

Founded in 1961, the German International School Washington D.C. is an independent co-educational fully German immersion school serving 500 students from more than 30 countries. Our graduates earn a US High School Diploma as well as the German International Abitur, providing students with access to colleges and universities worldwide. GISW is Washington's only German full-time day school and one of over 140 recognized German Schools Abroad worldwide with a strong focus on world languages and science.

Student Population



The school serves over 500 students from 30 countries speaking a total of 25 languages. An increasing number of students start in the early childhood program with no German language skills. Small class sizes with 1-2 teachers. Graduating classes range from 25-35 students.

Campus



The school is set on 17 acres in a quiet neighborhood located 20 minutes outside of Washington, DC. The facilities include a Gold LEED-certified Science building, a heated indoor pool, three libraries, three indoor gyms, two soccer fields, outdoor tennis court, full-service cafeteria, and ample outdoor recreation areas. Bus service transports students ages four and above from Washington, D.C., Maryland, and Northern Virginia.

Faculty



73 teachers across all divisions. 25% of the teachers in the Upper School (Grades 5-12) are assigned from Germany for a period of up to 6 years. Most teachers have advanced degrees and are German native speakers.

The main instructional language is German.

Diplomas



High School Diploma. Graduation requirements:
English - 4, Math - 4, Science - 3.5, Social Science - 3.5, World Language - 5, Fine Arts - 1, Physical Education - 1, Health - 0.5
TOTAL- 23.5 credits

German International Abitur: Qualifies for entry in German and European universities. American institutions typically grant advance standing or extra credit for the Abitur. German courses in grades 9-12 are all taught at an advanced level.

Advanced Placement Courses (Grades 11/12 only)



Biology	French
Calculus AB	German
Chemistry	Physics 1 & 2
English	Spanish

Activities & Athletics



After school activities offer students the chance to participate in a wide variety of clubs, programs, and teams. Upper School students participate in competitive teams in the following sports: Basketball, Tennis, Soccer, Swimming, and Volleyball.

STEM SCHOOL

The GISW has been recognized for its outstanding offerings and achievements in STEM subjects and is an accredited member of the German network of excellent MINT-EC schools. This provides exciting opportunities for our students interested in the STEM field.



Testing & Assessment



No standardized tests/multiple choice tests in the German system. The focus of assessments is essay, analysis and interpretation. SAT combined score average: 1343. ACT composite score average: 28. Typically less than 10 students each year take the SAT/ACT. Students do not take the TOEFL as long as their score on the Critical Reading section of the SAT Reasoning Test is above 600.

UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCES OF RECENT GRADS



Each year, approximately 80% of our students attend university in Germany; 20% study elsewhere. **Indicates multiple students.*

GERMANY

GISW graduates meet the criteria to study at German universities

CANADA

McGill University*
Trinity Western University

EUROPE

Erasmus University, Netherlands
IE University, Spain
SciencePo/Columbia University
St. Andrews, Scotland
Trinity College, Ireland
University College London, UK
University of Edinburgh, UK
Utrecht University, Netherlands

UNITED STATES

American University*
Carnegie Mellon University
Catholic University of America
Columbia University
Emory University*
George Mason University*
Georgetown University*
James Madison University*
New York University*
Oberlin College
Occidental College
Parsons School of Design

Purdue University
St. John's College
St. Louis University
Temple University
Tulane University
University of California: L.A.
University of Southern California*
University of Maryland*
University of Virginia
Virginia Polytechnic Institute
Williams College

