

HIGH SCHOOL

HS

Course Registration Information Night

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Mission Statement

Saigon South International School is a college preparatory school committed to the intellectual and personal development of each student in preparation for a purposeful life as a global citizen.



2019 Acceptances



Universiteit
Leiden
The Netherlands



香港科技大學
THE HONG KONG
UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE
AND TECHNOLOGY



Ucla



Imperial College
London



WASEDA

QUEST
UNIVERSITY
CANADA



서울대학교
SEOUL NATIONAL UNIVERSITY



GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY



THE UNIVERSITY OF
SYDNEY



香港大學
THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG



What does SSIS offer?



Advanced Placement



1 year courses

Exam-based courses

Exams are multiple choice and short essay

Flexibility in course choices

Can take multiple classes over two years

Accelerated pace, covers all content in one year

Easily combined with SSIS courses

University credit can be available



Advanced Placement



Selection options:

- Grade 9.....1 AP course (teacher recommendation only)
- Grade 10.....2 AP courses
- Grade 11 and 12.....3 AP courses

SAT is typically paired with AP exams for university entrance

Application process to take additional AP Exams, provided that the student has not met AP limit

Applications require approval by AP Coordinator, Counselor, and High School Principal

Students are responsible for all fees associated with the AP exams



International Baccalaureate



Two year courses

Mix of coursework and exam-based scoring

Exams are a large portion but not all of your overall score

Structured program choices

Time and focus on subjects

Cumulative knowledge base over two years

Diploma program does not allow for SSIS courses

Courses can be taken individually and paired with SSIS courses

University credit can be available



International Baccalaureate



Diploma

- **Group 1** - Language & Literature
- **Group 2** - Language Acquisition
- **Group 3** - Social Studies
- **Group 4** - Experimental Sciences
- **Group 5** - Mathematics
- **Group 6** - Arts (or take a second science/social studies)
- TOK, CAS, & Extended Essay

Students are responsible for all fees associated with the IB courses or diploma program



SSIS Courses

One year courses

Not exam based

Allows for flexibility to pair with AP or IB courses

Allows students to take multiple classes over 2 years

Accessible to all students

Across all subject areas

Allows students to explore different subjects of interest

University preparatory courses



Program of Studies



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Common Misconceptions



Common Misconceptions

It's AP vs. IB and one is better than the other to university admissions.



Common Misconceptions

It's best to mix IB and AP because then I am considered a well rounded student.



Common Misconceptions

I want to go to university in Europe so I have to take the IB Diploma.



Common Misconceptions

I want to go to the USA for university so I need to take AP classes.



Common Misconceptions

The more AP/IB classes and exams that I take the better chance I have to get into university.



Common Misconceptions

Transcript is not very important for university acceptances.



Common Misconceptions

Universities want all the extracurriculars.



Decisions, Decisions



How many credits do I need and what courses should I take?

English	4
Mathematics	3
Sciences	3
Social Sciences	3
MW Language	2 (consecutive)
P.E.	2
Fine Arts	1
Electives	Will vary
Total Minimum Credits	24 Credits



High School Plan

Grade 9

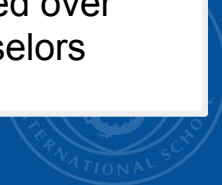
- Possible countries to study in
- What academic pathways do you want to explore
- 3 year plan

Grade 10

- Possible majors/courses of study
- 2 year plan
- IB Diploma, IB Courses, AP Courses, SSIS Courses

Grade 11

- Course focus
- IB Courses will automatically be carried over
- Start university exploration with counselors



Registration Overview Timeline

January 9 & 14 Parent and student presentations about SSIS registration process

January 15 Interest forms sent out to current grade 9, 10, 11.

January 31 Interest form submitted by 3:35pm

February 17-25 Current Grade 9 & 11 Counselor/Student meetings

March 2-13 Current Grade 10 Counselor/Student meetings

April 20-29 Course Changes accepted for SY 2020-2021



Questions?



Thank you!

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AP Resources for Students and Families

- [AP information for students](#)
- [College and Career Planning: BigFuture \(CollegeBoard\)](#)
- [Personalized feedback, practice, and college planning](#)
- [AP credit policy information from colleges and universities](#)
- [Information and registration for the SAT](#)



IB Resources for Students and Families

- [Benefits of the IB](#)
- [Why the IB is different](#)
- [IB-produced presentation on the DP](#)
- [IB DP brochure](#)
- [Facts and Figures: The DP Around the World](#)
- [FAQs about the IB](#)
- [Why is it Important to Maintain Mother Tongue?](#)

