



Graduation Requirements

In order to receive a diploma from East-West International School, students must have successfully completed the criteria listed below. These requirements are weighed against the demonstration of knowledge in four core areas of our general high school curriculum: **English Language, Mathematics, Science, & Social Studies.**

Academic Pathways

East-West International School offers an East-West International School Diploma, earned upon successful completion of the requirements below.

Students can earn up to two additional qualifications based on the graduation pathway they wish to pursue:

- A Grade 12 Diploma from the Cambodian Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport, earned upon passing the Grade 12 Khmer National Examination
- A Cambridge Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE) Diploma, awarded by Cambridge Assessment International Education

The academic pathways are determined by students themselves, reviewed by and in consultation with teachers and counselors. Students are encouraged to align their high school paths with their post-high school career and/or university plans.

East-West International School Diploma

Grading Scale

EWIS Grading Scale							
A+	98-100	B	83-86	C-	70-72	E+	57-59
A	93-97	B-	80-82	D+	67-69	E	53-56
A-	90-92	C+	77-79	D	63-66	E-	50-52
B+	87-89	C	73-76	D-	60-62	U	Below 50

Course grades are based on internal school standards created by departments at East-West International School. They incorporate classroom performance on exams and quizzes, participation and enthusiasm for class, as well as completed work and projects.

In order to successfully pass a course at East-West, a student must earn a letter grade no lower than an E-Minus on the 4.0 grading scale; this is the threshold representing the lowest possible grade that still reflects acceptable knowledge acquisition.





Course Weight

Courses that meet on a daily basis are worth 1.0 credit per semester. Courses that meet on a less-regular basis are worth 0.5 credits per semester. A2 courses are worth 2.0 credits per semester.

To qualify for graduation, students who study English-language courses only must obtain no fewer than 64 credits (16 credits on average per year). Students who study both Khmer and English-language courses must obtain 48 credits in their English-language classes (10 credits on average per year) while also passing their annual Khmer National Curriculum examinations, which are worth the equivalent of 3.0 credits per semester. Khmer National Curriculum courses are not counted into credits for graduation from East-West.

Course Credits Breakdown for High School

Below is a breakdown of the four subject areas offered with their specific classes and total weight. They are listed in descending order by grade.

Grade	English 8 credits minimum	Mathematics 6 credits minimum	Science 6 credits minimum	Social Studies 6 credits minimum
9	<u>One of the following:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> IGCSE English First Language IGCSE English Second Language 	<u>One of the following:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> IGCSE Mathematics Core IGCSE Mathematics Extension 	IGCSE Coordinated Science	<u>One of the following:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> IGCSE History IGCSE Geography IGCSE Business Studies <u>For non-KGE students:</u> IGCSE Global Perspectives
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11	<u>One of the following:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AS English Language AS English Literature AS English Language (Prep Course) AS Media Studies Business English 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AS Mathematics (Pure Maths 1 and Stats 1) AS Mathematics (Prep Course) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AS Chemistry AS Biology AS Biology (Prep Course) AS Physics AS Physics (Prep Course) Life Science Food Chemistry 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AS Global Perspectives AS History History Through Film AS Geography Spanish Language Business Studies Psychology
12	<u>One of the following:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A2 English Language A2 English Literature AS English AS English (Prep Course) AS Media Studies Business English 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A2 Mathematics (Pure Maths 3 and Stats) AS Mathematics (Prep Course) Further Maths 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A2 Physics A2 Chemistry A2 Biology AS Biology Life Science Food Chemistry 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A2 Global Perspectives A2 History A2 Geography Spanish Language Business Studies History Through Film Psychology AS Art & Design





Electives

Athletics: Physical Education

Arts: Art, Music

Social Sciences: Foreign Languages, History Through Film, Psychology

Information and Communications Technology: IGCSE ICT, AS ICT, A2 ICT, Digital Media

Other: Service Learning, Spanish Language, School Media, Business English

*Students must earn a minimum of 2 PE credits and 4 Arts credits

BOLD indicates mandatory courses

ITALICS indicates courses that can be taken over the course of two years; our course catalog describes these as half-paced courses.

Students who study both English and Khmer-language courses must complete 16 additional credits of English-language courses and electives to be eligible for an East-West diploma. Students who study only English-language classes must complete an additional 32 credits from courses listed above.

Electives are chosen by each student based on preference.

Pass Policy

Students who fail a course do not receive credit for taking the course.

Students who fail IGCSE courses at the end of Grade 10 have to either re-take the courses over the summer, in Grade 11, or have to take alternatives (i.e. non-A Level courses).

Students who do not pass all of the requirements and/or do not obtain enough credits are not eligible for graduation. A certification from East-West International School proving attendance is given, but no East-West International School Diploma can be awarded.

Grade 12 Khmer National Examination Diploma

East-West offers students the opportunity to study the Cambodian National Curriculum approved by the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport. This runs parallel to our English-language Curriculum. Students who express interest in the Khmer curriculum may opt to take this curriculum in addition to the English-language curriculum. Students studying the Khmer National Curriculum sit examinations with a focus in either the Science or Social Sciences strain, offered by the MOEYS. Upon successful completion of the exams, students are awarded a diploma by the MOEYS.

Cambridge Advanced International Certificate of Education Diploma

The AICE Diploma requires passes in at least seven credits. Each Cambridge International AS Level counts as one full credit. A Cambridge International A Level counts as a double credit qualification. For example, students could offer three International A Levels, or two International A Levels with two International AS Levels. There are many more valid combinations of examinations, but at least one International AS/A Level pass must come from each of the three curriculum areas.

AS Level Global Perspectives and Research is a required course for the AICE Diploma.



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Successful Seniors

Students that complete all the graduation requirements listed in this document are eligible for graduation and will receive an East-West International School Diploma.

All seniors who successfully pass the Grade 12 Cambodian National Examination put forth by the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport will receive a Diploma from the MOEYS.

All graduating seniors who have taken and obtained no less than seven Cambridge credits are eligible for the AICE Diploma.



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