



**Utica Academy for International Studies**  
**An International Baccalaureate World School**

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**IB LEARNERS ARE**

- INQUIRERS
- KNOWLEDGEABLE
- THINKERS
- COMMUNICATORS
- PRINCIPLED
- OPEN-MINDED
- CARING
- RISK-TAKERS
- BALANCED
- REFLECTIVE

The Utica Academy for International Studies Ranks #1 in Michigan on the Washington Post's 2013-2016 Lists of America's Most Challenging High Schools



# Profile for Colleges and Universities

2016-2017

## School History and Enrollment

The Utica Academy for International Studies (UAIS) opened in the fall of 2008, and is a fully authorized International Baccalaureate World School. We currently enroll 375 students in grades 9-12. Our inaugural class graduated in June 2012.

## Community

UAIS is a public high school program belonging to the Utica Community Schools (UCS) district, which is Michigan's second largest school district. Located approximately 7 miles north of Detroit, in Macomb County, the 25 elementary schools, seven junior high schools, and four high schools within UCS serve 29,000 students from a 66-square mile suburban area. The community is largely residential with strong economic ties to the automotive industry. UCS has enjoyed a long-standing tradition of exceptional citizen support, which has resulted in numerous innovative educational programs.

## Students

UAIS students are drawn from the four Utica Community Schools high schools and also school of choice students from within, and adjacent to, Macomb County. Our students are socio-economically, ethnically and religiously diverse. Approximately 14.5% of students qualify for free and reduced lunch.

## School Schedule

We operate a two semester, eight class period A/B block schedule which allows students to earn eight credits per year and 32 upon graduation.

## IB Diploma Course Load

Students are advised to take only three HL courses and strongly discouraged from taking more than four.

## Extended Essay (EE) and Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS)

All students are expected to produce a 4,000 word Extended Essay, which is a capstone project based on their original research. Students must also complete 150 hours of Creativity, Activity, and Service, including an extended service project that requires collaboration and leadership, and is focused on the local community. These IB requirements are in addition to their other coursework.

## Co-Curricular Activities

UAIS offers numerous extracurricular clubs and activities. Students wishing to participate in high school athletics or activities not offered at UAIS, may return to their attendance area high school. Participating in base school sports and activities requires considerable student initiative and represents a serious commitment.

## Faculty

All faculty members hold a Master's, Specialist or Ph.D. degree. Faculty members have been extensively trained in brain/mind research in conjunction with the Caine Learning Institute of Idyllwild, California. Faculty members have also received special training in Reading Apprenticeship by West Ed.

## Grading System

The UAIS grading system is based on a weighted 4.0 scale. Semester grades are based on a 40/40/20 model wherein each of two quarters counts for 40% of the final semester grade and the exam counts for the remaining 20%. Grades are weighted (.50) for all courses that conclude in a national reported course exam (IB or AP).

## Grading Scale

Letter	Value	Course GPA	AP or IB Weighted Course
A	94-100	4.00	4.50
A-	90-93	3.67	4.17
B+	87-89	3.33	3.84
B	83-86	3.00	3.50
B-	80-82	2.67	3.17
C+	77-79	2.33	2.83
C	73-76	2.00	2.50
C-	70-72	1.67	2.17
D+	67-69	1.33	1.83
D	63-66	1.00	1.50
D-	60-62	0.67	1.17
F	50-59	0.00	0.00

## Class Rank

Due to the incredibly competitive and small size of our graduating classes, we do not rank students. All students are enrolled in rigorous college preparatory coursework.

Class of 2016 ACT SCORES	
Mean Composite Score	28.1
Mean Composite Score of Middle 50%	28.3
Mean Composite Score of Top 25%	31.7
Mean Composite Score of Top 10%	33.4

2016 ACT Quartile Grade Distribution				
	1 <sup>st</sup> Quartile	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quartile	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quartile	4 <sup>th</sup> Quartile
GPA	4.28-4.18	4.18-4.03	4.02-3.80	3.77-2.77
Avg. ACT	31.7	30.9	25.8	25.3

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**2016-17 Profile for Colleges and Universities**



**College and University Acceptances and Matriculation for UAIS Class of 2012-2016 (\* = matriculation)**

99% of students are attending a four-year college or university; approximately 1% of students enter the armed services before attending college.

Albion College*	Florida Gulf Coast University*	New York University*	University of Chicago*
Allegheny College	Florida State University*	Northeastern University	University of California Irvine
Alma College*	Fordham University	Norwich University*	University of Cincinnati*
American University* (D.C.)	Gannon University*	Northern Illinois University	University of Colorado-Boulder
American University of Paris*	Georgia Institute of Technology*	Northern Michigan University	University of Delaware
Aquinas College*	Georgia Technological University	Nova Southeastern University*	University of Detroit Mercy*
Arizona State University	George Washington University*	Oakland University*	University of Iowa
Austin College	Georgetown University	Oberlin College*	University of Illinois – Urbana Champaign
Baker College*	Grace College	Ohio Northern University	University of Maryland
Ball State University	Goucher College*	Ohio State University*	University of Miami
Belmont University*	Grand Valley State University*	Olivet College*	University of Michigan - Ann Arbor*
Bethel College	Grand Valley State University	Parsons New School for Design*	University of Michigan - Dearborn*
Boston College	Harvard University*	Purdue University	University of Minnesota: Twin Cities
Boston University*	Hillsdale College*	Princeton University*	University of Missouri – Kansas City
Bowling Green State University*	Hope College*	Ringling College of Art and Design*	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill*
Brigham Young University*	Indiana University	Rochester College	University of Notre Dame
Brown University*	Indiana Wesleyan University*	Rotterdam School of Management	University of Ohio
Butler University	Iowa State University	Rutgers University*	University of Oregon
Calvin College*	James Madison University	Sacred Heart Major Seminary*	University of Ottawa
Carthage College	John Carroll University	Saginaw Valley State University*	University of Oxford* (Eng.)
Case Western Reserve	Johns Hopkins University*	Saint Mary’s College*	University of Pennsylvania
Central Michigan University*	Kalamazoo College*	Santa Clara University	University of Pittsburgh*
Citadel	Kendall College of Art and Design	San Diego State University*	University of Rochester*
City University of New York	Kennesaw State University*	School of Art Institute of Chicago	University of San Diego
Clemson University	Kent State University*	Seton Hall University	University of Scranton*
College of Clarkston	Kettering University*	Seton Hill University*	University of Southern California*
College for Creative Studies*	Lake Superior State University*	Spring Arbor University	University of Toledo
College of William and Mary*	Lawrence Technological University*	Stevens Institute of Technology*	University of Vermont
College of Wooster	Lipscomb University*	St. John’s University	University of Virginia
Columbia College Chicago*	Loyola University Chicago	Swarthmore College	University of Washington Seattle
Columbia University*	Macalester College	Syracuse University	University of Windsor
Cornell University	Macomb Community College*	Temple University	Wittenburg University
Culinary Institute of Michigan	Madonna University*	Thomas More College of the Liberal Arts	Vanderbilt University*
DePaul University	Massachusetts Institute of Technology* (MIT)	Tiffin University*	Warsaw University of Technology
Drexel University	Mercer University	United States Marine Corps	Wayne State University*
Duke University*	Mercyhurst University	University of Akron	Wesleyan University
Eastern Michigan University*	Miami University of Ohio*	University of Alabama*	Western Michigan University*
Emerson College	Michigan State University*	University of California Berkley	Wroclaw Medical University* (Pol.)
Emory University	Michigan Technological University*	University of Central Florida*	Xavier University*
Ferris State University*	Montana State University*		

**May 2016 Diploma Success Rate for UAIS Diploma Candidates by GPA Quartile (81 students)**

GPA	4.28-4.18	4.18-4.03	4.02-3.80	3.77-2.77
# of students (81)	21	20	20	20
Mean IB Diploma Score per Quartile	32.2	27.9	24.7	20
Mean ACT Score for Quartile	31.7	30.9	25.8	25.3
% of UAIS students who earned the IB Diploma	100%	80%	65%	45%
UAIS Diploma Pass Rate	71.6%			
May 2016 World Diploma Pass Rate	79.3%			

**May 2016 Diploma Scores for Students Who Earned the IB Diploma by Diploma Scores (45 Possible Points)**

	1 <sup>st</sup> Quartile	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quartile	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quartile	4 <sup>th</sup> Quartile
Mean Diploma Score	33.7	27.9	24.6	21.2
Range of Total IB Diploma Points Earned	39-30	30-26	26-23	23-17
Mean GPA for Quartile	4.2	4.1	3.9	3.6
Mean ACT for Quartile	31.70	30.85	25.77	25.26
May 2016 World Mean	27.1			
May 2016 World Mean	30.0			

**International Baccalaureate (IB) Full Diploma Program Curriculum**

The IB curriculum is at the heart of the UAIS. The IB curriculum is comprised of six academic areas surrounding the three core requirements. In order to meet the graduation requirements set forth by the Utica Community Schools Board of Education and the Michigan Department of Education, students must complete 22 credit hours.



UCS Minimum Credit Requirements Class of 2016	UAIS Credit Requirements Class of 2016
English Language Arts (4 Credits)	English Language Arts (4 Credits)
Mathematics (4 Credits)	Mathematics (4 Credits)
Science (3 Credits)	Science (5 Credits)
Social Studies (3 Credits)	Social Studies (5 Credits)
Health & Physical Education (1 Credit)	Health & Physical Education (Optional)
Visual, Performing, Applied Arts (1 Credit)	Visual, Music, Performing Arts (2 Credits)
Michigan Merit Exam	Michigan Merit Exam
	World Language (4 Credits)

**GROUP 1: STUDIES IN LITERATURE**

- Honors English 9\*
- Honors English 10\*
- IB English 11 SL/HL\*
- IB English 12 SL/HL\*

**GROUP 2: LANGUAGE ACQUISITION\***

(\* 4 Year language Sequence)

- French I
- French II
- IB French I SL/HL
- IB French II SL/HL
- Spanish I
- Spanish II
- IB Spanish I SL/HL
- IB Spanish II SL/HL
- Japanese I
- Japanese II
- IB Japanese I SL/HL
- IB Japanese II SL/HL

**GROUP 3: INDIVIDUALS AND SOCIETIES**

- AP US History\*
- AP World History\*
- Economics\*
- US Government\*
- Psychology I and II
- IB Psychology
- IB History of the Americas HL/SL

**GROUP 4: EXPERIMENTAL SCIENCES\***

- Physics\*
- Biology\*
- Chemistry\*
- IB Biology I and II
- IB Biology SL/HL
- IB Chemistry I and II
- IB Chemistry SL/HL
- IB Physics I and II
- IB Physics SL/HL
- IB Nature of Science SL

**GROUP 5: MATHEMATICS AND COMPUTER SCIENCE**

- ACC Geometry\*
- ACC Algebra II\*
- AP Statistics
- Calculus
- IB Maths Studies SL I and II (*Alg II/Pre Calc/ Trig*)
- IB Maths I and II SL (*Pre Calc/Calc/Trig*)
- IB Maths I and II HL (*Trig/Pre-Calc/Calc AB & BC/Stats*)
- IB Further Maths (*Discrete Math/Analytical Geom/Differential Equations/Sets & Group Theory/ Linear Algebra*)

**GROUP 6: THE ARTS\***

- Theater Arts I and II
- IB Theater I and II SL/HL
- Instrumental Solo and Ensemble
- Vocal Solo and Ensemble
- IB Music I and II SL/HL
- Art Foundations
- Studio 2D and 3D
- Advanced Studio Arts
- AP Art History
- IB Visual Arts I and II SL/HL

**THEORY OF KNOWLEDGE (TOK)**

- IB Theory of Knowledge 11/12\*

**OTHER COURSES**

- Production Teams 9/10\*
- Extended Essay and Creativity, Activity, and Service 11/12\*
- Newspaper
- Yearbook
- Team Sports (Boys/Girls)