



# at a glance

## Program Overview

At Carrboro High School, the Academy of International Studies is a four-year program that helps students develop and maintain a global worldview throughout their high school experience. The umbrella of AIS involves: course options, guest speakers, Model United Nations affiliations, cultural field trips, and global travel. Students who participate then graduate with AIS Certification and chords for completing the Academy program.



## By Year

**- Freshman Year -**  
All students are automatically in the program.  
**- Sophomore Year -**  
Students opt into AIS Civics and AIS English 10.  
**- Junior/Senior Year -**  
By the time you graduate, you take another two AIS courses total and participate in AIS speaking/program events.



## AIS Faculty

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## AIS Council

**Freshman Representatives:**  
Cam Sparks, Solis Shaw, Jackson Halsey, Levi Beinstock  
**Sophomore Representatives:**  
Naomi Hirsch, Henry Lerner, Peter Thang, Ever Harris, Brett Bromberger  
**Junior Representatives:**  
Morgan Stowe, Grace Titler, Will Bryant, Djina Alicante-Stuesse, Berit Blankenship  
**Senior Representatives:**  
Atlee Nelson, Ladionna Gaskin, Flora Nimkoff



## AIS Awards

**Global Diplomat** is achieved by completing 4 years of World Languages at CHS

**Global Scholar** is achieved by completing 4 of the Global Electives (Honors Global Cultures; Honors Global Systems; Honors Global Cinema; AP World History; AP Comparative Government; AP Environmental Science)

**Global Distinguished Scholar** is achieved by completing 5+ of the Global Electives (Honors Global Cultures; Honors Global Systems; Honors Global Cinema; AP World History; AP Comparative Government; AP Environmental Science)



## AIS Outings

AIS has numerous excursions planned each year. Students are heading to Ecuador this year and a big excursion is planned for a Peru trip during Spring Break '25!



## AIS Innings

All members will get numerous opportunities to hear and meet guest speakers from around the world and discuss their real-world experiences.



# Course Offerings

## Highlights of the Academy

- Liberian Guest Speakers
- Burmese Guest Speakers
- Grade-level AIS “Oktoberfests”
- Field Trips to Morehead Planetarium and Ackland Museum
- Model UN club attended VAMUN in Charlottesville, VA
- AIS Sophomores attending WAMUNC in Washington, DC
- Major stakeholder in CHS CultureFest
- Trip to Ecuador
- AIS Senior Capstone experience

## AIS-Approved Honors Elective Requirement (choose one)

- [Creative Writing I and Honors Creative Writing II](#)
- [Journalism I and Honors Journalism II](#)
- Honors Global Cinema and Filmmaking
- Honors Global Systems and Issues

## AIS-Approved AP Elective Requirement (choose one)

- AP Comparative Government and Politics
- AP Environmental Science
- AP Human Geography
- AP Statistics
- AP World: Modern

## **Ways to get involved and support the Academy:**

- [Fundraise for AIS](#)
- [Donate directly to AIS / PSF Fund](#)

## Graduation Requirements



## AIS Website

