



## HIGH SCHOOL PROFILE

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### THE SCHOOL

Founded in 1986 to serve American, Spanish, and international students in Barcelona, The Benjamin Franklin International School (BFIS) is a non-profit, independent, coeducational, college preparatory day school with an enrollment of approximately 689 students, nursery school through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. BFIS offers the International Baccalaureate (IB) Curriculum, the American High School Curriculum and the Spanish Curriculum. All secondary students pursue the International Baccalaureate Diploma (IBDP) and the American High School Diploma; Spanish students co validate studies to the Spanish equivalent (ESO) and may choose to co validate 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade to the Spanish equivalent (Bachillerato Español). BFIS is a multicultural, multilingual education institution, with more than 50 different nationalities and cultural heritages.

### ACCREDITATION

BFIS is accredited in the United States by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools and authorized by the Spanish *Ministerio de Educación y Cultura* and the *Departament d'Ensenyament de la Generalitat de Catalunya*. BFIS is also an authorized IB World School by the International Baccalaureate Organization. BFIS is affiliated with the Mediterranean Association of International Schools and the European Council of International Schools and is recognized by the Office of Overseas Schools of the U.S. State Department.

### HIGH SCHOOL FACULTY

BFIS employs 54 High School teachers and administrators. Our international faculty is comprised of certified, highly qualified, and experienced teachers. 39% of the faculty members and administrators are US citizens, 31% are Spanish nationals, and 30% third-country nationals. Our faculty represents 11 different nationalities, many who have studied in US universities. 59% hold additional post-grad qualifications.

### HIGH SCHOOL AT A GLANCE

The BFIS High School student body is composed of 208 students (17% from the United States, 31% Spanish nationals and 52% third-country nationals): 59 seniors, 56 juniors, 45 sophomores, and 48 freshmen. In grades 11 and 12 only IB courses are offered.

### INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE PROGRAM

The IB Diploma Program emphasizes rigorous college preparatory classes over a two-year period and requires external testing in 6 core subject areas. Students also complete the Extended Essay, a research paper, of approximately 4,000 words, a Theory of Knowledge course, and 150 hours of CAS (Creativity, Activity, Service) activities. Currently, 90% of our 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students are enrolled as IB Diploma candidates. IBDP courses offered at BFIS are:

<b>Group 1</b> Studies in Language & Literature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• English A Language &amp; Literature HL/SL</li> <li>• Spanish A Language &amp; Literature HL/SL</li> <li>• English B Language &amp; Literature HL</li> </ul>
<b>Group 2</b> Language Acquisition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spanish B HL/SL</li> <li>• Spanish ab Initio SL</li> <li>• French B HL/SL</li> </ul>
<b>Group 3</b> Individuals and Societies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Economics HL/SL</li> <li>• Global Politics HL/SL</li> <li>• Psychology HS/SL</li> <li>• History HL/SL</li> </ul>
<b>Group 4</b> Sciences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biology HL/SL</li> <li>• Chemistry HL/SL</li> <li>• Physics HL/SL</li> <li>• Environmental Systems &amp; Societies SL</li> <li>• Computer Science HL/SL</li> </ul>
<b>Group 5</b> Mathematics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Math Applications and Interpretations HL/SL</li> <li>• Math Analysis and Approaches HL/SL</li> </ul>
<b>Group 6</b> The Arts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visual Arts HL/SL</li> <li>• Theater HL/SL</li> </ul>
3 Part CORE	Extended Essay
	Theory of Knowledge (TOK)
	CAS – Creativity, Action, Service

### IB EXAMS RESULTS 2020

Total Graduates 2020	59
IB Diploma Candidates	57
BFIS IB Diploma Pass Rate (2020)	97%
World Pass Rate – IB Diploma	79%
BFIS Average Score on IB Diploma	35
World-Wide Average Score on IB Diploma	29.9
Highest Score at BFIS	43

## THE AMERICAN DIPLOMA

The American Diploma is awarded to all students, who complete the 24 credit high school curriculum at BFIS. To fulfill BFIS graduation requirements, a student must have 4 credits in English, 3 credits in Science, 4 credits in Foreign Language (Spanish), 3 credits in Mathematics, 4 credits in Social Studies, 1 credit in Physical Education, and 4 Elective credits.

## GRADING SCALE

Percentages	98-100	93-97	90-92	87-89	83-86	80-82	77-79	73-76	70-73	67-69	63-66	60-62	59-
American Scale	A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	D-	F
Spanish Scale	10	9.9-9.55	9.54-9.09	9.08-8.64	8.63-8.18	8.17-7.73	7.72-7.27	7.26-6.82	6.81-6.36	6.35-5.91	5.90-5.45	5.44-5	4.9-0
IB Scale	7	6		5			4		3		2		1

## COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES AND MATRICULATION

Almost all graduates enroll in Bachelor programs upon graduation or after a gap year. BFIS graduates have been admitted to the following institutions for the last two years. Matriculations for last year are in bold (*If there are two numbers, the first indicates total acceptances and the second indicates total enrollments*)

### United States

American University  
Boston University  
Clark University  
Duke University  
East Carolina University  
Fordham University  
**George Washington University (2)**  
Georgetown University  
Hofstra University  
Loyola Marymount University  
Miami University  
New York University  
**Northeastern University (2, 1)**  
Pennsylvania State University  
Rochester Institute of Technology  
Rutgers University - Newark  
Rutgers University-New Brunswick  
San Diego State University  
The New School (Eugene Lang)  
University of California, Davis  
University of Colorado – Boulder  
University of Denver  
University of Massachusetts  
Amherst  
**University of Miami**  
University of Montana  
University of San Francisco  
University of Vermont  
Univ. of North Carolina- Chapel Hill  
Vassar College  
Wellesley College  
**Wesleyan University**

### Canada

University of Toronto  
**McGill University**  
**University of British Columbia Okanagan**  
Simon Fraser University  
Ryerson University  
University of Guelph

### United Kingdom

Aberystwyth University  
Aston University  
Bath Spa University  
Birkbeck University of London  
City University of London  
Durham University  
Goldsmiths, University of London  
Greenwich School of Management  
Keele University  
King's College London  
Lancaster University  
London School of Economics and Political Science  
Nottingham Trent University  
Plymouth University  
Queen Mary University of London  
Royal Holloway University of London  
Royal Veterinary College  
SOAS University of London  
**UCL University College London (2)**  
University for the Creative Arts  
University of Aberdeen  
University of Bath  
University of Birmingham  
University of Brighton  
University of Bristol  
University of Cardiff  
**University of Dundee**  
University of East London  
University of Edinburgh  
University of Essex  
**University of Exeter (7, 2)**  
University of Glasgow  
**University of Greenwich (4, 1)**  
University of Leeds  
University of Liverpool  
University of Loughborough  
University of Manchester  
University of Nottingham  
University of Oxford  
University of Reading

### University of Roehampton London

University of Sheffield  
University of Southampton  
University of St Andrews  
University of Surrey  
University of Sussex

### University of Warwick (11, 4)

University of Westminster  
**UWE Bristol**  
York St. John University

### Spain

**ESADE (6)**, Barcelona  
Instituto de Empresa, Madrid  
**IQS - Institut Quimic de Sarrià**  
ICAI School of Engineering, Madrid  
**La Salle Campus Barcelona (2)**  
Loyola University, Sevilla  
Pablo Olavide, Sevilla  
San Pablo Ceu, Valencia  
Universidad de Navarra - Medical School  
**Universidad Alfonso X El Sabio, Madrid**  
**Universidad Cardinal Herrera (CEU), Valencia**  
Universitat Internacional de Catalunya  
Universitat de Barcelona  
Universitat Pompeu Fabra  
Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya  
Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona

### Netherlands

Breda University of Applied Sciences  
Erasmus  
Delft University of Technology (TU Delft)  
Erasmus Universiteit Rotterdam  
Hotelschool The Hague  
**Leiden University**  
Tilburg University  
University College Maastricht  
University of Groningen  
University of Amsterdam  
Utrecht University College  
**Vrije University**

### Other countries

American School of Paris, France  
**Bocconi University, Italy**  
**Ecole Hotel de Laussane, Switzerland (2)**  
**ESSEC Business School, France**  
**Marangoni Institute of Design, Italy**  
New York University Abu Dhabi, UAE  
**University College Dublin**

## LEARNING AND GRADING IN TIMES OF COVID-19

On March 13th, 2020, the Spanish government closed all schools in Spain due to the Covid-19 pandemic. All BFIS students immediately transitioned to an online learning program and there was no reduction of the curriculum. For the spring semester, students were graded according to the achievements but their grades could not be lower than their academic standing as of March 13. As of September 1 of 2020, we returned to a full in-school schedule and are running the full range of co-curricular programming.