam University College
 Amsterdam University of Applied Sciences
 Anglo-American University
Atelier de Sèvres
Charles University
 Constructor University
 École Supérieure des Sciences Économiques et Commerciales ESSEC (CY Cergy Paris Université)
 Erasmus University College
 Erasmus University Rotterdam
 ESADE Business School

ESMOD international
 Europe Institute of Design, Barcelona
Franklin University Switzerland
IE University
IMC Fachhochschule Krems
Jagiellonian University Medical College in Cracow
 John Cabot University
 Leiden University
 Leiden University
 Leiden University
 Leiden University
 Libera Università Internazionale degli Studi Sociali
 Maastricht University

Medical University of Warsaw / Warszawski Uniwersytet Medyczny
NHL Stenden University of Applied Sciences
 Paris College of Art
Rotterdam University of Applied Sciences
 The Hague University of Applied Sciences
 Tilburg University
Toulouse Business School, Barcelona
 University College Roosevelt
University of Amsterdam

University of Groningen
 University of Pécs
 University of Twente
University of Veterinary Medicine, Budapest
 Utrecht University
VU Amsterdam
 Webster University Geneva
 Windesheim University of Applied Sciences

The COVID letter for the School Profile for the class of 2024.

Students in the class of 2024 took the majority of their M4 (US Grade 9/UK Year 10) online due to the COVID Pandemic. Due to the challenges of assessing the IB MYP criteria online, some classes, such as PE and Design, the students earned were issued Pass/Fail (P or F) grades for the class rather than an IB 1-7 marks.