

# Dominican International School

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## School Profile 2017 - 18

The **Dominican International School** is a private, English medium, Roman Catholic school in Taipei City, Taiwan, established in 1957. The Religious Missionaries of St. Dominic own and manage DIS. The school provides education for foreign students, regardless of race, color and creed, from Kindergarten to Grade 12, including Advanced Placement. DIS follows a modified American curriculum which includes Religious Studies, to prepare students for higher education abroad (mostly North American universities). The majority of the students is Asian, and speaks English as a second language. The school is coeducational. Classes are kept small, so that teachers can provide focused attention to students in a student-centered environment. DIS employs teachers from many different regions in Asia, North America, Europe, and South Africa.

### The Curriculum

The **Dominican International School** curriculum is academically challenging. A minimum of thirty-two (32) course credits are required for high school graduation from DIS. Of these credits, 23 are from major subjects, required of each student. In addition, students must successfully complete a minimum of 9 credits chosen from the minor subject offerings. The minimum 32 credits must be achieved by completing the following:

<u>Grade 9 and 10</u>		
<b>Major Subjects</b>	Information and Communication Technology ..... 2 Years	
	Physical and Health Education ..... 2 Years	
	Music Appreciation ..... 2 Years	
	Studio Art ..... 2 Years	
	<u>Grade 11 and 12</u>	
	Information and Communication Technology ..... 1 Year	
	Computer Science ..... 1 Year	
	Physical and Health Education ..... 2 Years	
	Studio Art ..... 1 Year	
	Economics ..... 1 Year	
Writing Skills ..... 2 Years		
Drama ..... 1 Year		
Psychology ..... 1 Year		
Marketing ..... 1 Year		
Family and Consumer Science ..... 1 Year		
Community Service Project ..... 1 Year		
Senior Project ..... 1 Year		
<b>Minor Subjects</b>		

Religious Studies ..... 4 Years
<i>Old Testament</i>
<i>New Testament</i>
<i>World Religions</i>
<i>Morality</i>
English Language Arts ..... 4 Years
Mathematics ..... 4 Years
<i>Geometry</i>
<i>Algebra II</i>
<i>Pre-Calculus</i>
<i>Calculus</i>
History ..... 3 Years
<i>Asian Studies</i>
<i>World History</i>
<i>American History</i>
Science ..... 4 Years
<i>Biology</i>
<i>Chemistry &amp; Earth Science</i>
<i>Physics &amp; Space Science</i>
<i>Further Science (Elective)</i>
Foreign Languages ..... 3 Years
<i>Chinese</i>
<i>Japanese</i>
<i>Spanish</i>

### Five –Year University Admission Summary

U.S.A./CANADA		EUROPE	AUSTRALIA	JAPAN
Brown University	U.C. Berkeley	Kings College	University of Queensland	Keio University
U.C. Los Angeles	U.C. San Diego	York University	Monash University	Waseda University
McGill University	University of British Columbia	University of Liverpool	University of Western Australia	Sophia University

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## Calculation of Grade Point Average

DIS calculates the academic grade point average on a weighted 4.0 scale that includes all subjects taken from grade 9 through grade 12. The following scale is used:

Letter Grade	Numeric Grade	Regular Course Grade Point	AP Course Grade Point
A	95-100	4.0	5.0
A-	90-94	3.7	4.7
B+	87-89	3.3	4.3
B	84-86	3.0	4.0
B-	80-83	2.7	3.7
C+	77-79	2.3	3.3
C	74-76	2.0	3.0
C-	70-73	1.7	2.7
D+	67-69	1.3	2.3
D	64-66	1.0	2.0
D-	60-63	0.7	1.7
F	00-59	0.0	0.0

## Ranking

**GPA:** DIS ranks high school students based on the weighted GPA by grade level.

**YHS: (Young Honors Society)**

DIS ranks the top 3 students per class based on a weighted average.

## The Faculty

The teacher: student ratio at DIS is 1:10. Our faculty consists of 45 teachers, 3 administrators, 3 counselors, 3 librarians, and 20 staff members.

## Student Services

The **Campus Ministry** cares about the holistic development of students, with spiritual growth as their primary objective, therefore it is important that students show respect and cooperate with the faculty to reach their goal. It is the mission of the Campus Ministry to look after this important aspect of student life.

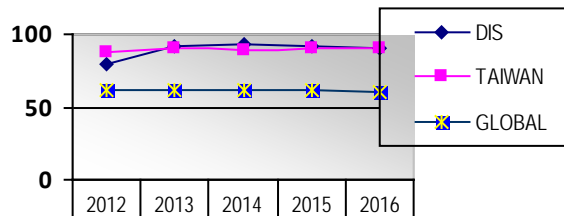
The **Counseling and Guidance Program** is a part of the total school program and complements learning in the classroom. It offers comprehensive, preventive, and developmental services addressing students' personal, social, academic, career, and global competencies necessary for their growth toward lifelong learning and success.

The **DIS Library** provides students with the newest titles, a wide variety of reading materials, and access to online data bases for academic research.

## Advanced Placement

The AP Program started in 2004 only offering AP Calculus AB and AP U.S. History. DIS currently offers 12 AP Courses, with AP Computer Science A, AP Studio Art Drawing, and AP Environmental Science being the most recent additions.

## Five-Year Score Summary



DIS	80	92	93	92	91
TAIWAN	88	91	89	90	91
GLOBAL	61	61	61	61	60

## English for Academic Purposes

DIS offers an EAP program for grades 9 and 10. This program supports students who enter DIS with a need for English proficiency development.

The EAP course is student-centered and activity-oriented, offering students ample opportunities for listening, speaking, reading, and writing, with a sharper focus on enhancing academic language skills. Skills development is aimed at upgrading the student's English proficiency.

## Extra-Curricular Activities

DIS makes extracurricular activities available as an extension of the regular school program. DIS Athletics offers 6 sports in which students can participate and compete on an international school level.

There are 14 clubs for student participation. The MUN, GIN and World Scholar's Cup organizations are very popular and students perform well at international competitions and conferences every year. Athletics also offers an after school training for soccer for LS, aside from MS and HS regular soccer training. Every Friday, MS/ HS students and teachers/coach have a friendly game in soccer, this serves as training and at the same time builds friendship and interpersonal relations among students and teachers. TEDx DominicanintlSchool holds annual conferences. The Student Council serves as a bridge between the student body and school administration, faculty and staff

## Service Learning Program

The Service Learning Program (SLP) aims to contribute to the Dominican International School's mission of broadening and enriching the High School experience by enabling the student to be an active participant in the community. High school students are required to complete 100 service hours in their four years at DIS.

Recognized by the Ministry of Education in Taiwan and an Active Associate Member of East Asia Regional Council of Overseas Schools (EARCOS)

