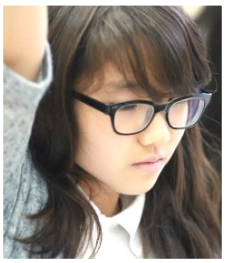
YANGON INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

High School Profile 2016-2017



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YANGON INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL is a co-educational, private, college preparatory school located in Yangon, Myanmar. The school's driving mission is to foster the development of the whole child: one who is academically well prepared, socially responsible, culturally sensitive and personally fulfilled.

YIS is the culminating vision of the owner, U Tin Maung Win, who wanted to create a school with an American curriculum to prepare young people in Myanmar to study overseas. The school opened in the fall of 2004 with 86 students. YIS now has over 560 students from pre-school to grade 12. Most students are Myanmar nationals, although the student body grows more international as Yangon becomes more cosmopolitan. The first class graduated in 2009.

YIS is located on two beautifully landscaped campuses. YIS facilities are modern and include an air-conditioned gym, swimming pool, playgrounds and a nine-story instructional building as well as an early childhood campus. There are multiple IT labs and Wi-Fi is available throughout the campus. In addition, there are two libraries, three science labs, a large multi-purpose room, art studios, a fitness center, and two gymnasiums and one swimming pool. Construction of a new, state of the art expansion is in the planning stages.

As the school has grown, more high school courses have been added, including 12 Advanced Placement courses, Spanish, Mandarin Chinese, and ESL. Through grades 2 to 10, students take the Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) tests. The PSAT is required in grade 11. All seniors in grade 12 take the SAT.

There are 58 certified foreign teachers. Most are from the United States as well as from Canada, Australia, South Africa, Taiwan and New Zealand; two principals and a curriculum director; two guidance counselors; two ESL teachers; a Myanmar Studies department; and a staff of teaching assistants. Many teachers have advanced degrees and several years of teaching experience.

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UNIVERSITY ADMISSION

Beginning with the class of 2009, YIS students have been admitted to prestigious universities all over the world, including:

Beloit College
Berkelee College of Music
Brown
Cal Poly Pomona*
Carnegie Melon
Case Western Reserve
Claremont McKenna College
Columbia College, Chicago*
Cooper Union
Cornell*
DePauw University*
Florida International University*
Foundation Program Australia*
Hampshire College*
Harvard
Hofstra*
Illinois Institute of Technology
Ithaca College
Knox College*
Lewis and Clark University
Loyola University, Chicago
Macalester College
McGill University
Miami University, Oxford Ohio*
MIT*
New York University
Northeastern University*
Parsons School of Design*
Pomona College
Pratt
Purdue University
Richmond American International College, London*
Sarah Lawrence College
Savannah College of Art and Design*
Scripps
SIM, Singapore
St. Edwards
SUNY Buffalo
Swarthmore College
Temple University*
University of British Columbia
University of California Berkeley*
University of California Los Angeles
University of California San Diego*
University of Chicago
University of Edinburgh
University of LaVerne*
University of Maryland*
University of Massachusetts at Amherst**
University of Miami
University of New South Wales*
University of Northern Arizona
University of Oregon
University of Pennsylvania
University of San Francisco*
University of Southern California
University of Wisconsin*
Wellesley College
Williams College
Yonsei University, South Korea*

**Class of 2016 matriculation*

Academically well-prepared, socially responsible, culturally sensitive, and personally fulfilled

CLASS OF 2016 In 2015-2016, YIS had a diverse group of 28 students in the senior class. Upon graduation, all students continued their education abroad, including 27 students in the United States. 2016 saw the first YIS student admitted to MIT and the third year in a row a student was admitted to Cornell.

Most headed to the United States to study business, engineering, design, video production, art, and the social sciences. Many are interested in co-op and intern programs. About half of YIS students receive merit-based scholarships from colleges.

SAT RESULTS The class of 2016 averaged cumulative scores **208 points higher** than the average cumulative score in the US. The critical reading average score for a YIS senior was **28 points higher** than the U.S. average and it should be noted that English is a second or third language for the majority of YIS students. The math average for YIS seniors was **116 points higher** than the national average and the writing score was **64 points higher** than their American and international peers.

CURRICULUM YIS is fully accredited from the Western Association of Schools and colleges. As an American curriculum school, high school students in grades 9-12 are required to take **26 credits** to graduate with an American high school diploma. The rigorous, standards-based academic program is complemented by diverse and community-oriented extracurricular and athletic offerings. YIS students took **AP exams in fifteen different subjects** in 2016.

Both **local and international opportunities** are available including annual Week Without Walls trips, Model United Nations, Yangon Global Issues Network, summer camps and study abroad. Athletic teams compete locally and in international tournaments. Student-led community service organizations impact Yangon locally.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT
RESULTS FROM MAY 2016

Total AP Students at YIS: 68
Total Exams: 128

School Totals	5	4	3	2	1	Total
Number of Exams	29	38	26	17	18	128
Percentage of Total Exams	23%	30%	20%	13%	14%	100%
Number of AP Students	18	29	23	15	15	

Subjects	5	4	3	2	1	Total Exams
Studio Art: 2-D Design Portfolio	3	1	1	1		6
English Literature and Composition	2	4	1			7
Macroeconomics	4	4	6	1	2	17
Microeconomics		2				2
Psychology	7	12	2	1	3	25
World History	2	3	1			6
Calculus AB	3	1	3	1	6	14
Statistics	1	1	1			3
Biology		2	2	2		6
Chemistry	2		3	6	1	12
Environmental Science		4		3	2	9
Phyisics 1		1	2	2	4	9
Physics 2	2	1	2			5
Physics C: Mechanics	1					1
Chinese Language and Literature	2	2	2			6

SAT AVERAGES
AND COMPARISONS

Total U.S./International Averages for 2016 test takers:

Math:	**508**
Critical Reading:	**494**
Writing:	**482**
Cumulative:	**1484**

Yangon International School Class of 2016 Averages:

Math:	**624**
Critical Reading:	**522**
Writing:	**546**
Cumulative:	**1692**

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

YIS provides opportunities to participate in several sports including volleyball, soccer, basketball, swimming, badminton, table tennis, cross country/track, and ultimate Frisbee. The school is a member of the Yangon Athletic Conference.

Grades 6-12 travel for Week Without Walls educational and service learning trips each year. Both girls and boys represent YIS at international choir festivals. "YIS Live," the talent show, and regular coffee-shop performances give students a stage to develop their performance skills. Annual local and international Model United Nations conferences are a highlight.

YIS takes pride in its students' strong commitment to leadership and community service. Students participate in and organize projects including working in orphanages, tutoring, visiting senior citizens, and raising funds for disaster relief. The Environment 360 club produces fashion shows using only recyclable materials to highlight sustainability. Little White Elephant writes and illustrates an annual edition of a children's book that is sold to raise funds for local schools and also is distributed to increase childhood literacy. Building Blocks develops local schools. YIS students even manage a micro-loan development program.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

In grades 9-12, students are required to take 26 credits, which must include the following:

English: 4 credits
Math: 3 credits
Science: 3 credits
Social Studies: 3 credits
PE/Health: 1/.5 credits
Art/Performing Arts: 1 credit
Foreign Language: 2 credits
Technology: 1 credit
Career/College Prep: .5 credits
Electives: 6-8 credits

Grade point averages at YIS are based on all courses taken in grades 9-12. Each Advanced Placement course is assigned a weighted factor of .5 grade points.

Each semester grade is determined by weighting each quarter at 42% for the quarter work and the semester exam as 16% of the semester grade.

YIS does not provide ranking of students. There is no appropriate ranking system, which would adequately represent our small number of students.

Letter Grade	Percentage Value	GPA
A+	97-100	4.3
A	93-96	4.0
A-	90-92	3.7
B+	87-89	3.3
B	83-86	3.0
B-	80-82	2.7
C+	77-79	2.3
C	73-76	2.0
C-	70-72	1.7
D+	67-69	1.3
D	63-66	1.0
D-	60-62	0.7
F	0-59	0