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IB LEARNERS ARE

- INQUIRERS
- KNOWLEDGEABLE
- THINKERS
- COMMUNICATORS
- PRINCIPLED
- OPEN-MINDED
- CARING
- RISK-TAKERS
- BALANCED
- REFLECTIVE

The Utica Academy for International Studies Ranks #1 in Michigan, #3 in the Midwest, and #84 in the nation on the 2020 Jay Mathews Challenge Index Ranking.



Diploma Programme

Profile for Colleges and Universities

2021-2022

School History and Enrollment

The Utica Academy for International Studies (UAIS) opened in the fall of 2008 and is a fully authorized International Baccalaureate World School. We currently enroll 409 students in grades 9-12. Our inaugural class graduated in June 2012.

Community

UAIS is a public high school program belonging to the Utica Community Schools (UCS) district, which is Michigan's second largest school district. Located approximately 7 miles north of Detroit, in Macomb County, the 25 elementary schools, seven junior high schools, and four high schools within UCS serve approximately 30,000 students from a 66-square mile suburban area. The community is largely residential with strong economic ties to the automotive industry.

Students

UAIS students are drawn from the four Utica Community Schools high schools. Our students are socio-economically, ethnically, and religiously diverse. Approximately 17% of students qualify for free and reduced lunch.

School Schedule

We operate a two semester, eight class period A/B block schedule which allows students to earn eight credits per semester.

IB Diploma Course Load

Students are advised to take only three HL (Higher Level) and three SL courses. Students are strongly discouraged from taking four HLs.

Extended Essay (EE) and Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS)

All students are expected to produce a 4,000-word Extended Essay, which is a capstone project based on original research. Students must also complete 150 hours of Creativity, Activity and Service, including an extended service project that requires collaboration and leadership, and is focused on the local community. These IB requirements are in addition to their other coursework.

Co-Curricular Activities

UAIS offers numerous extracurricular clubs and activities. Students wishing to participate in high school athletics or activities not offered at UAIS, may return to their attendance area high school. Participating in base school sports and activities requires considerable student initiative and represents a serious commitment.

Covid 19 Accommodations

For semester 2 of the 2019-2020 school year, students received a credit (CR) or no credit (NC) for their course work due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the unexpected switch to online learning. These grades are not included in the GPA.

Faculty

All faculty members hold a Masters, Specialist or Ph.D. degree. Faculty members have been extensively trained in brain/mind research in conjunction with the Caine Learning Institute of Idyllwild, California. Faculty members have also received special training in Reading Apprenticeship by West Ed. All staff also adhere to ongoing IB Professional Development Standards.

Grading System

The UAIS grading system is based on a weighted 4.0 scale. Semester grades are based on a 40/40/20 model wherein each of two quarters count for 40% of the final semester grade and the exam count for the remaining 20%. Grades are weighted (.50) for all courses that conclude in a national reported course exam (IB or AP). For winter semester 2020 students received CR/NC due to quarantine.

Grading Scale

Letter Grade	%	College Prep Course GPA	Weighted Course GPA (AP or IB)
A	94-100	4	4.5
A-	90-93	3.67	4.17
B+	87-89	3.33	3.84
B	83-86	3	3.5
B-	80-82	2.67	3.17
C+	77-79	2.33	2.83
C	73-76	2	2.5
C-	70-72	1.67	2.17
D+	67-69	1.33	1.83
D	63-66	1	1.5
D-	60-62	0.67	1.17
F	*50	0	0

Class Rank

Due to the small size of our graduating classes, we do not rank students. All students are enrolled in rigorous college preparatory coursework.

The following chart reflects the average SAT scores of the graduating classes of 2022

SAT Mean Composite Scores	
Mean Composite Score	1305
Mean Composite Score of Middle 50%	1304
Mean Composite Score of Top 25%	1468
Mean Composite Score of Top 10%	1520



Profile for Colleges and Universities 2021-2022

International Baccalaureate (IB) Full Diploma Program Curriculum

The IB curriculum is at the heart of the UAIS. Modeled by the following diagram, the IB curriculum is comprised of six academic areas surrounding the threecore requirements. In order to meet the graduation requirements, set forth by the Utica Community Schools Board of Education and the Michigan Department of Education, students must complete 22 credit hours. **UAIS students graduate with 32 credit hours.**

The average number of students earning the IB diploma from the graduating classes of 2020 was 93%. Of these students the average score was 30 points, with 24 points being the passing mark.



Utica Community Schools Minimum Graduation Requirements for Class of 2022	Utica Academy for International Studies Area Requirements for Class of 2022
English Language Arts (4 credits)	English Language Arts (4 Credits)
Mathematics (4 credits)	Mathematics (4 Credits)
Science (3 credits)	Science (5 Credits)
Social Studies (3 credits)	Social Studies (5 Credits)
Health & Physical Education (1 credit)	Health & Physical Education (optional)
Visual, Performing, Applied Arts (1 credit)	Visual, Performing and Applied Arts (2 Credits)
Michigan Merit Exam	Michigan Merit Exam
	World Languages (4 Credits)

GROUP 1: ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Honors English 9*
 Honors English 10*
 IB English 11 SL/HL*
 IB English 12 SL/HL*

GROUP 2: FOREIGN LANGUAGE

French I
 French II
 IB French III SL/HL
 IB French IV SL/HL
 Spanish I
 Spanish II
 IB Spanish III SL/HL
 IB Spanish IV SL/HL
 Japanese I
 Japanese II
 IB Japanese III SL/HL
 IB Japanese IV SL/HL

GROUP 3: INDIVIDUALS & SOCIETIES

History of World Civilizations*
 International Studies (Gov./Econ.)
 AP World History*
 IB Hist. of 20th Century SL/ HL
 Psychology
 IB Psychology SL/HL

GROUP 4: EXPERIMENTAL SCIENCES

Biology*
 Chemistry*
 AP Computer Science
 Physics*
 IB Biology SL/HL
 IB Chemistry SL/HL
 IB Computer Science SL/HL
 IB Physics SL/HL

GROUP 5: MATHEMATICS

Geometry*
 Acc. Algebra II*
 AP Statistics
 IB Math Application SL
 IB Math Analysis SL/HL

GROUP 6: THE ARTS*

Theatre Arts I / II
 Vocal Solo & Ensemble
 Art Foundations Studio
 Art 2D/3D
 Advanced Studio Art
 AP Studio Art
 IB Music SL/HL
 IB Theatre SL/HL Band
 IB Visual Arts SL/HL

CORE

IB Theory of Knowledge 11/12*
 Creativity, Activity, Service (non-class req.)*
 Extended Essay (non-class req.)*

OTHER CORSES & ELECTIVES

Production Teams 9*
 Production Teams 10*
 Yearbook
 Team Sports Boys/Girls

College and University Acceptances and Matriculation for UAIS Class of 2012-2021

99.9% of students who have graduated from UAIS attended or are attending a four-year college or university. (* = matriculation)

Adrian College*	Grand Valley State University*
Albion College	Hampton University*
Allegheny College	Harvard University*
Alma College*	Hillsdale College*
American University*	Hope College*
American University of Paris*	Howard University
Appalachian State University	Indiana University*
Aquinas College*	Indiana Wesleyan University*
Arizona State University*	Iowa State University
Auburn University	James Madison University
Austin College	John Carroll University
Baker College*	Johns Hopkins University*
Ball State University	Kalamazoo College*
Barnard College	Kendall College of Art and Design
Baylor University	Kennesaw State University*
Belmont University*	Kent (State) University*
Bethel College	Kettering University*
Boston University*	Lake Forest College*
Bowling Green State University*	Lake Superior State University*
Brigham Young university – Idaho*	Lawrence Technological University*
Brigham Young University – Provo*	Laboratory Institute of Merchandising College (LIM)*
Brown University*	Lipscomb University*
Bryant University	Loyola University – Chicago*
Butler University	Macalester College*
Calvin College	Macomb Community College*
Carthage College	Madonna University*
Case Western Reserve*	Marist College
Cedarville University*	Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)*
Central Michigan University*	Miami University – Ohio*
Charleston Southern University	Michigan State University*
Charis Bible School	Michigan Technological University*
Citadel	Montana State University*
City University of New York	Mouny Holyoke College*
Clemson University	New York University*
College of Clarkston	Northeastern University
College of Creative Studies*	Northwestern University*
College of William and Mary*	Norwich University*
Columbia College – Chicago*	Northern Illinois University
Columbia University*	Northern Michigan University*
Cornell University	Notre Dame*
Cornerstone University	Nova Southeastern University*
Corvinus University (Budapest)	Oakland University*
Dartmouth College*	Oberlin College*
Denver Seminary*	Occidental College*
DePaul University	Ohio Northern University*
Drexel University	Ohio State University*
Duke University*	Oklahoma State University*
Eastern Michigan University*	Olivet College*
Emerson College	Oregon State University*
Emory University	Parsons New School for Design*
Florida Atlantic University*	Penn State University
Florida Institute of Technology*	Point Loma Nazarene University
Ferris State University*	Princeton University*
Florida Gulf Coast University*	Purdue University*
Florida State University	Ringling College of Art and Design*
Fordham University	Rochester Christian College*
Gannon University*	Roosevelt University*
George Mason University*	Rutgers University*
Georgia Technological University	Sacred Heart Major Seminary*
George Washington University*	Saginaw Valley State University*
Georgetown University*	Saint Francis University
Goucher College*	Saint Mary's College*
Grand Canyon University	San Diego State University*

Santa Clara University
 School of Art Institute of Chicago
 Seton Hill University*
 Spring Arbor University*
 Stanford*
 Stevens Institute of Technology*
 St. John's University
 Swarthmore College
 Syracuse University*
 Temple University
 Temple University – Japan*
 Tiffin University*
 University of Akron
 University of Alabama – Tuscaloosa*
 University of California – Berkeley*
 University of California – Davis
 University of California – Irvine
 University of California – Los Angeles*
 University of California – Merced
 University of California – Riverside
 University of California – San Diego*
 University of California – San Francisco
 University of California – Santa Barbara
 University of California – Santa Cruz
 University of Central Florida
 University of Chicago*
 University of Cincinnati*
 University of Colorado - Boulder
 University of Delaware
 University of Denver
 University of Detroit Mercy*
 University of Florida*
 University of Groningen – Netherlands
 University of Iowa
 University of Illinois – Urbana-Champaign*
 University of Kansas*
 University of Kent – Canterbury (UK)*
 University of Kent – Rome (Italy)*
 University of Louisville*
 University of Maryland – College Park*
 University of Massachusetts – Amherst*
 University of Miami – Florida*
 University of Michigan – Ann Arbor*
 University of Michigan – Dearborn*
 University of Minnesota – Twin Cities
 University of Missouri – Kansas City
 University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill*
 University of Notre Dame
 University of Oxford – England*
 University of Pennsylvania*
 University of Pittsburgh*
 University of Portland
 University of Queensland (Australia)*
 University of Rochester*
 University of San Diego
 University of Scranton*
 University of South Carolina - Columbia
 University of Southern California*
 University of Tampa*
 University of Texas – Austin
 University of Toledo
 University of Toronto*
 University of Utah (Asia Campus, South Korea)*
 University of Vermont

University of Virginia
 University of Washington – Seattle*
 Utah State University*
 Valencia College
 Valparaiso University*
 Vanderbilt University*
 Villanova University
 Virginia Tech University
 Vrije Universiteit Brussels (Belgium)
 Warsaw University of Technology
 Washington and Lee University
 Wayne State University*
 Wesleyan University*
 Western Michigan University*
 Wroclaw Medical University – Poland*
 Xavier University*
 Yale*

10 Diploma Programme

Reasons

why the IB Diploma Programme (DP) is ideal preparation for university

- It increases academic opportunity**
Research* shows that DP graduates are much more likely to be enrolled at top higher education institutions than entrants holding other qualifications.
- IB students care about more than just results**
Through creativity, action, service (CAS) you learn outside the classroom and develop emotionally and ethically as well as intellectually.
- It encourages you to become a confident and independent learner**
For example, the extended essay requires independent research through an in-depth study.
- It's an international qualification**
The DP is recognized globally by universities and employers.
- Graduates are globally minded**
Language classes encourage an international mindset, key for increasingly globalized societies.
- The IB encourages critical thinking**
Learn how to analyse and evaluate issues, generate ideas and consider new perspectives.
- DP students have proven time management skills**
Take good study habits and strong time management to further education and the working world.
- Subjects are not taught in isolation**
Theory of knowledge (TOK) classes encourage you to make connections between subjects.
- It assesses more than examination techniques**
Learn to understand, not just memorize facts or topics and prepare for exams.
- It encourages breadth and depth of learning**
You are able to choose courses from six subject groups and study subjects at different levels.

*Based on IB research - www.ibo.org/research

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