SCHOOL PROFILE 2021–22

BERLIN
BRANDENBURG
INTERNATIONAL
SCHOOL

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 three IB programmes (the IB Primary Years Programme, the IB Middle Years Programme and the IB Diploma 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 Grade 12, while some take a gap year or join military service.

We are a school with a strong Student Support Services Department, providing guidance, coaching, resources and interventions when needed. In all that we do, we celebrate diversity and inclusion – acknowledging and embracing the fact that our students all learn differently.

Community service is an important part of the philosophy; students have the opportunity to work with charity organizations locally as well as internationally. Throughout the year, our students can join in a variety of extra-curricular activities, both on and beyond the campus, to develop new talents, hone their current interests, and explore new activities.

STUDENT BODY

Current enrollment is 725 students from 60 countries with 162 students in Grades 11 and 12. Students from Germany, the United States, South Korea, Russia, the United Kingdom, Saudi Arabia, and the Netherlands make up 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 2021–22

89 Grade 12 students make up the class of 2021–22. Nearly all plan to pursue university studies after graduation, or after required military service in their home countries. The students represent 29 different nationalities. Besides English, other native languages include German, Russian, Japanese, French, Dutch, Chinese, Arabic, and Korean.

FACULTY

There are approximately 152 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 standards-based grading systems that award Achievement Levels 1 to 7 using International Baccalaureate assessment principles. It is the policy not to rank students. Courses are not weighted, but are distinguished between IB Higher or Standard level courses.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

The school year is divided into two semesters. The first begins in late August and ends in December, the second semester begins in January and ends the third week of June. There are 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 proudly offers three IB programmes in the Primary, Middle and Diploma years of schooling. The International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP) is globally renowned and respected by leading universities across the globe. It is designed for students aged 16 to 19 is made up of six subject groups and the core, comprising Theory of Knowledge (TOK), Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS) and the Extended Essay. In 2021, the average IBDP score was 35.75 with thirteen students scoring above 40, the highest score at 45. The average score was 5.7 on the subject exams. Students may also choose other pathways to graduation like the BBIS High School Diploma with IBDP certificates or the BBIS High School Diploma.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

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

BBIS High School Diploma with IBDP certificates / BBIS High School Diploma
The student fulfills all BBIS requirements for the High School Diploma. Details are available in the school handbook.

UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCES IN RECENT YEARS

Berklee College of Music
BI Norwegian Business School
Boston University
Emerson College
Emory University
Erasmus University Rotterdam
Fordham University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Freie Universität Berlin
Glion Institute of Higher Education
IE University
Imperial College, London
IUBH International University of Applied Science
Jacobs University Bremen
James Madison University
Kings College, London
Lancaster University
London School of Economics
Maastricht University
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
New York University
Northeastern University
Northwestern University
Oxford University
Princeton University
Purdue University
Queen Mary University
Stanford University
Syracuse University
The Hague University of Applied Science
Powson University
UC Davis
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
University of Cambridge
University of Edinburgh
University of Glasgow
University of Kent
University of Manchester
University of Michigan
University of Newcastle
University of Pittsburgh
University of St. Andrews
University of Surrey
University of Warwick
University of Wisconsin-Madison
Virginia Tech
Yale University
Yonsei University

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