



Secondary Education at Berlin Metropolitan School

Academic Profile

Berlin Metropolitan School is the international school for Berlin Mitte. We offer a comprehensive and continuous education from Kindergarten to 12th Grade based on the highest international standards and the educational requirements of the Berlin Senate. We are proud to be a certified IB World School and a Cambridge International School.

Mission Statement

Berlin Metropolitan School consistently aims to build an inclusive culture of learning that inspires and challenges every individual to develop to their full potential and be active and responsible participants in our global society.

The School

Berlin Metropolitan School (BMS), founded in 2004, is the largest international school in Berlin which offers an education that includes both local and international standards. The school offers a comprehensive and continuous education from Kindergarten to Grade 12 to boys and girls with a total enrollment of 1,112 students. BMS is a non-selective school that aims to bring out the best in every student through its academic program, pastoral care and extensive after school program. The school operates with a school calendar divided into two semesters and 180 days of instruction per academic year.

The Community

Berlin Metropolitan School serves the educational needs of a diverse inner city population consisting of German nationals and international families. Approximately 69 different nationalities are represented in the student body. Located in the heart of Berlin Mitte, the school is surrounded by all the city has to offer and enjoys an international and dynamic setting. BMS tuition fees are based on a sliding scale of income allowing students from diverse socioeconomic backgrounds to access a first-class international education.

After School Program

As an international, all-day school, we recognize our responsibility to offer our Secondary School students an extension of their academic and personal interests in our Secondary After School Program. The activities and workshops are taught by our Secondary faculty and students select their own clubs from a variety of offers published at the beginning of each school year. Our clubs also provide students with an opportunity to show leadership and independence, as a few of our after-school activities are created and led by our students. BMS Club offers include a wide variety of genres: arts, academics, film, choir as well as sports.

Student Support and Engagement

At the forefront of our commitment to a holistic education, is a strong student engagement and support system, helping our students to navigate the formative years of adolescence. Our dedicated Secondary Student Support Team consists of a head of student support, one school counselor responsible for the social and emotional needs of our students, a university and career counselor, as well a full-time school nurse. By providing a support structure that seeks to be inclusive, personalized, and caring, our students are given the tools, services and evidence-based practices to holistically support their academic, social and personal development. Our students are further supported by a team of 3 Progress Leaders, assigned to two grade-levels from grades 7-12. Progress leaders are responsible for the pastoral and academic success of our students, providing guidance and direction through the focus of our students and their needs. By acting as the bridge for our students, our Progress Leaders ensure a holistic balance is maintained between social and emotional needs as well as academic achievement.

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AUTHORIZATIONS

- Certified IB World School (PYP, DP)
- State-authorized substitute school Grades 1-10
- State-recognized supplementary school Grades 11-12

MEMBERSHIPS & ACCREDITATIONS

Certified as an IB World School, Primary Years Programme (PYP) and Diploma Programme (DP), IB DP School Code: 003754, Certified Assessment Center of Cambridge University, ecis (European Council of International Schools), AGIS (Association of German International Schools), Accredited by CIS (Council of International Schools) and NEASC (New England Association of Schools and Colleges)



At the beginning of each academic year, our students elect one School Captain who serves and leads the entire Secondary School student body for one consecutive school year, 4 House Captains representing our BMS House System and student council leaders. In addition, peer mentors, ambassadors, and student representatives, are members of the student leadership, who play an active role in representing the school at community events, providing school tours, as well as welcoming new families and students to BMS.

Curriculum

Berlin Metropolitan School delivers a tailored curriculum designed to meet the needs of both national and international families. The language of instruction is English. All students study German throughout their life at the school with the aim of all students being proficient academically in both English and German. 58% of our 2021 cohort was awarded the IBDP Bilingual Diploma, well over the world average for 2021 of 27%.

SECTION	CLASSES & AGES	CURRICULUM
Early Learning Centre	Kindergarten Preschool Ages: 3-6	- International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme (IB PYP) - Berlin State Curriculum
Primary School	Grades 1 - 6 Ages: 6 - 11	- IB PYP - Berlin State Curriculum
Secondary School	Grades 7 - 8 Ages: 11 - 14	- Cambridge prep. program - Berlin State Curriculum
	Grades 9 & 10 Ages: 14 - 16	- Cambridge International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) - Berliner Bildungsgreife (BBR) Grade 9 - Mittlerer Schulabschluss (MSA) German Grade 10 leaving Certificate
	Grades 11 & 12 Ages: 16 - 19	- International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP)

Grade 9 & 10 IGCSE Subject Overview

GROUP	REQUIREMENTS	SUBJECT CHOICES
1 - English	Choose one Subject	First Language English English as a Second Language
2 - German	Choose one Subject	First Language German Foreign Language German
3 - Mathematics	Choose one Subject	International Mathematics – Extended International Mathematics – Core
4 - Humanities	Choose one Subject	Geography History
5 - Science	Choose one Subject	Co-ordinated Science (Extended) Co-ordinated Science (Core)
6 - World Language	Choose one Subject	French Spanish Business Studies
7 - Performing & Visual Arts	Choose one Subject	Drama Art & Design Music

Grade 11 & 12 IBDP Subject Overview

GROUP	SUBJECT
Group 1 – Studies in Language and Literature	English Language and Literature German Language and Literature English Literature German Literature
Group 2 – Language Acquisition	English B German B Spanish B
Group 3 – Individuals and Societies	Economics Geography Global Politics History Philosophy
Group 4 – Sciences	Biology Chemistry Environmental Systems and Societies Physics
Group 5 - Maths	Maths Applications and Interpretations Maths Analysis and Approaches
Group 6 - The Arts	Visual Art Theatre Arts Film

*In certain group subjects, students can select self-taught/mother tongue languages, decided on a case-by-case basis.

Qualifications, External Examinations

- Cambridge IGCSE Examinations – Core Subjects and electives are selected by the students
- MSA Assessment – Mathematics, German, English, Presentations
- International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme – six subjects depending on course selection in addition to the core program (CAS, EE, TOK)

GPA Grade Conversion Table

In accordance with local laws and the requirements of international curricula, Berlin Metropolitan School uses both German and international grading systems. In order to compare grades across year groups and to provide a cumulative grade for students, we have applied a conversion scale from the German, IGCSE and IBO grading systems to a Grade Point Average (GPA) scale. This conversion takes into account the demands of the different curricula and their internal grade boundaries, as well as the distribution of grades. It was constructed with input from admissions directors, university guidance counselors and experts in international education.

Grade 11 & 12 IB Grading Scale GPA Conversion Table

IB GRADE	U.S GRADE SCALE	U.S GRADE SCALE
7	A	5.0
6	A	4.0
5	B	3.5
4	C	3.0
3	D	2.0
2	D	1.5
1	F	1.0

Grade 9 & 10 IGCSE Grading Scale GPA Conversion Table

IGCSE	GPA
A*	5.0
A	4.0
B	3.5
C	3.0
D	2.0
E	1.0

Grade 9 BMS German Grading Scale GPA Conversion Table

GERMAN GRADING SCALE	US LETTER GRADE	GPA
1	A	5.0
2	A	4.0
3	B	3.5
4	C	3.0
5	D	2.0
6	F	1.0

Examination Results

The Berlin Metropolitan School achieved the following results in the 2021 IBDP, IGCSE, and MSA Examinations:

MSA Results Overview

As part of our commitment to offering our students the best international and national curriculum, our students complete the necessary course work through Grade 9 and 10 for the MSA Diploma, culminating into examinations in English, Mathematics, German, and a self-derived presentation on a topic of their selection.

MSA RESULTS OVERVIEW	
Subject	BMS 2021
English	1,3
German (incl. Non-Native German Speakers)	2,2 2,3
Mathematics	2,1
Presentation	1,8

The Mittlerer Schulabschluss (MSA) is a national school-leaving certificate for students completing the 10th grade in Germany. MSA subjects are assessed on an six-point grade scale: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, with a Grade of 1 representing the highest level of achievement.

IGCSE Results Overview

In addition to the MSA, students complete the necessary course work for the International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) in grades 9 and 10, culminating into examinations and moderated internal course work. Students are assessed on a grading scale of A*-G, with an A* representing the highest level of achievement possible. IGCSE examination outcomes reflect results achieved for 2021:

IGCSE RESULTS OVERVIEW	
Students who achieved 5 or more A* to C passes	96.6%
Percentage of results at A*	30.2%
Percentage of results at A	27.7%
A* to C passes in English Language	98.3%
A* to C passes in Mathematics	88.1%
A* to C passes in German	100%
A* to C passes in Science	89.8%

IBDP Results Overview

In grades 11-12, BMS offers students the International Baccalaureate Diploma (IBDP), which is one of the most rigorous and respected Secondary School Diplomas. Students are assessed based on external examinations from 6 selected subject groupings and moderated, internal course work. Students collect a maximum amount of 45 points overall, based on a 7-point grading scale, with a 7 representing the highest level of achievement. IB DP Examination outcomes reflect results achieved by the class of 2021:

DP RESULTS OVERVIEW	
Cohort Size	42
Full Diploma Students	38
BMS Average Score (World Average)	35.5 (33)
BMS Highest Score	44
Bilingual Diplomas	58%
Subject grade 4 or higher*	97%

University Acceptances 2016 - 2021

Our students choose universities within Europe and abroad or select service-learning and work-study programs before they enter a university course of study. 100% of students from the Class of 2021 received their first or second university placement choice.

UNITED KINGDOM
Anglia Ruskin University
Arts University Bournemouth
Birkbeck, University of London
Brunel University
Cardiff University
City, University of London
City & Guilds of London Art School
Durham University
ESCP Business school
Falmouth University
Glasgow Caledonian University
Goldsmiths, University of London
HULT University
Imperial College London
King's College London
Kingston University
Lancaster University
London South Bank University
Loughborough University
Middlesex University
New College of the Humanities
Northumbria University
Queen Mary University of London

Queen's University Belfast, UK
Richmond, The American University of London
Royal Veterinary College, University of London
SOAS University of London
UCA Rochester
University College London (UCL)
University of Aberdeen
University of Aberdeen
University of St. Andrews
University of the Arts London
University of Birmingham
University of Brighton
University of Bristol
University of Cambridge
University of Dundee
University of Edinburgh
University of Essex
University of Glasgow
University of Hertfordshire
University of Kent
University of Leeds
University of Leicester
University of Lincoln
University of Liverpool
University of Manchester
University of Nottingham
University of Portsmouth
University of Stirling
University of Sussex
University of Surrey
University of Warwick
University of York
CANADA
Concordia University
McGill University
Ottawa University
University of Alberta
University of British Columbia
University of Toronto
University of Waterloo
UNITED STATES
Alfred University
BARD College
Berklee College of Music
Boston Architectural College
Boston University
Bryn Mawr College
Columbia College Chicago
Deep Spring College
Emerson College
Lynn University
Marist College
Minerva Schools at KGI
New York University
NYU Abu Dhabi
Parsons school of Design The New School
Pratt Institute
Purdue University
The University of Chicago
The New School – College of Performing Arts
University of California (UCLA)
University of California, Santa Barbara (UCSB)
University of Colorado Boulder
NETHERLANDS
ArtEZ Academy of Arts
Breda University
Delft University of Technology (TU Delft)
Design Academy Eindhoven
Eindhoven University of Technology
Erasmus University College
Erasmus University Rotterdam
Hotelschool the Hague
Leiden University
Maastricht University
Gerrit Rietveld Academie in Amsterdam

Royal Academy of Art, The Hague
University of Amsterdam
University of Groningen
University of Twente
Utrecht University
Vrije University Amsterdam (VU)
GERMANY
Atelier Chardon Savard Berlin
BAU International Berlin
Bucerius Law School
Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg
Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin (HU)
International Academy for Acting in Cologne (IAF)
Kunsthochschule Weißensee
Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München (LMU)
SEA Institute Berlin
SRH Hochschule Berlin
Technische Universität Berlin
Technische Universität Darmstadt
Technische Universität Hamburg (TUHH)
Technische Universität München (TUM)
TH Wildau
Touro College Berlin
University of Greifswald
Universität Hamburg
Universität der Künste Berlin
University of Stuttgart
GLOBAL AND EUROPEAN
Central European University (CEU), Austria
TU Wien, Austria
Universität für Bodenkultur Wien, Austria
Vienna University of Economics, Austria
CEU Universidad Cardenal Herrer, Spain
Centro Universitario Cardenal Cisneros, Spain
Université de Lausanne, Switzerland
Bocconi University, Italy
John Cabot University, Italy
NABA, Nuova Accademia di Belle Arti
Polimoda Fashion School, Italy
École Polytechnique, France
ESRA (International Film School in Paris), France
GOBELINS, l'école de l'image, France
Paris College of Art, France
Charles University, First Faculty, Czech Republic
FAMU Prague, Czech Republic
Medical School of Democritus University of Thrace, Greece
National Technical University of Athens, Greece
Istanbul Technical University, Turkey
Koç University, Turkey
Middle East Technical University (METU), Turkey
University of Nicosia, Cyprus
Future University in Egypt, Egypt
EBC: Escuela Bancaria y Comercial, Mexico
Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, HK
Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT), Australia
Temple University, Japan
Waseda University, Japan
Xian Jiatong-Liverpool University, China