



ST. GEORGE'S
SCHOOL

Diploma Requirements 2016-17

The following requirements for a St. George's diploma are designed to ensure broad exposure for students across the curriculum and, at the same time, enable students to pursue depth in particular areas of interest and academic passion. These represent a minimum; entrance requirements for certain colleges and universities may exceed this minimum in certain disciplines. Students may receive credit toward the St. George's diploma for courses taken previously at the high school level when it is clear that they meet the equivalent of our own curricular requirements. Students must complete their sixth-form year at St. George's and pass all courses during their senior year regardless of the total credits accumulated prior to the senior year. Please see The Shield for additional information about non-academic graduation requirements.

English—Study four full years.

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

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 III 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 high school years. 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, or American Studies.

The Arts—Study one year, or three trimesters, of Visual Arts, Music or Theater, for academic credit, in any combination, during the high school years. New fifth-formers must complete two trimesters of art, music, or theater for academic credit. Beginning in 2015-16, successful completion of a one-year ensemble course taken for credit (any version of Music 250 or 450), may count for up to one-third of the requirement (see the Music section for more detail). Enrollment for credit in ensemble courses normally constitutes a sixth course.

Theology & Religious Studies—Study three trimester courses for those entering in the third-form, two trimester courses for those entering in the fourth-form, and one trimester for those entering in the fifth-form; in all cases, one trimester of theology & religious studies must be a course offered by the department. Completion of the interdisciplinary Asian Civilizations course satisfies one trimester of the Theology & Religious Studies requirement.