



Bishop Mackenzie International School



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SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY

Bishop Mackenzie International School (BMIS) is an English-medium private, non-profit co-educational day school founded in 1944. It provides an education to almost 700 students in the primary and secondary schools (Pre- reception-Year 13). The school is a purpose-built facility situated on 10 hectares of land in a quiet residential area of Lilongwe, MALAWI, one of the poorest countries in Sub-Saharan Africa. A board of trustees elected from the parent body governs BMIS.

BMIS is not a selective school. Student population is diverse with over 40 nationalities represented. Teaching staff are certified and are predominantly North American, UK or RSA trained. Student-teacher ratio is approximately 11:1.

CURRICULUM

Bishop Mackenzie International School offers the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme (PYP), Middle Years Programme (MYP) and Diploma Programme (DP) curriculum.

30 IB Diploma courses of study are offered, including Creativity, Activity and Service (CAS), Theory of Knowledge (TOK) and Extended Essay (EE). English is the language of instruction.

ACCREDITATION

BMIS is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC), by the Council of International Schools (CIS) and authorized by the IBO for the PYP, MYP, and DP.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- 24 credits by the end of Year 13 (Grade 12)
- Completion of the MYP Service as Action Programme in Year 11
- Completion of the CAS programme in year 13
- Maximum absence from school of no more than 20 whole days (approximately equivalent to a minimum 90% attendance) in each of the four years of the programme, Year 10 through to Year 13.

CALENDAR

The school year typically begins in mid-August and ends in mid-June. Students attend school for 178 days divided between two semesters. Classes are 55 minutes and meet

on a rotating basis. DP HL classes meet 240 hours and SL classes for 150 hours over a two-year period.

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS

Limit on College Applications: Seniors are limited to a maximum of 10 university applications. Universities can be assured that seniors applying from BMIS abide by this maximum and view it seriously.

Class Rank: BMIS does not rank students.

GPA: BMIS does not implement a GPA system for IB students.

CEEB Code: 633000

IB Center Code: 0960

Transition Year: During Year 12, students are assessed against the Year 13 exit criteria. It is therefore not uncommon to see a decline in grades from Year 11 to Year 12.

Mid-Year Reports: Mid-year grades are predicted grades and posted end of January.

IB Predicted Grades: An IB Predicted Grade (1-7) is the teacher's prediction of the grade the candidate is expected to achieve in the subject, based on all the evidence of the candidate's work and the teacher's knowledge of IB standards. IB Predicted Grades are posted two times during the IB student's second year: January and May.

98% of our graduating students attend institutions of higher education (universities).

GRADING SCALE

IB-GPA	7-A+	6-A	5-B	4-C	3-D	2-E	1-F
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Year 10 & 11 a minimum grade of 4 on the end of year report is required to earn course credit.

Year 12 & 13 a minimum grade of 3 is required on the end of year report to earn course credit

HL courses earn 1.5 credits; SL courses earn 1.0 credit.

Transfer grades and credit from other schools will show as CR on transcripts.





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GRADING DISTRIBUTION

Class Size	23
Full IB Diploma Candidates	21
IB Courses Candidates	2
42-40	0
39-35	5
34-30	2
29-24	11
Below 24	5

BMIS Class of 2019 – Junior Year Grades

SUMMARY OF EXAMINATION RESULTS

Students have the choice between pursuing the full IB Diploma Qualification or Courses Qualification

IB FULL DIPLOMA (Class of 2018)	Number of Candidates	14
	Diplomas Awarded	14
	Mean Diploma Points of successful candidates	33
	World Average	30
	BMIS Pass Rate	100%
IB DIPLOMA COURSES (Class of 2018)	Number of Students	3
	Subject Grades 4 or higher	10
	Average Grade	19

IB COURSES

Students select courses from the following available programmes of study:

GROUP	COURSE	SL	HL
1	English Lang & Lit	√	√
1	English Literature		√
2	French B	√	√
2	Spanish Ab Initio	√	
2	Spanish B	√	√
3	Economics	√	√
3	History	√	√
3	Geography	√	√
3	Information Technology for a Global Society (ITGS)	√	√
4	Biology	√	√
4	Chemistry	√	√
4	Physics	√	√
4	Environmental Systems & Societies	√	
5	Mathematical Studies	√	
5	Mathematics	√	√
6	Visual Arts	√	√
6	Theater	√	√
Core	Creativity, Activity, Service	√	
	Theory of Knowledge	√	
	Extended Essay	√	

UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCES

Partial listing of university acceptances:

CANADA

University of Alberta
University of British Columbia
University of Toronto
York University

EUROPE

American University of Madrid
Amsterdam University
University of Trieste
Eindhoven Univ. of Technology
University of Brussels
College Delft
University of Zurich
Univ. College Roosevelt

MIDDLE EAST

Girls Medical College
Middlesex University, Dubai
New York Univ. Abu Dhabi
Gulf Medical College

REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

Rhodes University
University of South Africa
Univ. of Cape Town
University of Pretoria

UNITED KINGDOM

Aston University
Bangor University
Cambridge University
City University
Manchester University
Queen Mary University
Sheffield Hallam University
St. Mary's University
University of Bradford
University of Bristol
University of Derby
University of Hertfordshire
University of Loughborough
University of Sheffield
University of West England
Brighton University
Brunel University
Cardiff University
Durham Univ.
Oxford Univ.
Richmond –TAIU
St. Andrews Univ.
University of Bath
University of Brighton
Univ. of Coventry
University of Exeter
University of Leicester
University of Nottingham
University of Warwick
Univ. of Westminster

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Amherst College
Boston University
California State University
College of William & Mary
Concordia University
Hawaii Pacific University
Northeastern University
Smith College
St. John's University
St. Joseph's College
University of California
University of LaVerne
University of Michigan
Wellesley College
Bethany Lutheran College
Brown University
Calvin College
College of Wooster
Florida Tech
Michigan State University
Ohio Wesleyan University
St. Edward's University
Trinity Christian College
University of Chicago
University of Denver
University of Miami
University of Oregon