



# 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 376 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 30,000 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. Our students are socio-economically, ethnically and religiously diverse. Approximately 15% 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.

## 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, Action 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 small size of our graduating classes, we do not rank students. All students are enrolled in rigorous college preparatory coursework.

## Class of 2016 Quartile Grade Distribution with ACT Scores (83 students)

GPA	4.21-4.13	4.10-3.92	3.91-3.63	3.62-2.6
Average ACT	31.70	30.85	25.77	25.26

## Class of 2016 ACT Scores

ACT Mean Scores	
Mean Composite Score	28.1
Mean Composite Score of Middle 50%	29.3
Mean Composite Score of Top 25%	30.8
Mean Composite Score of Top 10%	33.4

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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 2016 List of American's Most  
Challenging High Schools



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

100% of students from the graduating class of 2016 are attending a four-year college or university.

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|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| Albion College                  | Gannon University*                 | Rutgers University*                          |
| Allegheny College               | Georgia Technological University   | Santa Clara University                       |
| Alma College*                   | George Washington University       | School of Art Institute of Chicago           |
| American University*            | Georgetown University              | Seton Hall University                        |
| Aquinas College*                | Goucher College*                   | Spring Arbor University                      |
| Arizona State University        | Grand Valley State University*     | Stevens Institute of Technology*             |
| Austin College                  | Harvard University*                | St. John's University                        |
| Baker College*                  | Hillsdale College*                 | Swarthmore College                           |
| Ball State University           | Hope College*                      | Syracuse University                          |
| Bethel College                  | Indiana University                 | Temple University                            |
| Boston University*              | Indiana Wesleyan University*       | Thomas More College of the Liberal Arts      |
| Bowling Green State University* | Iowa State University              | Tiffin University*                           |
| Brigham Young University*       | James Madison University           | University of Akron                          |
| Brown University*               | John Carroll University            | University of Alabama*                       |
| Butler University               | Johns Hopkins University*          | University of Chicago*                       |
| Calvin College                  | Kalamazoo College*                 | University of Cincinnati*                    |
| Carthage College                | Kendall College of Art and Design  | University of Delaware                       |
| Case Western Reserve            | Kettering University*              | University of Detroit Mercy*                 |
| Central Michigan University*    | Lawrence Technological University* | University of Illinois – Urbana Champaign    |
| Citadel                         | Loyola University Chicago          | University of Maryland                       |
| City University of New York     | Macomb Community College*          | University of Michigan - Ann Arbor*          |
| Clemson University              | Madonna University*                | University of Michigan - Dearborn*           |
| College of Clarkston            | Miami University*                  | University of Missouri – Kansas City         |
| College for Creative Studies*   | Michigan State University*         | University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill* |
| College of William and Mary*    | Michigan Technological University* | University of Ohio                           |
| College of Wooster              | Montana State University*          | University of Miami                          |
| Columbia College Chicago*       | New York University*               | University of Pennsylvania                   |
| Columbia University*            | Northeastern University            | University of Pittsburgh*                    |
| Cornell University              | Norwich University*                | University of San Diego                      |
| DePaul University               | Northern Illinois University       | University of Southern California            |
| Drexel University               | Northern Michigan University       | University of Vermont                        |
| Duke University*                | Oakland University*                | University of Virginia                       |
| Eastern Michigan University*    | Ohio Northern University           | University of Washington Seattle             |
| Emerson College                 | Ohio State University*             | Vanderbilt University*                       |
| Emory University                | Olivet College*                    | Warsaw University of Technology              |
| Ferris State University*        | Parsons New School for Design*     | Wayne State University*                      |
| Florida Gulf Coast University*  | Purdue University                  | Wesleyan University                          |
| Fordham University              | Rochester College                  | Western Michigan University*                 |
|                                 |                                    | Xavier University*                           |

**IB Diploma Results for the UAIS Class of 2016**

**May 2016 Diploma Success Rate for UAIS Diploma Candidates by GPA Quartile (83 students)**

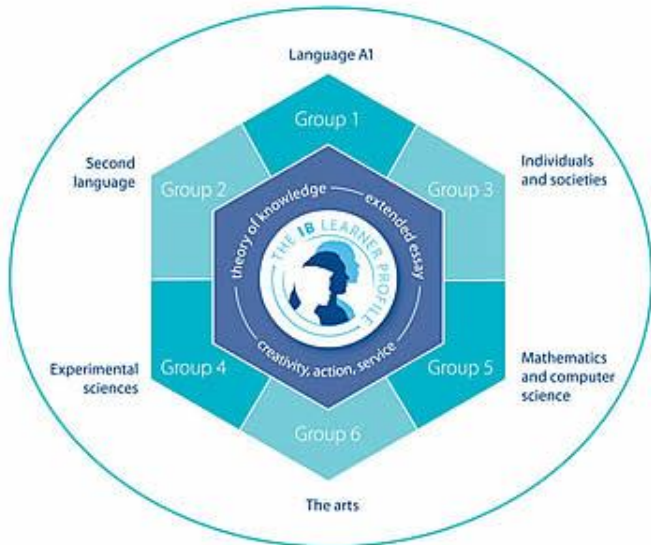
GPA	4.30-4.11	4.11-3.97	3.97-3.74	3.74-2.81
# of students (83)	21	21	21	20
Mean IB Diploma Score for Quartile (2014 Worldwide Mean Score was 29.77)	32.44	28.27	24.24	21.92
Mean ACT Score for Quartile	31.7	30.85	25.77	25.26
% of students who earned IB Diploma	100%	81%	48%	45%
UAIS Pass Rate	71.2%			
May 2015 Worldwide Pass Rate	80.8%			

**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
<b>Mean Diploma Score (Range of Scores)</b>	32.44 (40-27)	28.95 (33-26)	27.18 (31-25)	25.00 (27-24)
Mean GPA for Quartile	4.21	4.03	3.92	3.60
Mean ACT for Quartile	31.70	30.85	25.77	25.26
UAIS Mean Diploma Score	29.60			
May 2015 Worldwide Mean Score	30.2			

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

The IB curriculum is at the heart of the UAIS. Modeled by a hexagon, 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.



Utica Community Schools Minimum Graduation Requirements for Class of 2017	Utica Academy for International Studies Area Requirements for Class of 2017
English Language Arts (4 credits)	English Language Arts (4 Credits)
Mathematics (4 credits)	Mathematics (4 Credits)
Science (3 credits)	Science (4 Credits)
Social Studies (3 credits)	Social Studies (5 Credits)
Health & Physical Education (1 credit)	Health & Physical Education (optional)
Visual, Performing, Applied Arts (1 cr)	Visual, Performing and Applied Arts (2 Credits)
Michigan Merit Exam	Michigan Merit Exam
	World Languages (4 Credits)

**COURSES OFFERED (Required = \*)**

**GROUP 1: STUDIES IN LANGUAGE AND 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
- IB FRENCH III SL/HL
- SPANISH I
- SPANISH II
- IB SPANISH I SL/HL
- IB SPANISH II SL/HL
- IB SPANISH III SL/HL
- JAPANESE I
- JAPANESE II
- IB JAPANESE I SL/HL
- IB JAPANESE II SL/HL
- IB JAPANESE III SL/HL

**GROUP 3: INDIVIDUALS AND SOCIETIES**

- HISTORY OF WORLD CIVILIZATIONS\*
- AP WORLD HISTORY\*
- ECONOMICS
- PSYCHOLOGY I and II HL/SL
- IB PSYCHOLOGY SL
- US GOVERNMENT

- IB HIST OF 20TH CENTURY SL/ HL\*
- IB HISTORY OF AMERICAS HL \*
- IB PSYCHOLOGY SL/HL

**GROUP 4: EXPERIMENTAL SCIENCES\***

- Physics
- BIOLOGY
- CHEMISTRY
- IB BIOLOGY I and II SL/HL
- IB CHEMISTRY I and II SL/HL
- IB PHYSICS I and II SL/HL
- IB Nature of Science SL

**GROUP 5: MATHEMATICS AND COMPUTER SCIENCE**

- ALGEBRA I\*
- GEOMETRY\*
- ACC ALGEBRA II\*
- AP STATISTICS
- Calculus
- IB MATH STUDIES 1 (Alg II/Pre Calc) SL
- IB MATH STUDIES 2 (Pre-Calc/Trig) SL
- IB MATH I and II SL (Pre Calc/Calc/Trig)
- IB MATH 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\***

- THEATRE ARTS I
- THEATRE ARTS II
- IB THEATRE I SL/HL
- IB THEATRE II SL/HL
- BAND

- INSTRUMENTAL SOLO & ENSEMBLE
- VOCAL SOLO & ENSEMBLE
- IB MUSIC 1 SL/HL
- IB MUSIC 2 SL/HL
- IB VISUAL ARTS 1 SL/HL
- IB VISUAL ARTS 2 SL/HL
- ART FOUNDATIONS
- STUDIO 2D 3D
- ADVANCED STUDIO ART
- AP ART HISTORY

**THEORY OF KNOWLEDGE**

- IB THEORY OF KNOWLEDGE 11/12\*

**OTHER COURSES**

- PRODUCTION TEAMS 9/10\*
- SPEECH I
- NEWSPAPER
- YEARBOOK
- TEAM SPORTS BOYS/GIRLS
- HEALTH & WELLNESS