The BIS Learning Community

The Bavarian International School e.V. was established in 1991 as a non-profit association to serve the international community of the Munich area. An EC1 – Grade 12 school, we offer a dynamic and contemporary education to around 1,100 students, from more than 50 countries. The IB programme at BIS aims to foster academic excellence, intercultural respect, a strong sense of personal and social responsibility and a life-long love of learning. BIS is governed by a Board of Trustees and is an IB World School, accredited by the European Council of International Schools (ECIS), the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC), and the Council of International Schools (CIS). BIS is a member of the Association of German International Schools (AGIS) and the Arbeitsgemeinschaft Internationale Schulen in Bayern (AISB). Our language of instruction is English.

Special Features

• 1:1 laptop programme in grades 7-12
• IBO Middle Years Programme (grades 6-10)
• International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (grades 11-12)
• Mathematics courses integrate a wide range of mathematical topics e.g. trigonometry, pre-calculus, calculus, statistics, algebra and pure math
• Mother tongue programme available in grades 6-10; IB Self Taught language programme available for students with mother tongue proficiency in languages other than English, German and Japanese
• Extensive extra- and super-curricular programmes
• Outdoor education programme in grades 6-9; opportunity for all students to participate in International Award programme
• Strong pastoral care programme
• Wellbeing lessons in grades 6-12; PSHE, Digital Citizenship; Careers Research; College preparation programme
• Special Needs Support in grades 6-12
• English as an Additional Language support in grades 6-12

Post-Secondary School Preparation

• University Guidance programme, including specialist workshops for students and parents
• University focused reading groups (e.g. Medicine, Psychology, Philosophy and Education)
• Year round visits to BIS from university representatives; university fairs hosted
• Visits to University and Apprenticeship fairs in the vicinity
• Deep Service opportunities in the wider community and abroad e.g. local refugee camp; Food Kitchens; World Challenge (action and service in developing LEDCs)
• Annual Career Day: grades 9-12
• Careers research and c.v. training
• Visiting speakers including alumni guests and guests from academia
• Interview training programme: grades 11-12
• Work Experience weeks: grade 10
• Extended Essay: grades 11-12 (4,000 word independent research essay)
• Grade 10 MYP Personal Project
### IB Subjects Offered

- English A1
- English B
- Spanish B
- German A1
- German B
- German ab initio
- Self-Taught Languages
- Japanese A1
- Business & Management
- Geography
- Economics
- History
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Environmental Systems and Societies
- Sports, Exercise and Health Sciences
- Mathematics
- Mathematical Studies
- Music
- Visual Arts
- Theatre Arts
- Theory of Knowledge
- Higher and Standard Level
- Standard Level

### Student Nationalities 2016-2017

- German: 26%
- American: 14%
- British: 12%
- Spanish: 6%
- Indian: 4%
- Japanese: 4%
- Italian: 3%
- Australian: 2%
- Dutch: 2%
- French: 2%
- Swedish: 2%
- Others: 23%

### Grading System

The Upper School use a 7-1 grading scale based on that of the International Baccalaureate. Few students receive grades higher than 6.

- 7 exceptional
- 6 very good
- 5 good
- 4 satisfactory
- 3 mediocre
- 2 poor
- 1 very poor

**Director’s Award:**
- A GPA of 6.5 and above

**Honour Roll:**
- A GPA of 6 and above

**Principal’s Award:**
- Presented to students who have made significant progress or who have made an outstanding contribution to the community

### High School Diploma Grades 11-12

In order to graduate from BIS students must accumulate a minimum of 25 credits. Credits for subjects are only awarded upon successful completion and, for academic subjects, when a grade of 4 or above is achieved. For the extended essay a minimum C grade is required. The distribution of credit requirements is as follows:

- **Academic subjects**: 1 semester credit per subject
- **Theory of Knowledge**: 2 credits over two years
- **Extended Essay**: 1 credit on completion (minimum grade of C)
- **CAS**: Programme must be successfully completed

Total: 27 possible credit points over two years

High School Diploma students proceed to tertiary education in Asia, Europe and North America.