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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, and #56 in the nation on
the 2022 Jay Mathews Challenge Index
Ranking.



Profile for Colleges and Universities

2023-2024

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 417 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, 7 junior high schools, and 4 high schools within UCS serve approximately 27,000 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 24% 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 school year.

IB Diploma Course Load

Junior year transcripts show the letters DP after each IB course name. This indicates all students are candidates for the full IB Diploma Program at UAIS. Seniors must choose three HL (Higher Level) and three SL (Standard Level) courses.

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 home school sports and activities requires considerable student initiative and represents a serious commitment.

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 2024

SAT Mean Composite Scores	
Mean Composite Score	1265
Mean Composite Score of Middle 50%	1255
Mean Composite Score of Top 25%	1443
Mean Composite Score of Top 10%	1524



Profile for Colleges and Universities 2023-2024

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 2022 was 86%, which exceeds the world average for IB Diploma procurement. 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 2023	Utica Academy for International Studies Area Requirements for Class of 2023
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 9/10
IB English DP/SL/HL

GROUP 2: FOREIGN LANGUAGE

French I/II
IB French DP/SL/HL
Spanish I/II
IB Spanish DP/SL/HL
Japanese I/II
IB Japanese DP/SL/HL

GROUP 3: INDIVIDUALS & SOCIETIES

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

GROUP 4: EXPERIMENTAL SCIENCES

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

GROUP 5: MATHEMATICS

Geometry
Acc. Algebra II
AP Statistics
IB Math Application DP/SL
IB Math Analysis DP/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
Band
IB Music DP/SL/HL
IB Theatre DP/SL/HL
IB Visual Arts DP/SL/HL

IB CORE COMPONENTS

IB Theory of Knowledge 11/12
Creativity, Activity, Service*
Extended Essay*

OTHER COURSES & ELECTIVES

Production Teams 9/10
Analytical Chemistry
Debate
Team Sports Boys/Girls
Yearbook

*Non-Class IB Requirement

College and University Acceptances and Matriculation for UAIS Class of 2012-2022

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

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

Roosevelt University*	University of Maryland – College Park*
Rutgers University*	University of Massachusetts – Amherst*
Sacred Heart Major Seminary*	University of Miami – Florida*
Saginaw Valley State University*	University of Michigan – Ann Arbor*
Saint Francis University	University of Michigan – Dearborn*
Saint Mary’s College*	University of Michigan – Flint*
San Diego State University*	University of Minnesota – Twin Cities
Santa Clara University	University of Missouri – Columbia*
School of Art Institute of Chicago	University of Missouri – Kansas City
Seton Hill University*	University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill*
Spring Arbor University*	University of North Florida*
Stanford*	University of Notre Dame
Stevens Institute of Technology*	University of Oxford – England*
St. John’s University	University of Pennsylvania*
Swarthmore College	University of Pittsburgh*
Syracuse University*	University of Portland
Temple University	University of Queensland (Australia)*
Temple University – Japan*	University of Rochester*
Tiffin University*	University of San Diego
University of Akron	University of Scranton*
University of Alabama – Tuscaloosa*	University of South Carolina - Columbia
University of California – Berkeley*	University of Southern California*
University of California – Davis	University of Tampa*
University of California – Irvine	University of Texas – Austin
University of California – Los Angeles*	University of Toledo
University of California – Merced	University of Toronto*
University of California – Riverside	University of Utah (Asia Campus, South Korea)*
University of California – San Diego*	University of Vermont
University of California – San Francisco	University of Virginia
University of California – Santa Barbara	University of Washington – Seattle*
University of California – Santa Cruz	Utah State University*
University of Central Florida	Valencia College
University of Chicago*	Valparaiso University*
University of Cincinnati*	Vanderbilt University*
University of Colorado - Boulder	Villanova University
University of Delaware	Virginia Tech University
University of Denver	Vrije Universiteit Brussels (Belgium)
University of Detroit Mercy*	Warsaw University of Technology
University of Florida*	Washington and Lee University
University of Groningen – Netherlands	Wayne State University*
University of Iowa	Wesleyan University*
University of Illinois – Urbana-Champaign*	Western Michigan University*
University of Kansas*	Wroclaw Medical University – Poland*
University of Kent – Canterbury (UK)*	Xavier University*
University of Kent – Rome (Italy)*	Yale*
University of Louisville*	
