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# HIGH SCHOOL PROFILE

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Since it officially opened in September 1962, AISB has evolved to provide a rigorous education to the international community in Romania. The school has expanded over the years, to its current status as Bucharest's premier international school. Currently, over 880 students from 67 nationalities enjoy the 10 hectare, state-of-the-art, purpose-built facility that opened in 2001.

## Our Mission

AISB engages learners with a rigorous and balanced international education that inspires students to get the best from themselves and others and to be ethical and open-minded in their thinking about our world.

## Accreditation



AISB is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, the Council of International Schools, and is authorized by the International Baccalaureate Organization to offer the Primary Years, Middle Years, and Diploma of the International Baccalaureate Programs. AISB is certified to award US high school diplomas and the IB Diploma. AISB is recognized by the Romanian Ministry of Education as an institution offering education in Romania according to a foreign curriculum.

Countries represented: 67 Romania: 27% USA: 17% Turkey: 7% China: 4% UK: 3.3%

Enrollment: **896** + High School: **286** Class of 2023: **76** Middle School: **225** Elementary School: **286** Early Childhood: **99** (EC2 - KG)

## Scholarships

AISB offers scholarships to 1 to 4 students each year, beginning in Grade 9 and continuing through to graduation.

These scholarships are awarded on academic merit and financial need.

## Faculty

The AISB Secondary faculty includes 83 members from 19 countries. 59 hold Master's degrees and 2 have Doctorates. The local faculty to foreign faculty ratio is 1/9.

The student to faculty ratio in the Secondary School is 7 to 1 and the maximum class size is 20.

## Social & Emotional Learning

At AISB, we believe that our pastoral program supports the whole child. We seek to develop the social and emotional well-being of all individuals.

Our advisory program serves to increase a sense of belonging and connectedness to empower students to be engaged and respectful members of their school, local and global communities. We aim for our learning community to be welcoming, safe and fully inclusive.

## Graduation Requirements

To earn our U.S. diploma, students are required to earn a minimum of 24 credits and fulfill our Service Learning requirements.

With a passing grade, we issue 0.5 credits for semester-long courses and a year-long course earns 1.0 credit. The chart indicates the minimum number of credits required in each discipline.

## Required

Subject	Credit
English	4
Math	3
Individuals & Societies	3
Sciences	3
Languages	3
Design	1
Creative Arts	1
Physical & Health Education	2
Additional Courses	4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>24</b>



## ASSESSMENT

Students are assessed according to IB standards and criteria, with assessment levels ranging from 1-7. The reports and transcripts reflect the 1-7 grading scale. Final cumulative grades of 3 and higher receive credit, which is awarded at the end of the year for year-long courses or at the end of the term for semester-long courses.

We do not rank students or calculate GPA.

## GRADING SCALE

EXCELLENT	7
VERY GOOD	6
GOOD	5
ADEQUATE	4
MINIMAL	3
SUPERFICIAL/ NO CREDIT	2
LIMITED/ NO CREDIT	1

## ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

AISB offers an academically rigorous university/college preparatory program in the English language. Students in Grades 6 -10 complete the IB Middle Years Program, while the majority of students in Grades 11-12 study the IB Diploma Program curriculum. AISB believes in open access; therefore, any student who wishes to take the full IB Diploma Program is able to enroll in this course of study. Approximately 90% of the Class of 2023 are IB Diploma candidates, with 10% enrolled in high school courses, which largely follow the IB curriculum.

These students pursue an AISB High School Diploma.

Notable within our Academic Program is that support is provided for English as an Additional Language learners through Grade 10, and as these students progress into 11th and 12th grade they have the option of taking Language B during the IB Diploma Program.

Additionally, please note that MYP Language Acquisition functions within 5 phases of study at our school, and on average it takes 18 months for a student to move through a phase.

## COLLEGE APPLICATION POLICY

**NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS:** Students are allowed to submit up to 10 college applications (UCAS and University of California count as one each). Admissions offices can be assured that an application from AISB is a well-considered one.

## CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

AISB is a member of CEESA, the Central and Eastern European Schools Association, and of BISAC, the Bucharest International Schools Athletic Conference. AISB offers an extensive program of activities both locally and with other CEESA member schools, in the span of three, ten-week seasons - Autumn, Winter, and Spring. On average, there are 70 co-curricular activities, councils and service groups to choose from, including a range of physical activities, the arts, recreation and leisure activities, and service learning and social activism groups.

Co-curricular at AISB include:

### Creative CCAs & Community Events

- Choir
- Band & Strings
- Math Counts (MS and HS)
- Model United Nations (MS and HS)
- Robotics (MS and HS)
- Speech & Debate (MS and HS)
- Terry Fox Run
- Theatre performances (ISTA/TAPS)
- International Day
- Stuff the Bus
- Lunch Lounge

### Sports & Athletics

- Basketball
- Football (Soccer)
- Volleyball
- Swimming
- Tennis
- Cross Country
- Track

- Fencing (MS only)
- Softball (MS only)
- Floor Hockey

### Councils

- Wellness Council
- Sports Council
- Multilingualism Council
- Service Learning Council
- G6 STUCO
- G7/8 STUCO
- G9-12 STUCO
- Digital Council aka the Microbots
- Arts Council
- ECO Council
- Outdoor Council
- Culinary Council

### Service Learning Groups

- Amnesty International
- Fighting Against Child Trafficking (FACT)
- Pride (HS)

- Accepted (MS)
- Two Hands
- Fundatia Inocenti
- Hospice Casa Sperantei
- Peer Tutors
- PAVEL
- HIV Romania
- Global Issues Network (GIN)
- KIVA
- Making A Difference (MAD)
- PAWS
- TedX talks
- Casa Lidia
- Casa Ioana
- Mia's Children
- ECO Council/Service group (ES)
- ECO Committee (Sec School)
- ES Service Learning Ambassadors
- FILIA
- Cardz for Kidz
- CEESA International Service Learning Council

## COVID-19 UPDATES

On March 13, 2020, AISB closed campus and classes continued synchronously and asynchronously online through distance learning for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year. We began the 2020-21 school year online and over the course of the year transitioned between distance learning and a hybrid model of in-person and virtual studies six different times. As a result, adjustments were made to our block schedule and class time was shortened from 85 minutes to 60 minutes. During the 2020-21 academic year, 105 days were spent in distance learning and 59 days were spent in the adapted model. We returned to campus in person for full school days for the final four weeks of the school year.

For the 2021-22 school year, AISB returned to full-time on-campus learning. Students attended four classes a day, with classes running 75 minutes on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, and 65 minutes on Wednesday. In addition, we introduced "Vampire Time," which allows students to participate in co-curricular activities during the school day.

Depending on the health of our community, AISB may fluctuate between in-person, adapted learning, and distance learning based on our needs, as well as government protocols, throughout the year.



## UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCES AND ENROLLMENTS FOR THE CLASSES of 2021 & 2022

The universities our students are attending are **bolded** below:

### UNITED STATES

**Arizona State University**  
**Barnard College**  
Baylor University  
Binghamton University  
Boston University  
**Brown University**  
Clemson University  
College of William & Mary  
**Columbia University**  
**Cornell University**  
DePaul University  
Drexel University  
**Florida State University**  
Fordham University  
Georgetown University  
George Washington University  
**Georgia Institute of Technology**  
**Holy Cross College**  
**James Madison University**  
Loyola University New Orleans  
Maryland Institute College of Art  
**Mississippi State University**  
New York University  
**Northeastern University**  
Pennsylvania State University  
Pratt Institute  
Purdue University  
Rhodes College  
Ringling College of Art and Design  
**Rutgers University-New Brunswick**  
Quinnipiac University  
Savannah College of Art and Design  
School of the Art Institute of Chicago  
**School of Visual Arts**  
**St. Edwards University**  
St. John's University  
Suffolk University  
Syracuse University  
Texas State University  
The New School  
**University of Alabama**  
**University of Arizona**  
University of California, Davis  
University of California, San Diego  
University of Central Florida  
University of Hawaii at Manoa  
**University of Miami**  
University of Michigan - Flint  
University of Minnesota Twin Cities  
University of Montevallo  
University of North Alabama  
**University of Notre Dame**  
University of San Francisco  
University of South Alabama  
University of South Florida  
University of Southern California  
University of Tennessee  
University of the Incarnate Word  
**University of Washington - Seattle**  
Virginia Tech  
Wesleyan College

### UNITED KINGDOM

Aberystwyth University  
Arts University Bournemouth  
Aston University  
Brunel University London  
Birkbeck University  
**Bournemouth University**  
**Brunel University London**  
Cardiff University  
**City, University of London**  
Coventry University  
Durham University  
Goldsmiths University of London  
**Instituto Marangoni London**  
Keele University  
**King's College London**  
Kingston University  
Lancaster University  
Liverpool John Moores University  
London Metropolitan University  
London School of Economics and Political Science  
London South Bank University  
**Loughborough University**  
Manchester Metropolitan University  
Middlesex University  
**New College of the Humanities**  
Newcastle University  
Nottingham Trent University  
Oxford Brookes University  
**Queen Mary University of London**  
Ravensbourne University London  
Regent's University London  
Richmond, The American International University in London  
Robert Gordon University  
**Royal Holloway, University of London**  
SOAS University of London  
Swansea University  
**University College London**  
**University of Bath**  
**University of Birmingham**  
University of Brighton  
University of Bristol  
**University of Cambridge**  
University of Chichester  
**University of Edinburgh**  
University of Essex  
**University of Exeter**  
University of Glasgow  
University of Greenfield  
University of Kent  
University of Leeds  
University of Leicester  
University of Lincoln  
University of Liverpool  
**University of Manchester**  
University of Nottingham  
**University of Oxford**  
University of Plymouth  
University of Roehampton  
University of Sheffield  
University of Southampton  
University of St Andrews

University of Stirling  
University of Surrey  
University of Sussex  
University of the Arts London  
**University of Warwick**  
University of West London  
University of Westminster  
University of Winchester  
**University of York**

### CANADA

Alberta University of the Arts  
Bishop's University  
Brock University  
**Concordia University**  
Dalhousie University  
Emily Carr University of Art and Design  
Huron University  
McGill University  
Mount Allison University  
OCAD University  
**Queen's University**  
Simon Fraser University  
St. Thomas University (New Brunswick)  
Trent University  
Universite Laval  
**University of British Columbia**  
University of Guelph  
University of New Brunswick  
University of Ottawa  
**University of Toronto**  
**University of Victoria**  
University of Waterloo  
University of Western Ontario  
Vancouver Island University  
**York University**

### EUROPE

American University of Paris  
Amsterdam University of Applied Sciences  
Avans University of Applied Sciences  
Bard College Berlin  
**Bocconi University**  
BSP Business and Law School  
**Delft University of Technology**  
**EBS University of Business and Law Wiesbaden**  
École Hôtelière de Lausanne  
**Eindhoven University of Technology**  
**Erasmus University Rotterdam**  
ESSEC Business School  
EU Business School, Barcelona  
**EU Business School, Munich**  
**Florence Design Academy**  
**Glion Institute of Higher Education**  
HAN University of Applied Sciences  
**HU University of Applied Sciences**  
HZ University of Applied Sciences  
Inholland University of Applied

Sciences  
IE University - Madrid Campus  
Istituto Europeo di Design, Milan  
KU Leuven, Kulak Kortrijk  
**Leiden University**  
**Maastricht University**  
**NHL Stenden University of Applied Sciences**  
Nuova Accademia di Belle Arti di Milano  
**Tilburg University**  
The Hague University of Applied Sciences  
Trinity College Dublin  
**University College Venlo**  
**University of Groningen**  
**University of Twente**  
**Universitat Ramon Llull La Salle, Barcelona**  
Utrecht University  
**Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam**  
**Zuyd University of Applied Sciences**

### OTHER

Baskent University  
**Bilkent University**  
Hosei University  
IDC Herzliya  
**International Christian University**  
**Jinan University**  
**Middle East Technical University**  
**Korea University**  
**Monash University**  
**Nanyang Technological University**  
Ritsumeikan University  
The American University in Cairo  
TED University  
University of Melbourne  
University of New South Wales  
**University of Technology Sydney**