

Second Year Study Abroad

During their second year, all IGHS students participate in a nearly year-long study abroad program at an assigned institution. Strict rules—including limits on social media and a ban on Japanese usage—ensure focus and safety, fostering significant personal growth through challenging new experiences.



Honors



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GS (disc. 2025)

School Year Structure

IGHS employs a specialized academic calendar designed to integrate its second-year study abroad program.

	Grade 10 & 12 Students	Grade 11 Students
Semester 1	April-July	Study Abroad Program January - December
Semester 2	September-December	
Semester 3	Grade 10 - Study Abroad Program Grade 12 - Finished with studies	January-March (following their return)

Collaborative Seminars

IGHS offers dynamic, student-led collaborative seminars under the motto "Collaborate, Innovate, Elevate." Led by first- and third-year students, these seminars foster research skills, critical thinking, and problem-solving across eight diverse themes.

Ecology	Urban Development	Agriculture	STEAM
Human Science	International Cooperation	Media & Art	Business

Each seminar delves into its subject with active, practical learning—students collaborate on group projects, engage in immersive fieldwork with external stakeholders, and conduct individual research aligned with the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), building essential teamwork skills and real-world competencies.



Academist

Through the Academist platform, IGHS partners with esteemed young researchers from renowned institutions such as the University of Tokyo, Kyoto University, and Hokkaido University, providing direct guidance and specialized knowledge that enhances student research and academic activities.

Aptitude and Proficiency Testing

All students take the IELTS annually to assess their English proficiency, while Honors students also take the SAT to evaluate their academic aptitude for university applications. There are also plans to introduce AP tests for Honors students in the future.

University Entrance

Graduates pursue diverse career paths, earning admission to an extensive range of universities both in Japan and internationally. Each year, a significant number of our students secure placements at globally renowned institutions as well as at highly esteemed public and selective private universities across Japan.

	Students Accepted	Total Acceptances (inc. Foundation)	THE Top 400 Acceptances (Direct only)	THE Top 100 Acceptances (Direct only)
Class of 2025*	33	112	54	23
2018-2024	258			29

*as of April 22nd, 2025

THE World University Rankings 2025 Acceptance Record – Class of 2025



Rank	University	Country	No. of ss
21	University of Toronto	Canada	4
34	University of California, San Diego	U.S.	2
39	University of Melbourne	Australia	2
45	McGill University	Canada	1
46	Uni. of Illinois Urbana-Champaign	U.S.	1
56	University of Wisconsin-Madison	U.S.	1
58	Monash University	Australia	1
61	The University of Sydney	Australia	5
62	University of California, Davis	U.S.	1
77	University of Queensland	Australia	1
84	University of Massachusetts Amherst	U.S.	1
87	University of Minnesota Twin Cities	U.S.	2
90	University of California, Irvine	U.S.	1
112	University of Maryland, College Park	U.S.	1
116	The Ohio State University	U.S.	1
122	Michigan State University	U.S.	2
136	University of Arizona	U.S.	1
143	Texas A&M University – Galveston	U.S.	1
143	University of Colorado Boulder	U.S.	1
163	University of Virginia	U.S.	1
189	Indiana University Bloomington	U.S.	2
196	University of California, Santa Cruz	U.S.	1

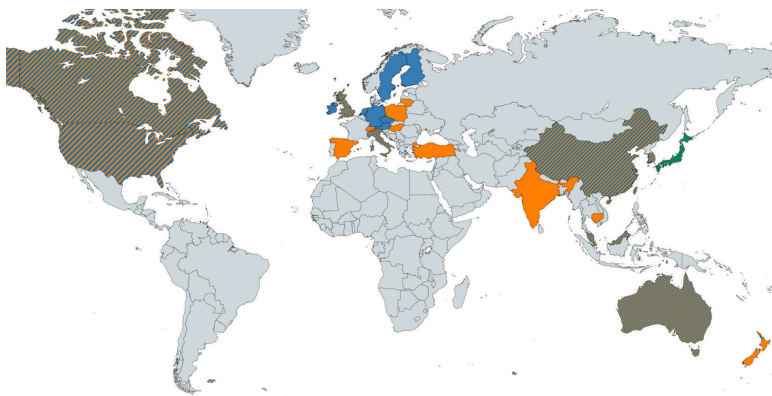
Dual Diploma Program (Honors)

IGHS's Dual Diploma Program is a collaboration with Wayland Academy, a distinguished U.S. prep school. Honors students complete online coursework and earn credits during their second-year study abroad in the U.S., culminating in dual high school diplomas from Japan and the U.S., which simplifies the process of applying to international universities.



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Global University Acceptance Map



Class of 2025 Applications	17 Countries
2017-2024 Acceptances	18 Countries