



**COLEGIO INTERNACIONAL  
DE SAN SALVADOR, EL SALVADOR**

## CISS SCHOOL PROFILE

Founded in 1979, Colegio Internacional de San Salvador (International School of San Salvador) is a privately-owned, educational institution which serves students from pre-kindergarten through twelfth grade. Utilizing a highly selective admissions process, the school is empowered to engage students with a rigorous college preparatory curriculum that requires each student to achieve a minimum average of 70% in order to receive course credit and ultimately earn either the Salvadoran or U.S. diploma.

Colegio Internacional is accredited locally by the Salvadoran Ministry of Education as well as COGNIA, formerly known as AdvancED which is based in the United States of America. A large majority of graduates continue their studies at a four-year college or university. Many pursue higher education at universities located in the United States or other countries, while others choose to continue their studies at one of the local universities. 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)

Approximately 280 students hailing from 30 different nations attend CISS. Approximately 50% of the students have a non-Salvadoran nationality, and several hold passports from multiple countries. Cultural diversity and cooperation permeate not only the social atmosphere, but also is a prime component of the school's mission which is to "develop compassionate, inquisitive and ethical learners prepared for roles of leadership in the global community".

Graduation requirements for the U.S. diploma include successful completion of the following courses: English (grammar, composition and literature from the world: as well as American and British genres); social studies (world history, U.S. History, and economics); sciences (physical science, biology, chemistry, and physics); mathematics (algebra I and II, geometry, and pre-calculus); Spanish (grammar, composition and AP Spanish Literature); yearly physical education; technology skills, and four electives of the students' choice.

In addition to the U.S. High School Diploma, the students may earn the Salvadoran Ministry of Education High School Diploma (Bachillerato) with a passing grade on the government high school examination (AVANZO) administered during the first semester of the 12<sup>th</sup> grade and if all course requirements are completed. Nearly all Salvadoran students enrolled at CISS earn both diplomas. In addition to these academic expectations, the Ministry of Education (MINED) of El Salvador and Colegio Internacional de San Salvador require all graduates to complete 150 hours of community service during their sophomore and junior years of high school.

For the 2024-25 school year, CISS will offer Advanced Placement courses such as AP Psychology, AP Statistics, AP Pre-Calculus, AP English Literature and Composition, AP English Language and Composition, AP Human Geography, AP World History Modern Era, AP Comparative Government, AP Macroeconomics, AP Seminar as well as AP Spanish Literature and Culture.

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