



DESCRIPTION

BBIS Berlin Brandenburg International School is an inclusive, coeducational English-language day and boarding school serving the internationally-minded community of Germany's capital region. An International Baccalaureate (IB) World School, BBIS is fully authorized by the IB organization to teach all four IB programmes (the IB Primary Years Programme, the IB Middle Years Programme, the IB Diploma Programme and the IB Career-Related Programme) covering the 3 to 19 age range. BBIS is fully accredited by the Council of International Schools and the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. It is a full member of the European Council of International Schools and the Association of German International Schools.

COMMUNITY

BBIS serves the greater Berlin and surrounding area, which has a population of approximately 4½ million people. Many students come from foreign embassy communities. Most families expect their children to attend university after graduation, and the general pattern is that 85% attend university immediately after their 12th grade year, while some take a gap year or join military service.

We are a school with a strong Student Support Department, offering admission to a variety of students. Community Service is an important part of the philosophy; students have opportunity to work with charity organizations, take part in sports and math competitions, as well as music and theatre and many other extra curricular activities.

STUDENT BODY

Current enrollment is 712 students from 60 countries with 160 students in grades 11 and 12, the United States, Germany, Russia, China, Israel, the United Kingdom, South Korea, and the Netherlands being the largest groups. 80 % of BBIS graduates are fluent in a second language, some in a third or fourth language. English is not the native language for a majority of our students. IB, SAT Verbal and English achievement test scores reflect this varied language background.

PROFILE OF THE CLASS OF 2020–21

62 Grade 12 students make up the class of 2020–21. Nearly all plan to pursue university studies after graduation, or after required military service in their home countries. The students represent 21 different nationalities. Besides English, other native languages include German, Russian, French, Dutch, Chinese, Arabic, Korean and Hebrew.

FACULTY

There are approximately 188 full time and part-time professional staff members with an average length of service at BBIS of 6 years. The individual teachers come from about 28 different nations, native English-speakers making up the vast majority.

GRADING

BBIS uses grading systems based on our external exam organization: the IBO (1–7). It is the policy of BBIS not to rank students given the small size of each graduating class.

Courses are not weighted, but are distinguished between IB Higher or Standard level courses or IBCP courses and BTEC.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

The school year is based on two semesters, the first begins in late August and ends in mid-January, the second term begins in January and ends the third week of June. There are approximately 180 days of instruction. Academic classes meet from four to six 40-minute periods per week. There are 36 weeks in the school year.

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE

BBIS Berlin Brandenburg International School offers the International Baccalaureate Diploma (IBDP) and International Baccalaureate Careers-Related Programme (IBCP) in grades 11 and 12. Some students will graduate with a High School Diploma. The average score of IB exams in recent years is 5.3 on the subject exams. In 2020, the average IBDP score was 33 with nine students scoring above 40, the highest score at 44. Between 10–15 students opt for the IBCP programme. In last years, we have had good results, and all 2020 IBCP candidates successfully gained the IBCP Diploma. Students follow the IB authorized Middle Years Programme from grades 6–10. The Elementary School is authorized to offer the IB Primary Years Programme.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

IB Diploma

The student fulfills all BBIS requirements for the IB Diploma. This diploma is awarded by the IB organization in August of the graduation year. Details are available in the school handbook.

IBCP/High School Diploma

The student fulfills all BBIS requirements for the IBCP or the High School Diploma. Details are available in the school handbook.

UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCES IN RECENT YEARS

Boston University
École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne
Emerson College
Erasmus University Rotterdam
ESCP Europe
Glasgow School of Art
Glion Institute of Higher Education
Imperial College, London
IUBH International University of Applied Science

Jacobs University Bremen
James Madison University
Karlsruhe Inst of Technology
Kings College, London
Lancaster University
Maastricht University
Massachusetts Inst of Technology
New York Film Academy
New York University
Northeastern University
Northwestern University
Oxford University
Princeton University
Queen Mary University
Stanford University
Syracuse University
The Hague University of Applied Science
Tulane University
University College London
University College London
University of Aberdeen
University of Amsterdam
University of Bath
University of Brighton
University of Bristol
University of British Columbia
University of California, Berkeley
University of California, Los Angeles
University of Cambridge
University of Central Florida
University of Edinburgh
University of Exeter
University of Glasgow
University of Groningen
University of Kent
University of Manchester
University of Newcastle
University of Pittsburgh
University of St. Andrews
University of Surrey
University of Sydney
University of Warwick
University of Wisconsin-Madison
Yale University
Yonsei University

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