

Secondary Education at Berlin Metropolitan School

Academic Profile

Berlin Metropolitan School is the international school for Berlin Mitte. We provide an outstanding education from Kindergarten to Grade 12, combining the highest international standards with the educational requirements of the Berlin Senate. We are proud to be a certified IB World School, a Cambridge International School, and accredited by NEASC and CIS.

Mission Statement

We strive for academic excellence and strength in character to contribute to a more informed world and an open-minded society.

The School

Founded in 2004, Berlin Metropolitan School (BMS) is the largest international school in Berlin, with more than 1,100 students enrolled from Kindergarten to Grade 12. BMS is a non-selective, co-educational school that combines international curricula with local requirements. Our mission is to bring out the best in every student through strong academics, dedicated pastoral care, and an extensive after-school program.

The Community

Berlin Metropolitan School serves the educational needs of a diverse inner city population, consisting of German nationals and international families. Approximately 65 different nationalities are represented in the student body. Located in the heart of Berlin Mitte, the school is surrounded by museums, galleries, and neighborhood cafés 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 students an extension of their academic and personal interests in our After School Program. The activities and workshops are taught by our faculty and external providers 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 develop leadership and independence, with several of our afterschool activities created and led by our students. BMS Club offers include a wide variety of genres: arts, film, technology, academics, music and 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 Student Support Team consists of a Head of Student Support, one School Counselor, three Learning Support Teachers, a University and Career Counselor, as well as two full-time school nurses. 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 three Progress Leaders, assigned to two Grade-levels each, from Grades 7-12. Progress Leaders are responsible for the pastoral and academic success of our students, providing guidance and direction for our students. They ensure a holistic balance is maintained between social and emotional needs and academic achievement.

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AUTHORIZATIONS

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

MEMBERSHIPS & ACCREDITATIONS

Authorized IBO World School, Primary Years Programme (PYP) and Diploma Programme (DP), IB DP School Code: 003754, Authorized Cambridge International School, 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 student body, four House Captains representing our BMS House System, and Student Council Leaders. In addition, Peer Mentors and Ambassadors 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 main language of instruction is English. All students study German with the aim of being proficient academically in both English and German. 48% of our 2025 cohort were awarded the IBDP Bilingual Diploma, above the world average of 30%.

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 PYPBerlin State Curriculum
Secondary School	Grades 7 - 8 Ages: 11 - 14	Bespoke BMS CurriculumBerlin State Curriculum
	Grades 9 & 10 Ages: 14 - 16	 Cambridge International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) Berlin State Curriculum Berliner Bildunsgreife (BBR) Grade 9 Mittlerer Schulabschluss (MSA) German Grade 10 leaving Certificate
	Grades 11 & 12 Ages: 16 - 19	International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP)High School Diploma

Grade 9 & 10 IGCSE Subject Overview

GROUP	SUBJECT CHOICES	
1 Facility	First Language English	
1-English	English as a Second Language	
2-German	First Language German	
	Foreign Language German	
3-Mathematics	International Mathematics – Extended	
	International Mathematics Core	
4 Ulumanitias	Geography	
4-Humanities	History	
	Co-ordinated Science (Extended)	
5-Science	Co-ordinated Science (Core)	
	Biology	
6-World	French	
Language & Business	Spanish	
	Business Studies	
7-Performing & Visual Arts	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 French B German B Spanish B German Ab Initio
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 Film Idents 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 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 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

U.S GRADE SCALE	U.S GRADE SCALE
А	5.0
А	4.0
В	3.5
С	3.0
D	2.0
D	1.5
F	1.0
	A A B C D

^{*}Can also count as a subject from Individuals and Societies

Grade 9 & 10 IGCSE Grading Scale GPA Conversion Table

IGCSE	GPA
A*	5.0
A	4.0
В	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	А	5.0
2	Α	4.0
3	В	3.5
4	С	3.0
5	D	2.0
6	F	1.0

Examination Results

Berlin Metropolitan School achieved the following results in the 2025 IBDP and IGCSE Examinations:

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 in examinations and moderated course work. Students are assessed on a grading scale of A*-G, with A* representing the highest level of achievement possible.

IGCSE RESULTS OVERVIEW BMS 2025		
Students who achieved 5 or more A* to C passes	91%	
A* to C Grades in First Language English	95%	
A* to C Grades in English as a Second Language	100%	
A* to C Grades in German	93%	
A* to C Grades in Mathematics	89%	
A* to C Grades in Science	97%	

IBDP Results Overview

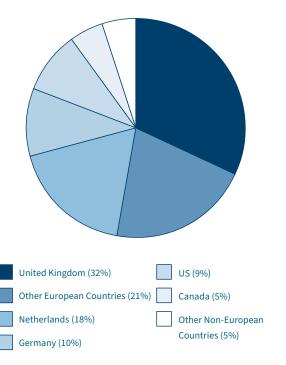
In Grades 11-12, BMS offers students the International Baccalaureate Diploma (IBDP). Students are assessed based on external exams in six subjects as well as moderated, internal coursework. Students collect a maximum of 45 points, based on a 7-point grading scale, with 7 representing the highest level of achievement.

IBDP RESULTS OVERVIEW BMS 2025		
Cohort Size	58	
Full Diploma Students	57	
BMS Average Score (World Average)	34 (30)	
Bilingual Diplomas (World Average)	48% (27%)	
BMS Highest Score	42	
Subject grade 4 or higher	96%	

University Acceptances

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 2025 received their first or second university placement choice.

WHERE DO BMS GRADUATES CONTINUE THEIR STUDIES? (2016-2025)



University Acceptances 2016 - 2025

UNITED STATES

Alfred University BARD College

Berklee College of Music

Boston Architectural College

Boston University

Bryn Mawr College

Columbia College Chicago

Columbia University

Cornell University

Deep Spring College

Drexel University

Emerson College

Georgia State University

La Salle University

Lynn University

Marist College

Minerva Schools at KGI

New York University

Parsons School of Design, The New School

Pratt Institute

Purdue University

Rhode Island School of Design

School of Visual Arts

Syracuse University

Temple University

The Cooper Union

The New School – College of Perform. Arts

University at Albany

The University of Chicago

University of California, Santa Cruz

University of California, San Diego

University of California, Santa Barbara

University of Colorado Boulder

University of Georgia

University of Massachusetts

University of Massachusetts, Amherst

University of Pennsylvania

University of Pittsburgh

University of Texas at Austin

University of Vermont

West Chester University

Yale University

UNITED KINGDOM

Anglia Ruskin University Arts University Bournemouth

Birkbeck, University of London

Bournemouth University

Brunel University

Cardiff University

City, University of London

City & Guilds of London Art School

Durham University

ESCP Business school

Falmouth University

Goldsmiths, University of London

Heriot-Watt University

HULT International Business School

HULT University

Imperial College London

King's College London

Kingston University **Lancaster University**

London South Bank University

Loughborough University

MetFilm School London

Middlesex University Newcastle University

Northeastern University London

Northumbria University

Queen Mary University of London

Queen's University Belfast

Ravensbourne University London Richmond, The American University

of London Royal Holloway University

Royal Veterinary College,

University of London

SOAS University of London

Ulster University

University College London

University for the Creative Arts

University of Aberdeen

University of St. Andrews

University of the Arts London

University of Bath

University of Birmingham

University of Brighton

University of Bristol

University of Cambridge

University of Dundee

University of East London

University of Edinburgh

University of Essex

University of Exeter

University of Glasgow

University of Greenwich

University of Kent

University of Leeds

University of Leicester

University of Lincoln

University of Liverpool

University of Manchester

University of Newcastle

University of Nottingham

University of Sheffield

University of Southampton

University of Stirling

University of Strathclyde

University of Sussex

University of Surrey

University of Warwick

University of Westminster University of West London

University of the West of England Bristol

University of York

CANADA

Bishop's University

Brock University

Concordia University

McGill University

St. Lawrence College

University of Alberta

University of British Columbia University of Ottawa

University of Toronto

University of Waterloo

Western University

York University

EUROPE

Central European University, AT Danube Private University, AT

Modul University Vienna, AT

Sigmund Freud University, AT

Technische Universität Wien, AT

Universität für Bodenkultur Wien, AT

University of Innsbruck, AT

Vienna University of Economics, AT Webster University Vienna, AT

Brussels School of Governance, BE

Charles University, CZ

FAMU Prague, CZ

KUI euven, BF

Palacký University Olomouc, CZ

Aalto University, FI

Copenhagen Business School, DK American University of Paris, FR

École Ducasse, FR

École Polytechnique, FR

EDHEC Business School, FR ESCP Business School, FR

ESDAC (Ecole de design), FR

ESRA (International Film School), FR

ESSEC Business School, FR

GOBELINS, l'école de l'image, FR Paris College of Art, FR

Sciences Po, FR

Toulouse Business School, FR

Atelier Chardon Savard Berlin, DE

Bard College Berlin, DE BAU International Berlin, DE

BIMM University Berlin, DE

Bucerius Law School, DE Business & Law School Berlin, DE

Constructor University, DE

Erlangen-Nürnberg, DE

EBS University, DE Frankfurt School of Finance &

Management, DE

Friedrich-Alexander-Universität

FAU Erlangen-Nürnberg, DE

Hochschule für Technik und Wirtschaft, DE Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, DE

International Academy for Acting in Cologne, DE

Jacobs University Bremen, DE

Karlsruhe Institut für Technologie, DE

Kunsthochschule Weißensee, DE

Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität

München, DE Otto-von-Guericke-University

Magdeburg, DE SRH Hochschule Berlin, DE

Technische Universität Berlin, DE

Technische Universität Darmstadt, DE Technische Universität Dresden, DE

Technische Universität Hamburg, DE

Technische Universität München, DE TH Wildau, DE

Touro College Berlin, DE

UMCH Hamburg, DE

University of Applied Sciences Europe, DE

University of Bayreuth, DE

University of Greifswald, DE Universität Hamburg, DE

Universität der Künste Berlin, DE University of Stuttgart, DE

WHU: Otto Beisheim School of

Management, DE

Zeppelin Universität, DE University of Gibraltar, GI

Medical School of Democritus University of Thrace, GR

National Technical University of Athens, GR Maynooth University, IE

Bocconi University, IT

John Cabot University, IT NABA, Nuova Accademia di Belle Arti, IT

Polimoda Fashion School, IT Riga Graduate School of Law, LV

ArtEZ Academy of Arts, NL

BUas Breda University, NL

Delft University of Technology, NL Design Academy Eindhoven, NL

Eindhoven University of Technology, NL Erasmus University College, NL

Erasmus University Rotterdam, NL Fontys University of Applied Sciences, NL

Gerrit Rietveld Academie in Amsterdam, NL

Hotelschool the Hague, NL

Hotel Management Maastricht, NL

HU University of Applied Sciences, NL HZ University of Applied Sciences, NL

Hanze University of Applied Sciences, NL

HAN University of Applied Sciences, NL

Leiden University, NL

Maastricht University, NL

NHL Stenden University of Applied

Sciences, NL

Radboud University, NL

Rotterdam School of Management, NL Royal Academy of Art, The Hague, NL

Tilburg University, NL

University of Amsterdam, NL

University of Applied Sciences, NL

University of Groningen, NL

University of Twente, NL

Utrecht University, NL

Vrije University Amsterdam, NL Wageningen University, NL

BI Norwegian Business School, NO

Nord University, NO Norwegian School of Economics, NO

Universidade Católica Portuguesa, PT

Forward College, PT

CEU Universidad Cardenal Herrer, ES

Centro Universitario Cardenel Cisneros, ES

ESADE, ES

EU Business School, ES IE University, ES

La Salle Campus Barcelona, ES

Saint Louis University-Madrid, ES

Toulouse Business School, ES / FR University of Alcalá, ES

Jönköping University, SE

Linköping University, SE Stockholm School of Economics, SE

University of Stockholm, SE Université de Lausanne, CH

Webster University Geneva, CH

GLOBAL

NYU Abu, Abu Dhabi

Griffith University, Australia

Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology, Australia

University of Queensland, Australia

University of the Sunshine Coast, Australia

Xian Jiatong-Liverpool University, China University of Nicosia, Cyprus

University of Birmingham Dubai Heriot-Watt University Dubai

British University in Cairo, Egypt Future University in Egypt, Egypt

German University in Cairo, Egypt Hong Kong Univ. of Science &

Technology HK Kyoto University, Japan

Temple University, Japan

Waseda University, Japan EBC: Escuela Bancaria y Comercial, Mexico

Yale - NUS College, Singapore Istanbul Technical University, Turkey

Koç University, Turkey

Middle East Technical University, Turkey