

GEMS World Academy (Singapore)

[SCHOOL PROFILE]

Grades 9-12 | Academic Year 2019/20



GEMS
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(Singapore)

Our School

GEMS World Academy (Singapore) is a truly international school with over 60 nationalities, offering an academically demanding and balanced programme of education that helps prepare students for success at university and life beyond. Part of the GEMS Education group of schools, world leaders in K-12 education for over 60 years, GEMS (Singapore) offers an environment where creative, entrepreneurial and innovation skills are at the foundation of the taught curriculum.

GEMS (Singapore) is the first and only international school in Singapore authorised to offer all four IB Programmes (Primary Years Programme, Middle Years Programme, Diploma Programme and the Career-related Programme).

Our Faculty

Representing 22 nationalities, our teachers bring the best teaching experience and expertise from around the world, naturally enriching your child's everyday exposure to different cultures. On average they possess over 15 years of international school teaching experience. Almost half of them hold a Master's degree and above. They all have one thing in common: the desire for guiding children to develop life-long skills and attitudes that will enhance their potential. Energetic and child-centred, our globally experienced teachers aim to bring out the best in your child.

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Education Leadership Team

Mr Richard Henry | Head of School

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Accreditations



IB WORLD SCHOOL



ENTIRE SCHOOL



FOUNDED



NATIONALITIES



FIRST GRADUATION

Courses Offered For Grade 9 & 10 (MYP /IGCSE)

- MYP Language and Literature (IGCSE English 1st Language/ IGCSE English Literature)
- MYP Language Acquisition in French, Spanish or Mandarin (IGCSE 2nd Language)
- MYP Individuals and Societies (IGCSE History)
- MYP Mathematics (IGCSE Mathematics)
- MYP Sciences (IGCSE Science - combined)
- MYP Arts in Drama, Music or Visual Arts
- MYP Design
- MYP Physical and Health Education

Courses Offered for Grade 11 & 12 (DP/CP)

Our course offerings potentially provide access to all university degree and foundation programmes anywhere in the world.

Group 1 – Language A

English Literature (SL/HL)
English Language and Literature (SL/HL)
Language A Self taught (SL)*
Chinese Language & Literature (SL/HL)
French Language & Literature (SL/HL)
Japanese Language & Literature (SL/HL)

Group 2 – Language Acquisition

Mandarin Ab Initio (SL)	French B (SL/HL)
Spanish Ab Initio (SL)	Chinese B (SL/HL)
French Ab Initio (SL)	English B (SL/HL)
Spanish B (SL/HL)	

Group 3 – Individuals & Societies

History (SL/HL)
Economics (SL/HL)
Environmental Systems & Societies (SL, Group 3 or 4)
Business Management (SL/HL)
Psychology (SL/HL)

Group 4 – Experimental Sciences

Biology (SL/HL)
Chemistry (SL/HL)
Physics (SL/HL)
Environmental Systems and Societies (SL, Group 3 or 4)
Sports, Exercise and Health Science (SL/HL)
Design Technology (SL/HL)

Group 5 – Mathematics

Mathematics (SL/HL)**
Mathematical studies (SL)**
Mathematics: Analysis & Approaches (SL/HL)***
Mathematics: Applications & Interpretation (SL)***

Group 6 – Arts and Electives

Visual Arts (SL/HL)
Theatre (SL/HL)

*Students are able to take this subject offering in lieu of any Language A subjects should GEMS World Academy (Singapore) not offer the language of your choice

**Last examination will take place in May 2020

***First examination will take place in May 2021

Grading

In Grades 9 to 12 students are graded against International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme/Diploma Programme criteria which run from 1 - 7.

Grading system:

Excellent	7	Weak	3
Very good	6	Poor	2
Good	5	Fail	1
Satisfactory	4		

NC No credit awarded because of insufficient attendance.

No grades are weighted. We do not rank our students either by class or cohort.

Graduation Criteria

One credit is awarded for every full year course passed. Students must accrue a minimum of 24 credit points and complete 4 full years of High School (Grades 9-12).

Credits must be earned as follows:

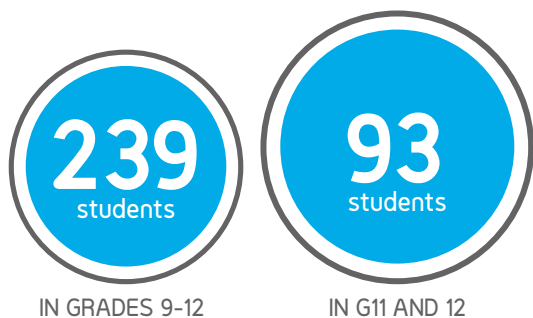
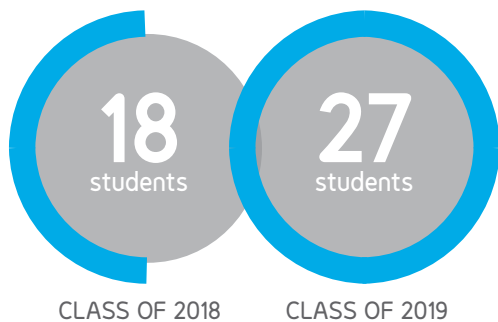
English	4	Foreign Languages	2
Mathematics	3	Arts/Design	2
Humanities	3	Other Subjects (electives)	7
Sciences	3		

Total Credit Required 24

Credit is not awarded where attendance levels fall below minimum expectations.

Additional Graduation Criteria

Students must take part in at least one ECA activity per semester up to and including Semester 1 of Grade 12.



Graduation Pathways

One credit is awarded for every full year course passed. Students must accrue a minimum of 24 credit points and complete 4 full years of High School (Grades 9-12).

Diploma Programme

The curriculum contains six subject groups (3 high level courses, 3 standard level courses) together with the DP core:

- ◉ Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS)
- ◉ the Extended Essay (EE)
- ◉ Theory of Knowledge (TOK)

Students undertaking Diploma Programme and Courses who meet the graduation criteria, will be also awarded a High School Diploma.

Career-related Programme

The curriculum contains three Diploma Programme courses alongside a unique Career-related Programme core, in conjunction with modules of study from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University or Savannah College of Art and Design.

Students undertaking Career-related programme will be awarded a Specialist High School Diploma according to their chosen field of study.

Application process

- ◉ 10 college application limit
- ◉ All recommendations are confidential
- ◉ When asked, GEMS (Singapore) reports to colleges, out-of-school suspensions and expulsions that are found on a student's disciplinary record

Where our students go

Universities and colleges that our graduates attend include:

