

Realising Potential

Preparatory Course for High School

The Preparatory Course for High School at ISS is a one-year preparatory course of study that prepares students with limited academic English the opportunity to study to be global-minded, respectful lifelong learners and prepare for their next educational steps. At ISS we believe that successful students can reach their potential in a nurturing, empowering and inclusive environment and that a willingness to take on challenges, be open-minded and create a habit of inquiry will prepare the students to be successful and to reach their potential.

Students that study the preparatory course for high school will study English Language Acquisition, Mathematics, Science, Humanities, Physical and Health Education, The Arts/Design (one term of Music, Drama, Design and Visual Arts) and additional English Language Support (including an online differentiated study course to improve their academic English). Students will be expected to participate in homeroom class, extra curricular activities, service learning projects and demonstrate a commitment to global citizenship through Week Without Walls.

ISS's challenging preparatory course for high school creates an atmosphere of high expectations. By the end of the preparatory high school course students must have earned a minimum of 6 credits and passed each subject to progress. Please refer to the table on this page and the next for details.

Subject	Semester One	Semester Two	Total Credit
Language Acquisition - English	0.5	0.5	1
Mathematics	0.5	0.5	1
Science	0.5	0.5	1

Humanities	0.5	0.5	1
The Arts			1
Drama	0.25		
Visual Art	0.25		
Music		0.25	
Design		0.25	
Physical and Health Education	0.5	0.5	1
<p>Satisfactory completion of one service learning activity and one ECA each semester, along with 90% attendance each month leads to full credit rating and progression to the next grade.</p> <p>Students who do not meet the attendance and service learning and ECA activity commitment may not be considered for progression to the next grade.</p>			

The course is taught by teachers specialised in accelerating English language learning. Teachers use specialised English language programmes that include diagnostic tools that pinpoint students' areas of need. Progress is carefully monitored throughout the programme so that students maximise their ability to quickly learn the skills and language necessary for entry into the MYP programme.

ISS is authorised by the International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO) to administer the IB Middle Years Programme in grades 9 and 10 and the Diploma Programme in grades 11 and 12. The opportunity to study these programmes requires students to score a WIDA 4 in all four components.

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ISS provides challenging pathways of studies for many of our students. On successful completion of the preparatory course for high school and satisfactory progression on their WIDA score will provide students pathways either into the MYP ESL Supported programme, the full MYP or ISS High School Diploma.

Course Outline

English Language Acquisition

Designed for students who are learning English as an additional language, this course uses communicative teaching and learning approaches to develop students' understanding and application of language skills including listening, viewing, speaking, writing and reading. The aims are to enable each student to use the English language effectively, to encourage integration with the English speaking community in Singapore, to encourage positive attitudes towards speakers of other languages, to provide a sound basis of communicative skills necessary for future study, work and leisure, to develop an appreciation of literature; to develop an understanding of the process of language learning and to develop curiosity and interest in and enjoyment of the English language.

Phase 1 and 2

Phase 2 students are emergent communicators who focus on understanding and responding to written and spoken texts that are both easily understandable but conceptually challenging. They do this by sharing facts, opinions, feelings and ideas on a range of topics in familiar and unfamiliar situations. Everyday lessons include an emphasis on uninhibited fun communication, open-minded collaboration, and principled self-management and organisation. Topics studied include Singapore and Change, Personal and Cultural Expression, Conflict and Leadership, and Creativity with Personal Beliefs and Values.

English Language Support

The ELS class is taught by an ESL teacher in a sheltered and nurturing environment so that

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students have the confidence to further develop their language skills in speaking, listening, reading, and writing. An emphasis is also placed on presentations, collaboration, and organisation. ELS class is also where students can consolidate any work or understanding from their other subjects, particularly, Science and Humanities. Students also participate in an online differentiated reading program to boost their literacy skills.

Humanities

The students deepen their understanding of the concepts of time, space and place by examining resource scarcity in the Water unit. The geographical meaning of processes is defined and explored in the Urban Environments Unit.

Science

Students study plant and animal biology, chemical bonding and the periodic table, forces and energy.

Mathematics

Students study Mathematics which aims to enhance their knowledge and techniques of Algebra, Geometry, Number and Data Handling. In particular, students deepen their understanding of algebraic skills through use of the Graphic Display Calculator. Students are provided with opportunities to explore, investigate and collaborate in various inquiry based tasks throughout the semesters.

Physical and Health Education

Physical Education at ISS aims to develop key physical skills and processes that will serve students well throughout life, such as movement and coordination. Alongside this the curriculum has also been designed to emphasise the importance of participation in order to nurture a lifelong interest in physical activity and the benefits that it brings.

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Collaboration, reflection and skill transfer form the theoretical basis for each of the units, which allow the students to develop cognitively and socially within lessons.

Curriculum activities are then taught as part of key learning areas, which include invasion games, net games, striking and fielding events and individual pursuits. These key learning areas are taught using exciting and accessible activities, such as swimming, basketball, volleyball and softball.

The Arts/Design (Drama, Visual Arts, Music and Design)

Students complete one unit each term in a different discipline from The Arts.

Drama: The main aim of the Drama programme is to teach and embed vital life skills such as communication skills, group work skills, socialising skills and creative thinking.

Visual Arts: The course teaches students to do visual research, to be thoughtful viewers, to practice perceptual engagement, and to analyze artworks via sketching.

Music: Students develop musical cognition, analysis, and listening skills as well development in Approaches To Learning (ATL) skills such as creative and critical thinking, collaboration, reflective and research skills.

Design: Design focuses on building creative and critical thinking skills, much needed in today's society for developing entrepreneurial competencies.

For more information about this course, its enrolment requirements and fees, please do contact our **Admissions Team** at **+65 6475 4188** or email **admissions@iss.edu.sg**.

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