



ST. GEORGE'S  
SCHOOL

## Diploma Requirements 2017-18

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.

**The Arts** — one year, or three trimesters, of visual art, music or theater, for academic credit, in any combination, during the high school years. New fifth-formers must complete two trimesters of visual 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.

**English** — Four full years.

**History & Social Science** — two years, one of which must be U.S. History or American Studies.

**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.

**Mathematics** — Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, and Pre-calculus. The majority of students enroll in mathematics through the senior year.

**Science** — 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.

**Theology & Religious Studies** — three trimester courses for those entering in the third-form, two trimesters for those entering in the fourth-form, and one trimester for those entering in the fifth-form. Completion of the interdisciplinary Asian Civilizations course satisfies one trimester of the Theology & Religious Studies requirement.