



## SCHOOL PROFILE 2017- 2018

**IB Diploma School Code: 0819**

**CEEB No. 647000**

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The International School of Uganda (ISU) is a non-profit, co-educational day school, established in 1967 which offers an international education programme for students 2½ to 19 years old. The school is governed by a Board of Directors composed of eight elected members and one member appointed by the U.S. Ambassador. Enrollment is approximately 500 students representing over 60 different nations. Some families move every two to four years which creates a culturally dynamic and synergistic student body with many languages and customs.

The lush thirty-three acre ISU campus is a garden for many indigenous plants and bird-life. The purpose-built campus is on the outskirts of the capital city of Kampala in a rural setting and about 5 kilometers from Lake Victoria. The campus includes 22 classrooms in the Junior School, 21 classrooms in the Senior School, a state-of-the-art Science Centre, a theatre lab and open air amphitheatre, three computer laboratories and wireless connectivity campus-wide, a library of over 20,000 volumes, two sports fields, a sports hall including a climbing wall, an athletics track, two swimming pools, two outdoor basketball courts, four tennis courts and separate facilities for Early Childhood education.

### **Faculty**

ISU has 61 full-time experienced teachers, most of who are certified in the United Kingdom, the United States or Canada. Others are qualified teachers from Australia, Belgium, Colombia, Italy, Kenya, New Zealand, Russia, Serbia, South Africa, Venezuela, Zimbabwe and Uganda. Almost half of the teachers hold Masters or other post-graduate degrees. There are several IB Diploma examiners, one IB Diploma Senior Examiner, three IB Middle Years moderators, three IB Primary Years workshop leaders and two IB Primary Years school visitors on the teaching staff.

### **Curriculum**

The curriculum is based on the International Baccalaureate (IB) Programme, Diploma (16-19 year-old students), Middle Years (11-16 year-old students) and Primary Years (3-11 year-old students). ISU is one of around 200 schools worldwide which is authorized to offer these three IB programmes. ISU students are well prepared for entry into American, British or other international schools or universities. More than 3,500 schools world-wide offer the International Baccalaureate Programmes which allow for transferability for students of international families. The High School programme prepares students for successful entry into universities and colleges.

### **Self-Selection into the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme**

At ISU all grade 11 and 12 students take the IB curriculum for all their subjects. Students are encouraged to try the full IB Diploma through grade 11 and into grade 12. If students do not complete the internal assessments or miss crucial deadlines they are counseled into the IB courses category. Additionally, all graduating students receive an ISU diploma in a programme accredited by both the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools and the Council of International Schools. In order to graduate ISU requires students to complete six credits for each year of the ISU Diploma and 150 hours of Creativity, Action and Service.

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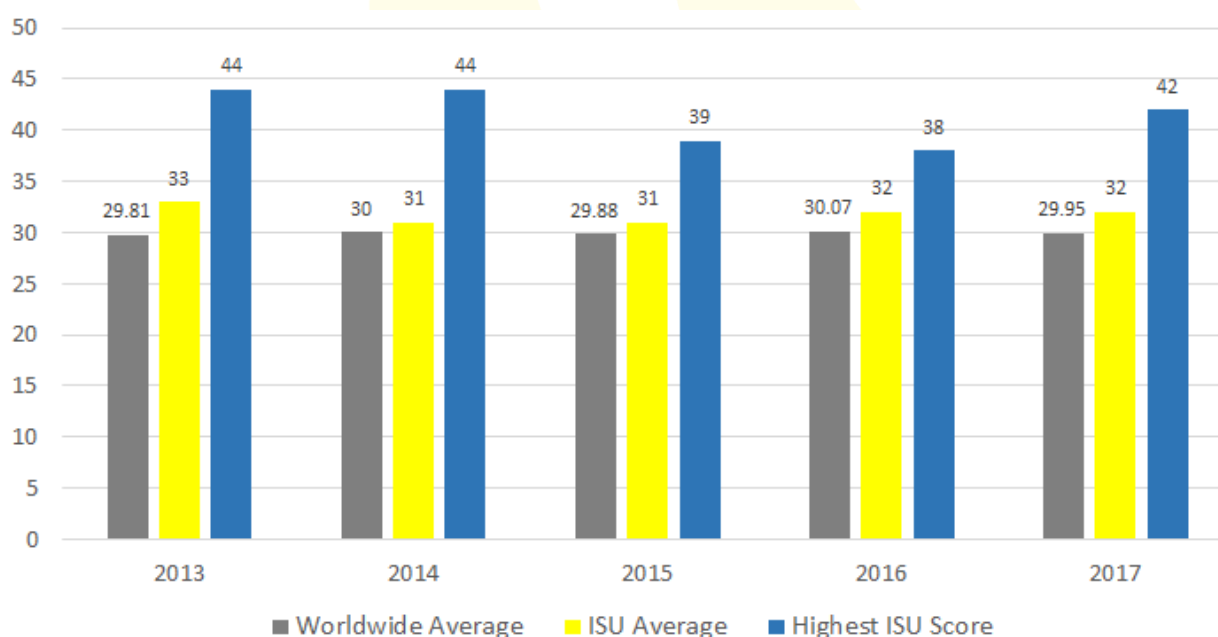
## No Rank/No G.P.A. Policy

Due to our small graduating classes, our programmes being highly rigorous, our range of grades narrow, and our students almost without exception entering competitive universities and colleges, it is our policy to neither rank our students nor compute G.P.A.

## Grading Scale

The school uses the International Baccalaureate (IB) grading scale: 7 = excellent (A+/A), 6 = very good (A-/B+), 5 = good (C+/B), 4 = satisfactory (C-/C), 3 = mediocre (D/D+), 2 = poor (D-) and 1 = very poor.

## ISU IB Diploma Scores 2013-2017



## College & University Acceptances

About 50% of graduating students apply to U.S. and Canadian universities and 50% apply to U.K. or other universities. 95% of ISU graduates attend degree-granting institutions after leaving ISU.

Colleges and universities where ISU students were accepted in 2017 include: Durham University, Iowa State University, SCAD, University of Georgia, University of the West of England, University of Kent, University of Toronto, Northeastern University, University of Waterloo, Brunel University, University College Utrecht, Brock University, Georgia State University, Lund University, University of Delaware, University of New South Wales, King's College London.

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