



## SCHOOL PROFILE

Colegio Internacional de San Salvador, or International School of San Salvador, is a privately-owned educational institution founded in 1979 serving students from pre-kindergarten through twelfth grade. It is college preparatory in nature and is selective in its admissions process. The academic curriculum is rigorous, and all students must pass every subject with a minimum average of 70% in order to be granted promotion or graduation.

The school is accredited by the Salvadoran Ministry of Education and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, (AdvancED) of the United States of America. Virtually all graduates continue their studies at a four-year college or university. Many leave El Salvador to study in the United States or other countries, while others pursue their higher education here. A list of universities attended by CISS graduates as well as other pertinent information about the school can be found at [www.ciss.edu.sv](http://www.ciss.edu.sv). The school's mission is to "develop compassionate, inquisitive and ethical learners prepared for roles of leadership in the global community".

The school's 315-student population heralds from about 30 different nations. Approximately 50% of the students have a non-Salvadoran nationality, but many of these are dual or triple nationals. Cultural diversity and cooperation pervades not only the social atmosphere, but also is a prime component of the school's mission.

Graduation requirements include successful completion of all courses in the following areas: English (Grammar and Composition, Understanding Literature, World Literature, American Literature, British Literature); social studies (World History I and II, U.S. History, Psychology I and II, Sociology, Economics, and Contemporary Issues); science (Physical Science, Biology, Chemistry, and Physics); mathematics (Algebra I and II, Geometry, and Pre-Calculus); Spanish (seven courses); Physical Education each year; computer use, and four electives. In addition, all graduates must have completed 150 hours of community service during their sophomore and junior years. This is the seventh year the school is offering Advance Placement courses. It offers AP Psychology for sophomores and juniors and AP Calculus AB, AP English Language and Composition and AP Spanish Literature for seniors.

In addition to the AdvancED high school program, there is another program that leads to a Salvadoran Ministry of Education High School Diploma (Bachillerato). The subjects taken in grades 10 and 11 include nearly all of those in the AdvancED program with the addition of a few specific to the local curriculum. At the end of 11<sup>th</sup> grade the students must pass the government high school examinations (PAES). If all requirements are completed, the student earns the Salvadoran High School Diploma. Nearly all students are in both programs and receive both diplomas. A very few opt for only one.

Inquiries about our school and our students may be made via telephone, fax, or e-mail to the numbers and addresses listed on our letterhead.

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