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International Christian School

School Profile 2022-2023

Community Overview:

The International Christian School was founded in 1977 and is a private school that offers an educational program from Nursery through 11th Grade. In 2013 ICS was merged with the UNIBE group.

ICS believes that students should be learning academics hand in hand with a strong values program; we offer the Fellowship program where students get the opportunity to develop a strong value system.

The school is officially recognized and accredited by the Costa Rican Ministry of Education, Cognia, and IBO.

The school recently transitioned from a PK-12 school to a PK-11 school. All students now graduate at the end of year 11 which is the same as the public school system in Costa Rica.

Mission:

The International Christian School is a PK-11 school of excellence that promotes in both Costa Rican and foreign students critical thinking and lifelong learning skills through research both in English and Spanish, while fostering a culture based on Christian values.

Vision:

Our vision is to encourage students to develop the necessary traits to become knowledgeable, principled, balanced, and caring leaders with a genuine awareness of individual and social responsibility in a constantly changing globalized world.

Student Body

-427 students from K-11
-29 students in the graduating class from eleventh grade (19 students are graduating with the IB diploma while the other 10 are graduating with the National Bachillerato)
-95 students in High School (Ninth-Eleventh)
-Overall Composition: 70% Costa Rican and 20% Asian, and 10% other nationalities.

Calendar System

International Christian School follows an international school calendar; classes run from August to June. With approximately 180 school days, classes start at 8:00 am, through 2:30 p.m. for both Primary and Secondary. For Preschool, classes start at 8:00 and last until 1:00.

Academic Program

Costa Rica National Bachillerato: students must complete the Eleventh grade earning the Costa Rica requirements of the FARO tests in Tenth grade and achieving the passing grades for eleventh grade. Students must fulfill additional ICS requirements in order to graduate with this diploma. All of our students graduate with the Costa Rican Baccalaureate.

International Baccalaureate (IBDP): Our students take the IB courses in tenth and eleventh-grade, after completing the examination requirements they obtain the IB Diploma accredited by the International Baccalaureate Organization.

English is the language of instruction at ICS for all subjects, except Spanish, CR Social Studies, Math, and Biology for High School.

ICS Curriculum

Course Offerings and Graduation Requirements for High School Students.

Ninth Grade

- English
- Spanish*
- Math*
- Physics*
- Biology*
- Chemistry
- CR Social Studies and Civics*
- Geography
- Theory of Knowledge
- Art
- Physical Education
- Elective

*Language of Instruction in Spanish

Tenth Grade

- English
- Spanish*
- Math*
- Physics*
- Biology*
- Chemistry
- CR Social Studies and Civics*
- World History
- Theory of Knowledge
- Art
- Physical Education
- College Prep
- Elective

*Language of Instruction in Spanish

Tenth Grade IB

- IB Spanish: Language and Literature*
- IB English: English Literature/English B
- IB Business Management
- IB Biology*/IB Chemistry
- IB Math: Applications and Interpretation*
- IB Global Politics/ IB Visual Arts
- IB Theory of Knowledge
- IB CAS
- IB Extended Essay
- CR Social Studies*
- College Prep

*Language of Instruction in Spanish

Eleventh Grade

- English
- Spanish*
- Math*
- Physics*
- Biology*
- Chemistry

- CR Social Studies and Civics*
- World History Modern Era
- Theory of Knowledge
- Art
- Physical Education
- College Prep
- Elective

*Language of Instruction in Spanish

Eleventh Grade IB

- IB Spanish: Language and Literature*
- IB English: English A Literature/English B
- IB Business Management
- IB Biology*/IB Chemistry
- IB Math: Applications and Interpretation*
- IB Global Politics/ IB Visual Arts
- IB Theory of Knowledge
- IB CAS
- IB Extended Essay
- CR Social Studies*
- College Prep

*Language of Instruction in Spanish

International Baccalaureate Bilingual Program

ICS started with the IB Program in 2018, having the first IB graduating class in 2020. In ICS the Bilingual IB Diploma program is open admission and optional. At the end of the ninth grade, students decide to enroll in the full diploma program or to take the ICS program. All of our students benefit from a more rigorous curriculum as the IB standards are taught cross-curricular.

Subject Groups	Available Diploma Courses	L.O.I	Level
Spanish	Spanish A: Language and Literature	S	HL
English	English A: Literature	E	HL
	English B	E	HL
Individuals and Societies	Global Politics	E	HL/SL
	Business Management	E	HL/SL
Sciences	Biology	S	SL
	Chemistry	E	SL
Math	Math: Applications and Interpretation	S	SL
Arts	Visual Arts	E	HL/SL
Core Subjects	Theory Of Knowledge	E	
	CAS	E/S	
	Extended Essay	E/S	

IBDP Enrollment History

Graduation Class of 2020

Total Seniors: 17

IB Diploma Students: 6

Students that received the diploma	Average Grade	Highest Grade	Lowest Grade
5	30	37	23

Graduation Class of 2021

Total Seniors: 34

IB Diploma Students: 27

Students that received the diploma	Average Grade	Highest Grade	Lowest Grade
27	33	40	25

Graduation Class of 2022

Total Seniors: 34

IB Diploma Students: 14

Students that received the diploma	Average Grade	Highest Grade	Lowest Grade
13	30	38	23

IB Characteristics Graduation Class 2023

Total Eleventh Seniors Class: 29

IB Diploma Students: 19

IB Restrictions Specific to the Classes of 2021-2023

-Students had to take Spanish A: Language and Literature, Business Management, and Math mandatory.

-Students had to take Spanish and English subjects in HL

College Acceptance and Enrollment

2016-2022

United States

- Florida Tech University
- Gonzaga University
- University of Central Florida
- University of Missouri
- University of Ohio
- Long Island University Brooklyn
- Southern Adventist School
- Smith College
- Madison Area Technical College
- Northeast Texas Community College
- Pensacola Christian College
- Calvin College
- Boston University
- Manhattan College
- University of Kentucky

Costa Rica

- Universidad de Costa Rica (UCR)
- Instituto Tecnológico de Costa Rica (TEC)
- Universidad Nacional de Costa Rica (UNA)
- Universidad de Ciencias Médicas (UCIMED)
- Universidad Latina de Costa Rica
- Universidad de Ciencia y Tecnología (ULACIT)
- Universidad Veritas
- UNIBE
- Universidad Hispanoamericana
- Universidad Escuela Libre de Derecho
- LEAD University

Other Countries

- Navarra University: Spain
- IE University: Spain
- Universidad de Palermo: Argentina
- Studienkolleg NRW: Germany
- Jinan University: China
- Beijing Normal University: China
- University of Aberdeen: Scotland
- University of Kent: England
- Brandon University: Canada
- University of Prince Edward Island: Canada
- Pontificia Universidad Javeria: Colombia