



ST. GEORGE'S  
SCHOOL

## Diploma Requirements 2014-15

Students must complete the following academic requirements in order to qualify for a St. George's School diploma. These requirements represent a minimum, and college entrance requirements may exceed this minimum in math, foreign language, science, or history.

**English**—Study four full years, including English 4.

**Mathematics**—Study Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, and Precalculus. The majority of our students are enrolled in a math course through senior year.

**Foreign Languages**—Study at least through the third year (Level III) in ONE foreign language in consecutive years. The foreign language requirement can be met with either a classical (Latin) or modern language (French, Spanish, or Chinese). Students who enter St. George's with prior second language experience in Chinese, French, Latin or Spanish must demonstrate proficiency by successfully passing the St. George's level 3 final exam in order to satisfy the St. George's graduation requirement for a foreign language. While students for whom English is not the native language are not required to take French, Spanish, Chinese, or Latin as English qualifies as their foreign language, we strongly recommend that those international students who are already proficient in English do so.

**Science**—Study two year-long laboratory science courses during the four years of high school. At St. George's, biology, chemistry, physics and AP Environmental Science fulfill this requirement. The majority of St. George's students graduate with at least three years of high school science. The Science Department also recommends that seniors enroll in science electives only to complement a program that includes biology, chemistry, and physics.

**History and Social Science**—Study two years, one of which must be U.S. History, AP US History, or American Studies.

**Religious Studies**—Study two semester courses for those entering in their Third Form year, and one semester course at St. George's for those entering in their Fourth or Fifth Form year. The interdisciplinary Western Civilization course satisfies one semester of the Religious Studies requirement. Asian Civilization offers credit for the one-semester World Religions course. Students may fulfill one semester of the Religious Studies requirement with either Western Civ or Asian Civ. Two Sixth Form English Department electives (Good and Evil in Literature, Religious Themes in Literature) also satisfy one semester of the Religious Studies requirement.

**Art/Music/Theater**—Study two semesters of art, music or theater, for academic credit, in any combination during the course of their high school career. New Fifth Formers are required to study the SG equivalent of at least one semester of art, music, or theater for academic credit during the course of their high school career. Participation for four consecutive semesters in certain performing ensembles and private lessons satisfies one semester of this requirement (see the Music section for more detail).