

ACADEMIC PROFILE 2016-17

SCHOOL CODES IBO: 2218 CEEB: 670512



School and Community

Hong Kong Academy is an international, independent, non-profit, co-educational day school for students ages 3-18. As an IB World School, HKA is authorised to offer the Primary Years (PYP), Middle Years (MYP) and Diploma Programmes (DP). Founded in 2000 with an inclusive, inquiry-based, concept-driven approach to learning, Grade 9 to 12 enrolment is over 145.

HKA is an inclusive school with approximately 15% of the student body receiving some level of learner support. HKA is proud of its ability to provide a rigorous academic programme that also encompasses several pathways to graduation.

HKA's student body is exceptionally diverse, with no single nationality representing a majority. Class sizes are kept small in order to allow for individualised instruction and to enable every student to achieve success along his or her own pathway to excellence.

HKA Faculty

Like HKA's students, HKA's faculty of over 110 come from all over the world and reflect a rich diversity of experience and background. Faculty are recruited principally from Australasia, North America, Europe and China. HKA's faculty are highly qualified, with many holding advanced degrees.

Accreditations & Authorisations

Council of International Schools (CIS)

International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO)

Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC)

Memberships

Association of China and Mongolia International Schools (ACAMIS)

East Asia Regional Council of Overseas Schools (EARCOS)

Global Citizen Diploma (GCD)

Next Frontier: Inclusion (NFI)

School Calendar

HKA's school year begins the third week in August and dismisses in mid-June for the summer recess. In 2017, Semester 1 ends on 27 January. The school observes local Hong Kong holidays, including an extended recess at Lunar New Year, and schedules recesses in early autumn, late December and late March/early April.

University and College Application Policy/Limit

HKA believes that students and their families should make well-informed and reasonable university and college application choices. As such, HKA encourages students to apply to no more than eight (8) institutions. Admissions Offices receiving an application from an HKA student can be assured it is a serious application that reflects much thought and research.

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Secondary School Programme

The Secondary School offers the IB Middle Years Programme from Grade 6 through Grade 10. Grade 10 students complete the MYP Personal Project. Students in Grades 11 and 12 pursue one of HKA's three diploma pathways.

Diploma Pathways at HKA

HKA's Secondary School prides itself on mentoring students to reach their full potential through individualised attention tailored to their skills, interests and aspirations. Faculty members are dedicated to students' well-being and academic success and take the time to guide and support them as they make key decisions that impact their futures. Wherever their individual pathways to success may take them, HKA endeavours to help students identify, develop and realise their goals.

Secondary School Students at HKA may select one of three Diploma Pathways:

- Pathway 1: HKA Diploma (U.S. high school based diploma)
- Pathway 2: HKA Diploma with up to six IB Certificates
- Pathway 3: HKA Diploma with full IB Diploma

Minimum Requirements for an HKA Diploma

In order to earn an HKA diploma, students must complete the following credit requirements:

English	4	<i>Additional Notes:</i> Ten credit courses must be successfully completed in Grades 11 and 12.
Mathematics	3	
Humanities	3	The fourth credit in English must be successfully completed in Grade 12.
Sciences	3	
World Languages	2	Students must take eight credit courses in each of Grade 9 and 10.
Physical & Health Education	2	
Fine & Performing Arts	2	
Electives	4	
Total Minimum Credits	23	



Language of Instruction and World Languages

English is the primary medium of instruction at HKA. In the Secondary School, students select one of three World Languages to study: Mandarin, Spanish or French.

Student Engagement and Co-Curricular Activities

Secondary School students at HKA participate in a wide variety of co-curricular activities. HKA athletes participate and compete in ACAMIS, SCISAC and local leagues for soccer, volleyball, basketball, cross country, swimming, golf and track and field. Secondary School students also compete in debate and public speaking. Student-led action groups on campus include the Dragonfly Council, Global Issues Network Team, PR and Media Team, Student Council and the Student Organization for Sustainability (SOS).

Hong Kong Academy is the newest member of the prestigious Global Citizen Diploma, <https://globalcitizendiploma.org/>. HKA is the only school in Hong Kong to take part in the programme which offers additional recognition of student achievement and stresses meaningful global engagement that is integrated into the curriculum. All HKA students Grades 9-12 will benefit from this exciting addition to the curriculum beginning with the Class of 2019.

Transcripts, Rankings and GPA Equivalents

Hong Kong Academy does not rank its students or provide percentile/decile information, nor are GPAs created. Marks are based on the International Baccalaureate system of 0 - 7.

HKA does not compare IB grades with grading systems from other countries or schools and does not weight IB grades.

The IB grading system of 1 – 7 is used as follows:

- 7 – Exemplary
- 6 – Well above the standard expected
- 5 – Above the standard expected
- 4 – At the standard expected
- 3 – Approaching the standard expected
- 2/1 – Below the standard expected*

* Students in Grades 9 – 12 only earn credit for grades of 3 or above.

IB FINAL EXAM GRADE DATA FOR THE CLASS OF 2016

COURSE	NUMBER OF CANDIDATES	HKA AVERAGE	WORLD AVERAGE
English A Language and Literature HL	3	5.67	5.05
English A Language and Literature SL	7	5.14	5.17
English A Literature HL	5	4.80	4.80
English A Literature SL	7	4.29	4.98
Chinese B Mandarin SL	11	5.82	6.00
Mandarin AB.SL	4	5.25	5.45
Spanish AB. SL	8	5.38	5.10
Spanish B HL	1	7.00	5.40
Business & Management HL	13	5.00	4.70
Business & Management SL	2	4.50	4.80
Economics SL	1	5.00	4.64
History of Asia/Oceania HL	6	5.67	5.13
History SL	1	6.00	4.67
Psychology SL	2	4.50	4.32
Biology HL	5	5.00	4.32
Biology SL	6	5.17	4.24
Chemistry HL	4	5.00	4.47
Chemistry SL	5	4.80	3.93
Physics HL	4	4.75	4.60
Physics SL	4	5.50	4.04
Mathematics Studies SL	8	4.00	4.41
Mathematics HL	3	5.00	4.46
Mathematics SL	12	4.42	4.38
Theatre HL	4	6.00	4.90
Theatre SL	1	5.00	4.38
Visual Arts HL	4	5.50	4.78
Visual Arts SL	1	5.00	4.35

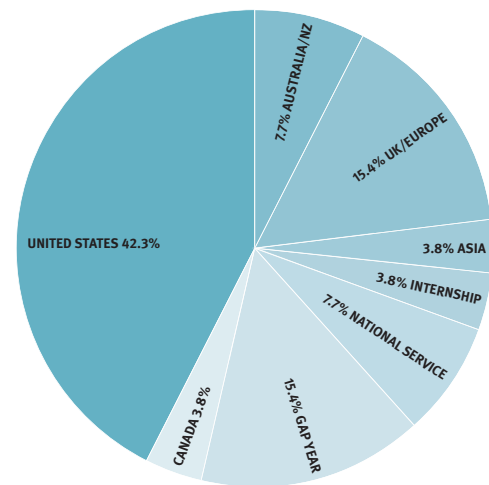
CLASS OF 2016 ACT DATA

	MIDDLE 50%	MEAN
English	20-25	23.3
Math	16-29	23.7
Reading	18-28	24.4
Science Reasoning	20-26	23.9

CLASS OF 2016 SAT DATA

	MIDDLE 50%	MEAN
Critical Reading	540-610	580
Mathematics	490-630	584
Writing	460-630	567

CLASS OF 2016 UNIVERSITY MATRICULATION BY COUNTRY



DIPLOMA PATHWAYS AND IB DATA

YEAR	2013	2014	2015	2016
Pathway 1 (HKA diploma)	2	4	2	4
Pathway 2 (HKA & IB CERT.)	0	3	6	6
Pathway 3 (HKA & IBDP)	17	8	11	16
HKA Average Score - IBDP	31.1	35	36	33.18
World Average Score - IBDP	30	29.8	29.88	30.07



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University and College Admissions and Matriculations

The following is a list of universities and colleges to which HKA graduates have received offers of admission and/or matriculated. All matriculates are in italics with Class of 2016 matriculations marked with an asterisk.

Asia

*Ateneo de Manila University**
Chinese University of Hong Kong
Enderun Colleges, Inc.
Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
La Salle College of the Arts
Open University of Hong Kong
The University of Hong Kong
University of Santo Tomas

Australia/New Zealand

*Christchurch Polytechnic Institute of Technology**
Curtin University
*Deakin University**
Griffith University
Monash University
RMIT University
University of Auckland
University of Melbourne
University of Newcastle
University of Otago
University of Sydney
Victoria University of Wellington

Canada

Carleton University
McGill University
Queen's University
Quest University
Thompson Rivers University
University of British Columbia
University of Northern British Columbia
*University of Toronto**
University of Waterloo

Europe

The American University of Paris
Bard College Berlin
ESSEC Business School
École hôtelière de Lausanne
Franklin University
Glion Institute of Higher Education
*IE University**
Les Roches International School of Hotel Management
Lund University
Stockholm University
*University College Roosevelt**

United Kingdom

City University London
Cass Business School, City University, London
Lancaster University
Newcastle University
Nottingham Trent University
Oxford Brookes University
Plumpton College
Queen Mary, University of London
Royal Veterinary College
St. George's, University of London

United Kingdom, *continued*

*Swansea University**
University of Birmingham
University of Bradford
University of Brighton
University of Bristol
University of Cumbria
University of Durham
University of Edinburgh
University of Exeter
*University of Glasgow**
University of Hertfordshire
University of Kent
University of Leicester
University of Nottingham
University of Oxford
University of St. Andrews
University of St. Mark and St. John
University of Sheffield
University of Southampton
University of Stirling
University of Suffolk
University of Sussex
University of Warwick
University of Worcester
University of York

United States

Beloit College
Bennington College
Bentley University
Bowdoin College
Caldwell University
Clark University
Colby College
Colgate University
*Columbia College Chicago**
*Drexel University**
Drew University
Earlham College
Emory University
The Evergreen State College
Fisher College
Fordham College
George Mason University
*George Washington University**
Georgetown University
Goucher College
*Hamilton College**
*Hawaii Pacific University**
Hofstra University
*Howard Community College**
Idaho State University
Indiana University, Bloomington
Knox College
Lehigh University
Long Island University, Brooklyn
Manhattan College
Marist College
Marymount Manhattan College
Michigan State University
Middlebury College

United States, *continued*

Morgan State University
Muhlenberg College
New York Film Academy
New York University
Newbury College
The New School, Eugene Lang College
Northeastern University
Notre Dame de Namur University
Orange Coast College
Pace University
Pennsylvania State University, Abington
Pennsylvania State University, Altoona
Pfeiffer University
Philadelphia University
Portland State University
Purdue University
Reed College
*Rice University**
Rutgers University
St. Edward's University
St. John's University
Santa Clara University
School of the Art Institute of Chicago
Skidmore College
SUNY New Paltz
SUNY Potsdam
Stonehill College
Suffolk University
Syracuse University
University of Alaska, Fairbanks
University of California, Davis
University of California, Irvine
University of California, Merced
University of California, Santa Barbara
University of California, Santa Cruz
*University of California, San Diego**
University of Colorado, Boulder
University of Connecticut
University of Hawaii at Manoa
University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
*University of La Verne**
*University of Minnesota, Twin Cities**
University of Nebraska
University of Nevada, Las Vegas
University of Northern Texas
*University of Notre Dame**
University of the Pacific
University of Portland
University of Southern California
Wesleyan University
Whitman College
Whittier College
Worcester Polytechnic Institute