



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

We strive for academic excellence and strength in character to contribute to a more informed world and an open-minded 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 1,135 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 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 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 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 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 as 2 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 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-recognized substitute school Grades 1-10
- State-authorized substitute 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 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. 65% of our 2023 cohort was awarded the IBDP Bilingual Diploma, in line with the world average 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	- Berlin State Curriculum
	Grades 9 & 10 Ages: 14 - 16	- Cambridge International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) - Berliner Bildungsreihe (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	SUBJECT CHOICES
1 - English	First Language English English as a Second Language
2 - German	First Language German Foreign Language German
3 - Mathematics	International Mathematics – Extended International Mathematics (Core)
4 - Humanities	Geography History
5 - Science	Co-ordinated Science (Extended) Co-ordinated Science (Core)
6 - World Language	French Spanish Business Studies
7 - Performing & Visual Arts	Drama Art & Design Music

## Grade 11 & 12 IBDP Subject Overview

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

\*Incertain groups 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 2023 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 2023
English	1,2
German (incl. German as a Second Language)	2,0 1,9
Mathematics	2,2
Presentation	1,5

The Mittlerer Schulabschluss (MSA) is a national school-leaving certificate for students completing the 10th grade in Germany. MSA subjects are assessed on a 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 2023:

IGCSE RESULTS OVERVIEW	
Students who achieved 5 or more A* to C passes	89%
A* to C passes in English First Language	95%
A* to C passes in English as a Second Language	85%
A* to C passes in First Language German	91%
A* to C passes in Foreign Language German	97%
A* to C passes in Foreign Language French	100%
A* to C passes in Mathematics	81%
A* to C passes in Science	85%

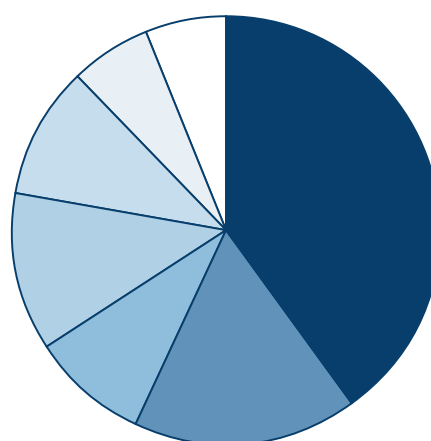
### IBDP Results Overview

In grades 11-12, BMS offers students the International Baccalaureate Diploma (IBDP). Students are assessed based on external exams 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 Exam outcomes reflect results achieved by the class of 2023:

DP RESULTS OVERVIEW	
Cohort Size	59
Full Diploma Students	57
BMS Average Score (World Average)	33 (30)
BMS Highest Score	43
Bilingual Diplomas	65%
Subject grade 4 or higher	93%

### 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. 97% of students from the Class of 2023 received their first or second university placement choice.



- United Kingdom (40%)
- Netherlands (17%)
- Germany (9%)
- Other European Countries (14%)
- US (10%)
- Canada (6%)
- Other Non-European Countries (6%)

## University Acceptances 2016 - 2023

### UNITED KINGDOM

Anglia Ruskin University  
Arts University Bournemouth  
Birkbeck, University of London  
Birmingham City University  
Brunel University  
Buckinghamshire New 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 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  
University College London  
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 East London  
University of Edinburgh  
University of Essex  
University of Exeter  
University of Glasgow  
University of Hertfordshire  
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 Portsmouth  
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 York

### CANADA

Concordia University  
McGill University  
St. Lawrence College  
University of Alberta  
University of British Columbia  
University of Ottawa  
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  
Georgia State University  
Lynn University  
Marist College  
Minerva Schools at KGI  
New York University  
Parsons School of Design, The New School  
Pratt Institute  
Purdue University  
Syracuse University  
Temple University  
The Cooper Union  
The University of Chicago  
The New School – College of Perform. Arts  
University of California  
University of California, Santa Barbara  
University of Colorado Boulder  
University of Georgia  
University of Massachusetts, Amherst  
University of Texas at Austin  
University of Vermont  
Yale University

### NETHERLANDS

ArtEZ Academy of Arts  
BUas Breda University  
Delft University of Technology  
Design Academy Eindhoven  
Eindhoven University of Technology  
Erasmus University College  
Erasmus University Rotterdam  
Fontys University of Applied Sciences  
Hanze University of Applied Sciences  
Hotelschool the Hague  
Hotel Management Maastricht  
HU University of Applied Sciences  
Leiden University  
Maastricht University  
Gerrit Rietveld Academie in Amsterdam  
Radboud University  
Royal Academy of Art, The Hague  
Royal Academy of Art, The Hague  
University of Amsterdam  
University of Groningen  
University of Twente  
Utrecht University  
Vrije University Amsterdam  
Wageningen University

### GERMANY

Atelier Chardon Savard Berlin  
BAU International Berlin  
Bucerius Law School  
Business & Law School Berlin  
Frankfurt School of Finance & Management  
Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg  
Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin  
International Academy for Acting in Cologne  
Jacobs University Bremen  
Karlsruhe Institut für Technologie  
Kunsthochschule Weihenstephan  
Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München  
SRH Hochschule Berlin  
Technische Universität Berlin  
Technische Universität Darmstadt  
Technische Universität Dresden

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Touro College Berlin  
UMCH Hamburg  
University of Applied Sciences Europe  
University of Bayreuth  
University of Greifswald  
Universität Hamburg  
Universität der Künste Berlin  
University of Stuttgart  
WHU: Otto Beisheim School of Management

### GLOBAL AND EUROPEAN

Central European University, Austria  
Danube Private University, Austria  
Technische Universität Wien, Austria  
Universität für Bodenkultur Wien, Austria  
Vienna University of Economics, Austria  
Webster University Vienna, Austria  
Brussels School of Governance, Belgium  
KU Leuven, Belgium  
University of Alcalá, Spain  
CEU Universidad Cardenal Herrero, Spain  
Centro Universitario Cardenal Cisneros, Spain  
ESADE, Spain  
IE University, Spain  
La Salle Campus Barcelona, Spain  
Université de Lausanne, Switzerland  
Webster University Geneva, Switzerland  
Bocconi University, Italy  
John Cabot University, Italy  
NABA, Nuova Accademia di Belle Arti, Italy  
Polimoda Fashion School, Italy  
École Polytechnique, France  
EDHEC Business School  
ESDAC (Ecole de design), France  
ESRA (International Film School in Paris), France  
ESSEC Business School  
GOBELINS, l'école de l'image, France  
Paris College of Art, France  
Sciences Po, France  
Toulouse Business School, France  
Charles University, Czech Republic  
FAMU Prague, Czech Republic  
Medical School of Democritus Univ. of Thrace, Gr.  
National Technical University of Athens, Greece  
Copenhagen Business School, Denmark  
Maynooth University, Ireland  
Riga Graduate School of Law, Latvia  
BI Norwegian Business School, Norway  
Linköping University, Sweden  
Istanbul Technical University, Turkey  
Koç University, Turkey  
Middle East Technical University, Turkey  
University of Nicosia, Cyprus  
British University in Cairo, Egypt  
Future University in Egypt, Egypt  
EBC: Escuela Bancaria y Comercial, Mexico  
Hong Kong Univ. of Science & Technology HK  
Griffith University, Australia  
Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology, Australia  
University of Queensland, Australia  
University of the Sunshine Coast, Australia  
Kyoto University, Japan  
Temple University, Japan  
Waseda University, Japan  
Yale - NUS College, Singapore  
Xian Jiatong-Liverpool University, China