



WESTERN ACADEMY OF BEIJING

High School Profile 2017-2018

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School Description

Western Academy of Beijing (WAB) was established in 1994 as an international, independent, English language, coeducational day school serving the expatriate community in Beijing. WAB's excellent facilities includes a state-of-the-art high school building, sports, arts, & technology center, spacious fields, and swimming pool, as well as separate school centers for early childhood, elementary, middle school and high school. The high school was established in 2005. The Class of 2018 (121 students) will be the twelfth graduating class in the 23-year history of the school.

Technology and information literacy are integrated throughout the rigorous curriculum, requiring that every student has a laptop computer. The IB Middle Years Programme (MYP), the IB Diploma Programme (IB DP) and the Capstone Program are offered in the High School. In addition, every graduate earns an accredited Western Academy of Beijing High School Diploma.

Accreditation and Membership

WAB is accredited by:

- IB - International Baccalaureate
- NEASC - New England Association of Schools and Colleges
- CIS - Council of International Schools
- NCCT - National Center for Curriculum and Textbook Development
(WAB was the first international school in China to be accredited by NCCT)

WAB is an active member of:

- ACAMIS - Association of China and Mongolia International Schools
- APAC - Asia Pacific Activities Conference
- CIS - Council of International Schools
- EARCOS - East Asia Regional Council of Schools
- ISAC - International School Athletics Conference
- NAIS - National Association of Independent Schools
- NACAC - National Association for College Admissions Counseling
- IACAC - International Association for College Admissions Counseling

Student Body

The high school consists of 425 students (EY-12, 1360). WAB is truly international, with students representing 51 nationalities and 36 languages. Currently, approximately 40% of students come from the USA, United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand; 39% from Asian countries; 20% from European countries (excluding UK); and 1% other. WAB encourages a creative culture based on universal respect. The diversity is also reflected at the school with no one nationality exceeding 20% of the student body.

Faculty

WAB's highly experienced and committed international faculty comes from a wide variety of countries such as Australia, Canada, New Zealand, UK and the US. There are 184 teachers at WAB - 64 at the High School with 17 nationalities represented - many of whom are educational leaders, IB trainers, examiners, moderators and curriculum writers.



High School Curriculum (IB and beyond)

WAB students are encouraged to take the most challenging courses in which they can be academically successful. English is the language of instruction. Each course meets for 70 minutes on an alternate rotating day schedule throughout the school year, which runs from August through June. The academic year is divided into two semesters.

All Grade 9 and 10 students study eight courses each year. In Grade 10, students complete the MYP Personal Project outside of class time. The project exposes students early on to independent research and critical reflection.

In Grades 11 and 12, students can participate in the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme, Capstone or the Individualized Curricula Programme (a selection of IB and High School courses that best meets the student's future goals). **The full IB Diploma is open to all WAB students.** The Capstone is selective, and students must apply. The Class of 2018 consists of 121 students: 98 students are pursuing the full IB Diploma and WAB High School diploma, 4 are pursuing the Capstone and WAB HS Diploma, and 19 are pursuing the WAB High School Diploma (individualized curricula program). Full IB Diploma students choose from six subject groups that include a broad range of courses with three at standard level and three at higher level. In addition, students must take the Theory of Knowledge (TOK) course, complete an Extended Essay, and fulfill Creativity, Action, and Service (CAS) commitments outside of class time. **WAB expects full DP students to enroll in no more than three courses at higher level and three courses at standard level. WAB only allows 10 applications to universities each academic yearly cycle.**

Capstone Program

The Capstone Program is an academic self-directed learning program for students in Grades 11 and 12. Students take five IB or WAB offered courses and opt for a passion course as their sixth subject: the Capstone. Students determine their Capstone core learning areas for study, create an extended project, and are involved with an internship element over two years. Students have a teacher of record who monitors their progress on a weekly basis. In addition, students work with mentors who advise them in their areas of expertise. Four times over the two years, students must defend their learning before a committee (Deputy Director, Principal, a Counselor, Teacher of

Record and at least one mentor). There is clear documentation of learning and assessment. Students can earn credit each semester with a final determination of level of achievement made at the end of the two-year program. Successful students can earn basic, proficient, distinguished or highly distinguished levels of achievement. Students must go through an application process to enter the program.

Student Support Programs

A range of services is provided in the high school to assist learners with special needs and abilities, and for students whose academic language is not English. An enrichment specialist provides additional opportunities for students. Students who are non-native English language speakers are assessed to determine whether EAL (English as an Additional Language) support is required. The Learning Support Center actively supports students with learning needs. High School counselors provide a range of support, including academic, university, social and emotional counseling.

WABX Extracurricular Activities and Global Citizenship/CAS

In the WAB High School, there are more than 50 competitive sports teams, and more than 150 clubs, service projects and extracurricular activities.

WAB believes in balancing the educational needs of students with their social, physical and character development. Some examples include GSBTQ Alliance, International Youth Award, Pro-Farmer, Global Issues Network and Forensics. WAB expects all of the students to connect, inspire and make a difference in their daily lives. In order for students to receive the WAB High School Diploma, all students commit to global citizenship projects. Students in Grades 11 and 12 participate in CAS projects with clearly defined IB learning objectives.

China Studies Program

An annual China Studies field trip for each grade level is a key element in engaging students with our host country while supporting the High School curriculum. All High School students participate in a one-week trip to different regions of China, providing an opportunity to broaden the student's curricular experience, to develop environmental and cultural awareness, and to foster a sense of community living and sharing.

COURSE OFFERINGS: 2017 - 2018 All courses are IB unless specifically denoted as High School (HS) courses.

ENGLISH

MYP:

English A, English Language Acquisition

DP:

English Literature A (SL/HL), English Language and Literature A (SL/HL), IB English B (HL), HS English

HUMANITIES

MYP:

Individuals & Societies, Humanities English for Academic Purposes (HEAP)

DP:

Economics (SL/HL), Geography (SL/HL), History (SL/HL), Information Technology in a Global Society (ITGS) (SL/HL), Psychology (SL/HL), HS Global Issues

MATHEMATICS

MYP:

Mathematics (Studies, Standard, and Extended levels)

DP:

IB Mathematics Studies (SL), IB Mathematics (SL/HL), HS Mathematical Applications

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

MYP:

Science (Integrated Biology, Chemistry, and Physics lab sciences), Product Design Technology, Digital Design Technology

DP:

Biology (SL/HL), Chemistry (SL/HL), Physics (SL/HL), Design Technology (DT) (SL/HL), Environmental Systems & Society (SL), HS Integrated Science

LANGUAGES

MYP:

Mandarin Foundation (Phase 1/2), Mandarin Standard (3/4), Mandarin Advanced (5), Spanish (Foundation, Standard, Advanced levels - Phase 1-5), French (Foundation, Standard, Advanced levels - Phase 1-5)

DP:

Mandarin Ab Initio SL, Mandarin Literature A (SL/HL), Mandarin Language and Literature A (SL/HL), Mandarin B (SL/HL), Spanish Ab Initio SL, Spanish B (SL/HL), IB French B (SL/HL), Literature A, School-Supported/Self-Taught (SL), HS Conversational Chinese

THE ARTS

MYP:

Art, Dance, Drama, Film, Music

DP:

Visual Arts (SL/HL), Dance (SL/HL), Theatre (SL/HL), Film Studies (SL/HL), Music (SL/HL), HS Art & Design, HS Film

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

MYP:

Health and Physical Education

OTHER

DP:

Theory of Knowledge (TOK), Capstone

Western Academy of Beijing - IB Diploma Results (past 5 years)

Range of WAB IB Diploma results

Year	< 24	24 - 29	30 - 34	35 - 39	40 - 45	Highest diploma points awarded to a WAB candidate
2017	4	12	28	31	8	43
2016	1	18	42	34	8	45
2015	-	13	26	34	18	44
2014	1	13	37	16	22	45
2013	2	19	37	28	18	45

WAB is non-selective with regard to admission to the IB program. Over the last several years, approximately 90% of WAB students have chosen the full IB Diploma Programme (IB DP). Cumulatively, 17% of WAB students have earned 40 points or higher in the IB DP.

Year Graduating Class	IB DP Candidates	WAB Mean	World Mean	Percentage of WAB DP candidates who earned the diploma	Number of WAB students who earned a bilingual diploma
2017	84	34	-	95%	19
2016	103	34	30.06	98%	23
2015	91	35	30.02	99%	21
2014	89	35	29.7	97%	28
2013	107	35	29.9	93%	27

WAB Graduation Requirements

In order for students to receive the WAB High School Diploma they must successfully complete the minimum required credits listed below:

4 English	3 Science
3 Mathematics	3 Humanities
2 Arts	2 Other Language
2 Physical Education	2 Technology
3 Electives	

Credit is given for successful completion of WAB courses with a grade of 3 or higher. Transfer students have their previous transcript/school reports verified and appropriate credit is awarded (not stated on WAB transcript). Some students may be waived from certain requirements (i.e. technology) only if entering mid-way through High School. **WAB does not Rank or calculate Grade Point Averages (GPA).**

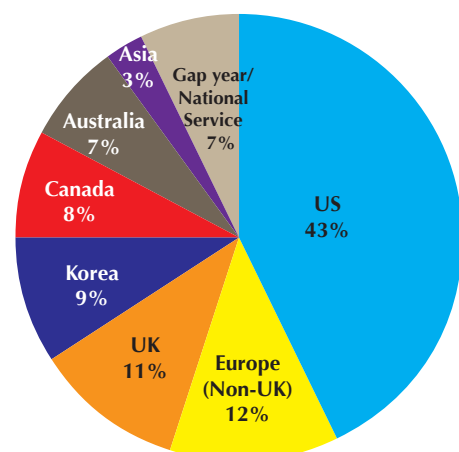
Grading System (1-7 Scale)

The WAB assessment system follows the established IB criteria and conversion table, whose descriptors are noted below:

Grade	North American Conversion	Descriptor
7	A+	Excellent
6	A	Very Good
5	B	Good
4	C	Satisfactory
3	D	Mediocre
2	F	Poor
1	F	Very Poor

Destinations for Class of 2017 (108 students)

Includes Gap Year and National Service



Class of 2017 SAT Scores

SAT Summary

Section	Middle 50%	Mean
Critical Reading	570 - 680	650
Math	610 - 710	681

Standardized Tests & External Exams

WAB offers the following external exams on site:

- IB
- PSAT
- SAT
- SAT Subject Tests
- ISA (International Schools' Assessment)
- ACT
- UK Admissions tests

MATRICULATION - UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE: CLASSES OF 2013-2017

ASIA/AFRICA

Beijing Language and Culture University (6) **
Hokkaido University (Japan)
Hong Kong University of Sci. & Tech. (4)
Lady Shri Ram College for Women
The Chinese University of Hong Kong
Nanyang Technological Uni. (Singapore)
Nagoya University (Japan)
Peking University (China) (2)
Sophia University (2) *
Temple University (Japan) (1)
Tsinghua University (China) (3) *
Waseda University Japan
University of Hong Kong (2)
Yale-NUS College (Singapore) (2) *

AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND

Australia National University
Monash University
University of Brisbane
University of Canberra
University of Melbourne
University of Queensland
University of Sydney
Queensland University of Technology *

CANADA

Bishop's University
Fraser International College *
McGill University (11) *
McMaster University (2)
Queen's University (2) *
Quest University
Simon Fraser University (2)
University of British Columbia (20) **
University of Toronto (14) ***
University of Waterloo (2)

EUROPE

Aalto University (Finland) (2) *
Amsterdam University College (NL)
Delft University of Technology (NL) (2)
Dutch Filers Academy (NL) *
Ecole Hoteliere de Lausanne (CH) (3)
Erasmus Universiteit Rotterdam (NL) (4)
Erasmus University College (NL)
Esmod Paris (France)
Hanzehogeschool Groningen (NL)
The Hague University (NL)
Hotel School den Haag (NL)
IESEG School of Management (FR) *
Leiden University (NL)
Les Roches –Hospitality, (CH) (2)
Lund University (Sweden)
Rotterdam School of Management, Erasmus,
Netherlands (NL) (4)
Szent Istva University, (Hungary)
Universiteit Utrecht (NL) (2)
Universiteit van Amsterdam (NL)
University College Utrecht (NL) (2)
Universiteit of Maastrich (NL) *
University of Oslo (Norway)
University of Szeged Medicine (Hungary)
Uppsala University (Sweden)
Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam (NL) *
Webster University (NL)

KOREA

Korea Advanced Institute of Science and
Technology (KAIST) (2)
Korean National University of Arts
Korea University (2) *
Seoul National University (7) **
Sogang University (2)
Yonsei University (7) *

UNITED KINGDOM

Arts University Bournemouth (3) **
Brighton and Sussex Medical School
Central St Martin's College-Art & Design (2)
City University London
Edinburgh Napier University
Goldsmith College, University of London
Imperial College, London (2) *
Istituto Marangoni , London
King's College of London (3) *
London Centre of Contemporary Music
London School of Economics
Loughborough University
Middlesex University
Newcastle University
Nottingham Trent University
School of Oriental and African Studies
UCFB Wembley (2)
University College London (9) ***
University of Aberdeen
University of Cambridge- Medicine *
University of Dundee (2)
University of East Anglia
University of Edinburgh (5) *
University of Exeter (2)
University of Glasgow (2) *
University of London (1)
University of Manchester (2) *
University of Nottingham
University of St. Andrews
University of Surrey
University of Warwick (2)

UNITED STATES

American University (6) *
Austin College
Babson College
Bard College
Barnard College (2)
Bates College
Bentley University
Berklee College of Music
Biola University
Boston College
Boston Conservatory
Boston University (7) **
Bowdoin College (2)
Brandeis University (2)
Brown University (6) *
Bryant University (2) *
California Institute of the Arts *
Carleton College *
Chapman University (3) *
Clark University
College of the Atlantic
College of Wooster
Columbia University (3) *
Dartmouth College
Drexel University
Duke University
Emory University (5) *
Fordham University
Georgia Southern University
Grinnell College *
Hamilton College
Illinois State University
Indiana University-Bloomington (2)
Johns Hopkins University (2)
Kalamazoo College
Lafayette College *
Landmark College
Lehigh University
Lewis & Clark University *
Loyola University, Chicago *
Lycoming College
Marist College
Maryland Institute College of Art (MICA) (2)
Michigan State University (2) *
Mount Holyoke College
New York Film Academy
New York University (NYU) (12) *
NYU Tisch School of the Arts (4)
Northeastern University (8) **
Northwestern University (6)
Oberlin College
Ohio University *
Parsons School of Design- The New School (3) *
Penn State University, University Park (2)
Pitzer College
Pratt Institute (4)
Purdue University (4) **
Reed College
Rhode Island School of Design (2)
Rice University
Ringling College of Art and Design
Rutgers University (2)
Saint John's University – Queen's
San Diego State University
San Jose State University
Santa Clara University
Santa Monica College (2) *
Sarah Lawrence College (2)
Savannah College of Art and Design (2)
School of Art Institute- Chicago
Scripps College
Seattle University
Stony Brook University *
Syracuse University *
Trinity College
Tufts University (3) *
Union College
University of California, Berkeley (11) ****
University of California, Irvine (2)
University of California, Los Angeles (7) **
University of California, Riverside
University of California, San Diego (2) *
University of California, Santa Cruz (4)
University of Chicago
University of Illinois, Chicago
University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign (3) **
University of Colorado, Boulder
University of Hawaii, Manoa (2)
University of La Verne (2)
University of Massachusetts, Amherst
University of Miami
University of Michigan *
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill *
University of Nevada, Las Vegas
University of Pennsylvania (3) *
University of Richmond
University of San Diego
University of San Francisco *
University of Southern California (7) **
University of Tennessee, Knoxville
University of Texas, Austin (2) *
University of Vermont
University of Virginia (2)
University of Washington (4)
University of Wisconsin, Madison (2)
Washington State University
Washington University in St. Louis (3)
Wellesley College (3)
Wesleyan University
Yale University

* Denotes Class of 2017 (one * per matriculation)
Australian, European, & Korean matriculation
numbers are incomplete – offers continue to
arrive & tracking is difficult due to lack of student
disclosure.