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SCHOOL PROFILE

History and Accreditation

Founded in 1977 as a Liceo Scientifico by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs to meet the academic needs of Italians living in the New York City metro area, La Scuola d'Italia "Guglielmo Marconi" (La Scuola) has grown into a unique bilingual English/Italian Pre-K through 12th grade educational institution. In addition to being recognized by the Italian Ministry of Education, La Scuola is chartered by the Regents of the University of the State of New York and is accredited by the New York State Association of Independent Schools (NYSAIS). La Scuola students graduate with a high school diploma that is officially recognized across North America, Italy, and the European Union. La Scuola is also authorized by the International Baccalaureate Organization to offer the IB Diploma Program (IBDP).

Curriculum

All students follow the same rigorous STEM-oriented, college preparatory curriculum. Rooted in the best Italian, European and American traditions, all students engage in the study of Mathematics—up to and including Calculus— Chemistry, Biology and Physics, as well as English, Italian, Latin, and French Language and Literature, History, Philosophy and Visual Arts. La Scuola is notable for its strong humanist foundation, international perspective, and language immersion. Curricular intersections are intended to help students recognize and understand the interconnectedness of the subjects they study and is the underlying rationale behind the sequencing of courses. Students receive a comprehensive, multicultural and multidisciplinary education—developing the international understanding and openness needed to become principled and productive participants in a global society. The substantive academic content and extra-curricular offerings provide intellectual stimulation, promote personal growth, and encourage creativity and innovation.

Units of Study Required

4 years of Italian Language and Literature	4 years of Physical Education
4 years of Latin Language and Literature	3 years of Philosophy
4 years of English Language and Literature	3 Years of Physics
4 years of French Language and Literature	2 Years of United States History
4 years of World History	1 year of Geography
4 years of Science: Biology, Chemistry & Earth Science	1 year of Economics
4 years of Math: Algebra, Geometry, Trigonometry & Calculus	1 year of Government and Civics
4 years of Technical Drawing and History of Art	

IB Diploma Program

The IB Diploma Program (IBDP) is a rigorous, externally assessed, two-year college preparatory program, in which candidates are expected to choose six courses: two languages (including at least one at the native speaker level), a social science, an experimental science, a mathematics course, and an elective course (one of the arts, a second social science, a second science or a third language). To obtain the IB Diploma, candidates must take three of the courses at the High Level (HL) and three at the Standard Level (SL). Candidates are also required to:

- Follow an epistemology course known as the Theory of Knowledge or TOK;
- Engage in creative, physical and service activities through Creativity, Activity, and Service or CAS;
- Complete an Extended Essay (EE), a 4,000-word independent research paper.

The IBDP is an integral part of La Scuola's high school curriculum. All students follow the IBDP curriculum in years 11 and 12. Students who opt to pursue the IB Diploma or IB Course Certifications will be awarded the corresponding IB credentials from the IB Organization (after completing the additional requirements and sitting for the relevant IB exams) in addition to their Italian Esame di Stato.

Esame di Stato

At the end of their final year of high school, students take the Italian Ministry of Education's State Exam (Esame di Stato)—an internationally recognized, credit-bearing credential. This exam is administered by a State Examination Commission appointed by the Italian Ministry of Education in conjunction with the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The Commission that administers this test is comprised of a head of school and six teachers (three internal and three external). The exam includes a six-hour written exam in Italian (prima prova), a six-hour math/physics written test (seconda prova) and an hour-long oral exam. Students who pass the exam are awarded a diploma, which permits them to continue their studies at any U.S., Canadian, Italian or other European college or university.

Grades and Ranking

The grading system at La Scuola is based on the Italian scale of one to ten. In practice, most grades range from six to eight—nine is seldom given and ten is very rare. In reporting student scores, La Scuola uses the conversion table compiled by the Fulbright Commission for Educational Exchange (see below). Due to La Scuola's small class sizes, students are not ranked.

Assessment

The Grade Point Average (GPA) is calculated on a weighted 4.5 scale, with a 10 equal to a 4.5 or A++, a 9 equal to a 4.3 or an A+, an 8 equal to an A or 4.0 and so on. An unweighted scale is out of 4.0.

Grade Average	U.S. Grade	U.S. Assessment	Italian Grade	Italian Assessment	U.S. GPA
99-100	A++/Honors	Outstanding	10	Ottimo	4.50
97-98	A+	Superior	9	Distinto/Eccellente	4.30
90-96	A	Very Good	8	Più che Buono	4.00
80-89	B	Good	7	Buono	3.00-3.99
70-79	C	Satisfactory	6	Sufficiente	2.00-2.99
60-69	D-F	Unsatisfactory	5	Quasi Sufficiente	1.00-1.99
59 and below	F	Failing Grade	4 and below	Insufficiente	0.00-0.99

Italian to U.S. Grade conversion based on Fulbright Commission for Educational Exchange Recommended Guidelines for Student Evaluation (application of the Italian Law 30 ottobre 2008 n.169 & of the D.P.R. 22 giugno 2009 n.122)

College Acceptances

The following colleges and universities have admitted La Scuola students over the last four years:

United States of America

Boston University
Bowdoin College
Catholic University
Connecticut College
CUNY Baruch College
CUNY Hunter College
Franklin & Marshall College
Florida International University
Fordham University
Franklin & Marshall College
George Washington University
Hofstra University
Loyola University – Chicago
New School – Parsons School of Design
New York University
Northeastern University
Skidmore College
St. John's University
SUNY Binghamton
SUNY Geneseo
SUNY Stony Brook University
Syracuse University
Trinity College
Tulane University
University of California, San Diego
University of Southern California
University of San Francisco
University of Massachusetts, Amherst
University of Miami
Wesleyan University

Italian

Università Bocconi, Italy
La Sapienza Università di Roma, Italy
LUISS Guido Carli, Italy
Politecnico di Milano, Italy
Politecnico di Torino, Italy
Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Italy
Università di Palermo, Italy
Università Vita-Salute San Raffaele, Italy

United Kingdom and Other EU Countries

Brunel University, UK
City University of London, UK
Durham University, UK
King's College London, UK
Loughborough University, UK
University College of Birmingham, UK
University of Bath, UK
University of Bournemouth, UK
University of Bristol, UK
University of Durham, UK
University of Edinburgh, UK
University of Essex, UK
University of Leeds, UK
University of Sussex, UK
University of St. Andrews, UK
University of Warwick, UK
Ecole Supérieure de Commerce (ESCP), France
Istituto Europeo di Design, Spain
University of Geneva, Switzerland