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TIS High School Pathways

Launch Your Child's Global Future

Grades 10, 11 and 12 are a pivotal launchpad for your child's biggest ambitions. At TIS, our world-class faculty and dedicated Academic Counseling team don't just guide students toward graduation—we actively empower them to secure placements at top-tier universities worldwide. Through rigorous, tailored learning pathways, we ensure your child stands out in the competitive global admissions landscape, turning their future aspirations into reality.



A Dedicated Team of Experts Behind Every Student's Success

Your child's journey to top-tier higher education is backed by an entire network of specialists. At TIS, our High School Leadership, Academic Counselors, and IBDP Coordinator work seamlessly together to craft a tailored academic strategy for every student. From course selection and IB diploma mastery to strategic university admissions, our unified team ensures your child is supported, challenged, and fully prepared to stand out on the global stage.



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World-Class Pathways to Global Universities

Tailored Multi-Pathway Excellence

TIS offers diverse, internationally recognized academic tracks tailored to your child's unique passions and career ambitions:

Alberta (Canada) High School Diploma: Globally respected for its academic rigor, critical thinking emphasis, and direct pathways to top universities worldwide.

IB Diploma Programme (DP): Managed by our dedicated IBDP Coordinator, providing expert academic mentorship and strategic subject planning for top-tier university readiness.

IB Career-related Programme (CP) (Coming 2027/28): An innovative, future-focused pathway combining rigorous IB academics with real-world, career-related studies to prepare students for specialized post-secondary degrees and global careers.

Strategic Admissions & Competitive Edge

We equip every student with a distinct advantage in global university admissions:

Personalized One-on-One Coaching: Tailored counseling and interactive workshops guide students through course planning, application strategy, and university selection.

Admissions Mastery & Mock Interviews: Students build confidence through targeted interview preparation, application strategy, and proactive deadline management.

On-Campus SAT & AP Testing Center: As an authorized testing center, TIS gives students the convenience of sitting for key standardized assessments in a familiar, supportive environment.

Dedicated Parent Partnership

Your University Planning Hub: We partner closely with families throughout the university application journey. Parents enjoy direct access to counselors and school leaders via personal consultations and regular progress reviews.

BridgeU At TIS, we use BridgeU for university and career planning. Students in grades 10-12 have personal accounts that allow them to research their options and organise their applications.

Beyond the Classroom: Enriching Student Potential

At TIS, learning extends far beyond traditional academics. Through high-impact programs like the Macau Award for Young People (AYP), Model UN, and vibrant Student Leadership initiatives, alongside a wide range of extracurriculars, students build character, explore future career interests, and develop the real-world leadership skills that make their university applications stand out.

74% of the class of 2026, received offers from the top 100 universities.

100% of the 2026 TIS graduates received university offers.

Find our more information about how to apply to universities worldwide and tips to increase chances of being accepted on the Academic Counselling webpage.

Researching Universities and Colleges

Applying to Universities and Colleges

Class of 2026 Academic Results

Universities and countries that recognize the IB

IB COURSE OFFERING AT TIS

3 CORE



Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS)



Extended Essay (EE)



Theory of Knowledge (TOK)

6 GROUPS



GROUP 1: English A: Lang & Lit HL/SL, Chinese Lang & Lit SL



GROUP 4: Biology HL/SL, Chemistry HL/SL, Physics HL/SL, Computer Science HL/SL



GROUP 2: Chinese B HL/SL, English B HL/S, French ab initio SL, French B SL*, Spanish Ab Initio SL or a second Group 1 in lieu of Group 2



GROUP 5: Mathematics: Analysis and Approaches HL/SL, Mathematics: Applications and Interpretation SL



GROUP 3: Business Management HL/SL, Economics HL/SL,Global Politics HL/SL, History HL/SL, Psychology HL/SL



GROUP 6: Visual Arts HL/SL, Film* or a second Group 3, Group 4 in lieu of The Arts

Discover the IB Diploma Programme: Building Tomorrow's Leaders

In the IB Diploma Programme, students select three subjects at Higher Level (HL) and three at Standard Level (SL), developing deeper knowledge, understanding, and advanced skills in their HL courses.

- **Standard Level (SL): Up to 150 teaching hours**
- **Higher Level (HL): 240 teaching hours**

Beyond the classroom, students complete the DP core — three powerful experiences that shape confident, capable young adults ready for university and life:

Theory of Knowledge (TOK)
Challenges students to think critically, question assumptions, and refine their presentation skills.

Extended Essay (EE)
A 4,000-word independent research project that builds time-management, research, and academic writing skills — excellent preparation for university-level study. (Graded A–E or N)

Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS)
Encourages students to become well-rounded individuals through sports, clubs, and community activities. CAS develops resilience, collaboration, and leadership outside the classroom.

Give your child the advantage of a globally recognized education that nurtures intellectual curiosity, personal growth, and readiness for the future.

**Subjects are offered through Pamoja. All courses are subject to change.*

IB DIPLOMA PROGRAMME

What Defines a "Good Score" in the IB Program?

- Determining what qualifies as a "good score" in the International Baccalaureate (IB) program depends on both the distribution of scores and how universities or employers perceive different levels of achievement. The IB Diploma is graded out of a maximum of 45 points, with scores generally ranging from 24 points (the minimum passing mark, provided other passing conditions are met) to the high 30s or low 40s for strong performers.

- In general, a score of 35 or above is considered excellent, often placing students in the top 25% of IB candidates worldwide. Achieving a score in the 40+ range is exceptional and positions students among the top achievers globally. Such high scores can significantly enhance university applications, particularly for competitive programs.

- Universities often set specific IB score requirements for admission. Many top institutions seek scores in the high 30s to low 40s, as these indicate well-rounded academic excellence. For instance, competitive programs in the UK and Hong Kong frequently require scores between 38 and 43, reflecting strong performance across subjects as well as in the core components—Theory of Knowledge (TOK) and the Extended Essay (EE). High scores in these areas highlight a student's ability to think critically, conduct research, and excel across multiple disciplines.

Sample IB DP Course Selection

Example schedule for students interested in business and finance

DP Year 2
English A HL
Chinese B SL/HL or Chinese A SL or French Ab Initio SL or Spanish Ab Initio SL
Global Politics SL
Biology/ Chemistry/ Physics SL
Mathematics: Analysis and Approaches HL
Business and Management HL
TOK/ EE/ CAS

Example schedule for students interested in engineering

DP Year 1	DP Year 2
English A SL	
Chinese B SL/HL or Chinese A SL or French Ab Initio SL or Spanish Ab Initio SL	
Global Politics SL	
Chemistry HL	
Mathematics: Analysis and Approaches HL	
Physics HL	
TOK/ EE/ CAS	

Example schedule for students interested in medicine or veterinary medicine

DP Year 1	DP Year 2
English A HL	
Chinese B SL/HL or Chinese A SL or French Ab Initio SL or Spanish Ab Initio SL	
Global Politics SL	
Biology HL	
Mathematics: Analysis and Approaches SL	
Chemistry HL	
TOK/ EE/ CAS	

Example schedule for students who excel in literature, history, humanities

DP Year 1	DP Year 2
English A HL	
Chinese B SL/HL or Chinese A SL or French Ab Initio SL or Spanish Ab Initio SL	
History HL	
Biology SL	
Mathematics: Analysis and Approaches SL or Mathematics: Applications and Interpretation SL	
Psychology / Economics / Business / Global Politics/Chemistry/French Ab initio SL	
TOK/ EE/ CAS	

IB CAREER-RELATED PROGRAMME

What are the benefits of the IBCP Program?

- The International Baccalaureate Career-related Programme (IBCP) at The International School of Macao bridges rigorous academics with hands-on, industry-focused training. Designed for high school students, the program combines IB Diploma courses with a practical core—including service learning, language development, and a reflective project—giving students a distinct competitive edge for both university admissions and future careers.

- TIS students benefit from diverse Career-related Studies (CRS) options tailored to their creative and technical ambitions. Through partnerships with global institutions, students can specialize in a **Music Pathway** with Berklee College of Music or an **Art and Design Pathway** with Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD). Alternatively, students pursuing technical fields can complete their CRS through Alberta Career and Technology Studies (CTS) courses in **Computer Science**, or pair CTS coursework with the **Media & Design Pathway** and become an Adobe Certified Professional.

- By integrating these specialized external and provincial programs directly into their high school education, TIS students build professional portfolios, earn industry-recognized credentials, and graduate as self-directed learners equipped to excel in university programs and modern career pathways.

Sample IB CP Course Selection

Example schedule for IBCP interested in a Music Pathway

CP Year 1	CP Year 2
IB English	IB English
Chinese B SL or Spanish Ab Initio SL or French Ab Initio SL	
Social Studies 20	Social Studies 30
CRS with Berklee College of Music	
Science 20	Science 30
Mathematics 20	Mathematics 30
RP/CE/LCS/PPS	

Example schedule for IBCP students interested in Arts & Design Pathway

CP Year 1	CP Year 2
IB English	IB English
Social Studies 20	Social Studies 30
IB Visual Arts SL	
CRS with SCAD	
Science 20	Science 30
Mathematics 20	Mathematics 30
RP/CE/LCS/PPS	

Example schedule for IBCP students interested in Computer Science

CP Year 1	CP Year 2
English 20	English 30
Chinese B SL or Spanish Ab initio SL or French Ab Initio SL	
IB Physics	
CRS with CTS Course (Computer Science)	
Mathematics: Analysis and Approaches SL	
Social Studies 20	Social Studies 30
RP/CE/LCS/PPS	

Example schedule for IBCP students interestered in International Sports Management

CP Year 1	CP Year 2
English 20	English 30
Chinese B SL or Spanish Ab initio SL or French Ab Initio SL	
IB Biology	
CRS with World Academy of Sports	
Social Studies 20	Social Studies 30
Mathematics 20	Mathematics 30
RP/CE/LCS/PPS	

Alberta High School Diploma

Alberta Canada Accredited International School

Earning the Alberta Diploma is your passport to a world of opportunities! Recognized globally for its academic standards and comprehensive curriculum, the Alberta Diploma equips students with the skills and knowledge needed to excel in higher education and beyond. By completing this internationally respected high school program, students gain a competitive edge for admission to top universities, access to scholarships, and a strong foundation for future careers. At our international school, we are proud to offer the Alberta curriculum, fostering critical thinking, creativity, and global citizenship in every student. Join us and unlock your potential with an education that opens doors to success anywhere in the world!

REQUIRED COURSES:

- English 30
- Social Studies 30
- Mathematics 20
- Biology 20 or Chemistry 20 or Physics 20 or Science 20
- Physical Education 10
- Career and Life Management 20 (CALM)

10 CREDITS, IN ANY COMBINATION, FROM:

- Career and Technology Studies (CTS)
- Fine arts
- Second languages (Chinese, French)
- Physical Education 20 and/or 30
- Locally developed courses in fine arts, second languages

10 CREDITS IN ANY 30-LEVEL COURSE (IN ADDITION TO ENGLISH AND SOCIAL STUDIES), IN ANY COMBINATION, FROM:

- 30-level mathematics, sciences, fine arts, second languages, or physical education
- Advanced level CTS courses
- 30-level locally developed courses
- Work Experience 35
- Special Projects 30

Sample Alberta Diploma Course Selection

Example schedule for students interested in business and finance

Grade 11	Grade 12
English 20	English 30
Chinese 20	Chinese 30
Social Studies 20	Social Studies 30
Bio/Chem/Phys 20	Bio/Chem/Phys 30
Math 20	Math 30
Economics	Electives

Example schedule for students interested in engineering

Grade 11	Grade 12
English 20	English 30
Social Studies 20	Social Studies 30
Chemistry 20	Chemistry 30
Physics 20	Physics 30
Math 20-1	Math 30-1
STEM Electives	Math 31

Example schedule for students interested in medicine or veterinary medicine

Grade 11	Grade 12
English 20	English 30
Social Studies 20	Social Studies 30
Biology 20	Biology 30
Chemistry 20	Chemistry 30
Math 20	Math 30
Elective	Electives

Example schedule for students who excel in literature, history, or humanities

Grade 11	Grade 12
English 20	English 30
Social Studies 20	Social Studies 30
Bio / Chem / Phys / Sci 20	Bio / Chem / Phys/ Sci 30
Math 20	Math 30
Electives	Electives



Pathways at TIS

Choose the option that fits your goals



Alberta High School Diploma

Alberta Canada — Accredited International School

- Successful completion of Alberta requirements awards the TIS High School Diploma.
- **Fully accredited — accepted by universities around the world.**



IB Diploma

- 6 IB courses (3 HL, 3SL) + Core (CAS, Theory of Knowledge, Extended Essay)
- Full IB Diploma awarded
- Highest academic challenge



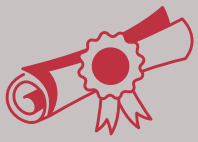
IB Courses

- Choose specific IB courses or core elements
- Flexible, meet individual IB requirements
- Alberta Diploma requirements apply



IB Career-Related Programme

- At least 2 SL IB courses + Career-related Study
- Practical skills + academic rigor
- CP core components included
- Alberta Diploma requirements apply



Alberta Certificate of Completion

Personalized for students with Individual Education Plans (IEPs).

The English version of this document is the official version and will prevail in the event of any discrepancy. Information is subject to change. Please refer to the latest version on the TIS website.