



Gyeongnam International Foreign School

“Celebrating Diversity – Encouraging Citizenship – Fostering Growth”

The GIFS High School Diploma Graduation Requirements

Accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), the GIFS Diploma is recognized as completion of a high school level programme of study. The GIFS Diploma is based on a credit system and credits can be earned from Grade 9. All International Baccalaureate subjects are graded on a 1-7 scale. A GIFS passing grade of at least three (3) on a scale of seven (7) in any IB subject earns 1 credit, whilst a ‘C’ grade in grades 9 and 10 constitutes 1 credit. Fulltime students must take at least 6 subjects per year (6 credits). The following table outlines the subjects and programme requirements where students can accumulate credits or partial credits.

Subject	Minimum GIFS Graduation Requirements	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12	Recommended for highly-selective universities/colleges
Group 1: Studies in Language and Literature	4 credits	1 credit	1 credit	1 credit	1 credit	4 credits
Group 2: Language Acquisition	3 credits	1 credit	1 credit	1 credit	1 credit	4 credits
Group 3: Individuals and Societies	3 credits	1 credit	1 credit	1 credit	1 credit	4 credits
Group 4: Sciences	3 credits	1 credit	1 credit	1 credit	1 credit	4 credits
Group 5: Mathematics	4 credits	1 credit	1 credit	1 credit	1 credit	4 credits
Group 6: The Arts OR an additional Group 3 or 4 subject	3 credits (In 11-12 students can take History or Chemistry instead of Art.)	1 credit	1 credit	1 credit	1 credit	4 credits
Theory of Knowledge -TOK	1 credit	▪	▪	.5 credit	.5 credit	1 credit
Creativity, Action and service	1 credit	▪	▪	.5 credit	.5 credit	1 credit
Grades 9 and 10 Community Service (NEW)	1 credit	.5 credit	.5 credit	▪	▪	1 credit
DP Extended Essay	1 credit	▪	▪	▪	1 credit	1 credit
Personal Research Project	.5 credit	▪	.5 credit	▪	▪	.5 credit
Personal Design Project (NEW)	.5 credit	.5 credit	▪	▪	▪	.5 credit
TOTAL	25 credits					29 credits