



# Washington International School in Taichung

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## Graduation Credit Requirements:

Students must attend sessions worth 180 credits and pass 150 credits to graduate. At least 102 passing credits must be obtained from MOE-mandated and school-developed required courses, and at least 40 passing credits must be obtained from elective courses. (MOE)

## College Board Graduation Recommendations:

The WIST graduation requirements also align with The College Board's recommendations for high school students which typically include grades 9-12 in the United States, ensuring that students are well-prepared for college-level coursework and exams.

**English:** Take four years of English, with an emphasis on literature and writing. Honors or advanced courses are often recommended.

**Mathematics:** Typically, students are advised to take at least three to four years of math, including algebra, geometry, and calculus or statistics. Advanced math courses can be beneficial for students pursuing STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) majors.

**Science:** Consider taking at least three years of science, including biology, chemistry, and physics. Advanced science courses are recommended for those interested in science-related fields.

**Social Studies:** Take at least three years of social studies, which may include courses in U.S. history, world history, government, and economics.

**Foreign Language:** Many colleges recommend or require two to four years of a foreign language. Proficiency in a second language can be valuable for admission to competitive colleges and universities.

**Arts:** While not always required, taking art, music, or other creative courses can enhance a student's application and provide a well-rounded education.

**Advanced Placement (AP) Courses:** Students should consider taking Advanced Placement (AP) courses in subjects of interest. Earning high scores on AP exams may lead to college credit. While the College Board does not limit the number of AP exams a student can take, they recommend that students arrive at their college or university with a core of five (5) successful AP experiences.

**Extracurricular Activities:** In addition to academics, colleges often look for involvement in extracurricular activities such as clubs, sports, community service, or leadership roles.

**Standardized Tests:** Depending on the college or university, standardized tests like the SAT or ACT may be required. Students are often encouraged to prepare for these exams and take them during their junior or senior years of high school.

**Recommendation Letters:** Many colleges request letters of recommendation from teachers, so it's essential to build strong relationships with educators who can write compelling letters on your behalf.

For further detail please visit:

[High School Classes Colleges Look For](#)

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