



UNITED SCIENCE  
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### SCHOOL PROFILE

#### 2020-21 ACADEMIC YEAR

##### Mission

Our mission is to equip students with the skills essential to achieve academic excellence and instill in them the moral values needed to become responsible individuals through the guidance of devoted role model educators.

##### Vision

As shown in our logo three dots represents our vision of educational service: caring, integrated and principled.

**Caring:** At USIS, we strive to provide a caring learning environment. Therefore, our students build a culture of empathy, compassion and respect towards others. They have a personal commitment to service and take action to make a positive difference to the lives of themselves, others and to the environment.

**Integrated:** At USIS, we strive to provide an integrated curriculum. Therefore, our students connect different spheres of study by cutting across subject-matter lines with love of learning and by emphasizing unifying concepts and themes. They concentrate on making connections between theory and practical experience and engage in relevant, meaningful real-life activities.

**Principled:** At USIS, we strive to instill universal moral values by modeling. Therefore, we ask our students to adhere to integrity and honesty, to act with a strong sense of fairness, justice and respect for the dignity of the individuals, groups and communities.

##### Community

United Science International School (USIS) is the newly established and leading school of United Science Company in Sulaymaniyah and Halabja. United Science Company has been successfully operating private schools in Iraq for over twenty-five years. It began its educational activities in Sulaymaniyah in 1997 and reached in twenty-three years to seven campuses, two Kindergartens, three Primary Schools, three Secondary Schools and three High Schools, and USIS. The company offers education to about 3700 students.

Our schools are appreciated in Kurdistan not only because of the awards they receive and their success in national and international competitions, but also because of its educational philosophy that combine modern science, universal ethics, traditional values, and disciplined work.

Our schools prove their success in assisting students for university entrance exams and in registering for the best programs at universities. A well-balanced intense language program is applied in our schools, and our graduates can speak in 4 different languages (Kurdish, English, Arabic and Turkish). All classrooms of our schools in Sulaymaniyah and Halabja are full equipped with technological devices. Project – Based Education is offered in these classes.

### **United Science International School**

United Science International School is in the first year of operation, having opened its doors to students in November of 2020. The school is located in Qaiwan Heights which is a silent and peaceful place to study. We accepted around 89 kids in our kindergarten, 271 students in primary and 121 students in grades 7 to 11. USIS is an international school and a member of the Stirling Schools Group which operates 40 private schools in Iraq with the official certification by Iraq Ministry of Education.

One of our undergirding beliefs is that diversity is strength and students are taught understanding, tolerance, and respect of all people. Almost from all parts of the society, Kurdish, Arabic, and Turkish and other nationalities are studying in our school. Students of all nationalities mingle with their new community and are mainstreamed for basic instruction.

### **Curriculum**

United Science International School (USIS) offers students American and International educational traditions, as well as the benefits of access to the rich culture and heritage of Kurdistan, and Iraq.

USIS offers a mix of curricular and co-curricular activities, with a wide variety of programs that meet the needs and interest of its students.

The school has collaboratively developed and continues to implement an international curriculum based on clear measurable learning goals. The curriculum for the core subjects in high school (grades 9-12) is aligned to the ***American Common Core State Standards and Next Generation Science Standards*** and benchmarks. Curriculum guides contain learning objectives that are aligned to the standards and teachers use them to plan their daily instruction in the classroom. The curriculum is endorsed with rich and various online resources and materials in technologically equipped classrooms and laboratories.

USIS offers a rigorous, well-balanced course of study. Educational materials used are selected for their viability in the American curriculum and adaptability to the local environment.

The curriculum in high school is also designed to prepare the students for the **College Board Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) General Test and SAT Subject Tests** with content and skills for the tests well-integrated in the curriculum. Thus, the SAT program is implemented at USIS.

Curriculum in Early Years Stage and Primary sections are designed as a combination of British National Curriculum, International Early Years Curriculum, Cambridge International Primary Program and Kurdish National Curriculum. Children are supported to learn and develop at their own unique pace in their earliest years of life which are important in their own right. Play is an essential aspect of all children’s learning and development. At USIS, learning happens when developmentally appropriate, teacher-scaffolded and child-initiated experiences harness children’s natural curiosity in proper environment. Independent and interdependent learning experiences create a context for personal development and are the foundation of international mindedness. Knowledge and skills development lead to an increasing sense of understanding when children are provided with opportunities to explore and express their ideas in multiple ways. Ongoing assessment, in the form of evaluation and reflection, is effective when it involves a learning-link with the home. Learning should be motivating, engaging and fun, opening up a world of wonder for children where personal interests can flourish. The curriculum in Primary section is flexible and subjects can be offered in any combination of context, culture and school ethos.

### **Grade Point Average (GPA) Calculation**

Grade Point Average is calculated by dividing the total number of grade points earned to the total number of credit hours attempted. Students earn full credit (or more: 1.25 credits) per year for successful completion of a course of 5 hours per week. Beginning with grade nine, all subjects passed are included in the computation. A minimum of 25 credits is **required for graduation**.

### **Grading and Ranking in high school (grades 9-12)**

Percentage Range	Letter Grade	GPA Value
95 – 100	A+	4.0
90 – 94	A	3.8
85 – 89	B+	3.5
80 – 84	B	3.0
75–79	C+	2.5
70 – 74	C	2.0
65 – 69	D+	1.5
60 – 64	D	1.0
0 – 59	F	0

## Accreditations:

### ASIC

*United Science International School (USIS) has been awarded candidacy accreditation by **Accreditation Service for International Schools, Colleges and Universities (ASIC)** is valid from*

*Period of Accreditation: 15<sup>th</sup> May 2020 – 14<sup>th</sup> May 2021*

*Accreditation Code: AS28102 / 0519*

### **KURDISTAN REGIONAL GOVERNMENT- COUNCIL OF MINISTERS – MINISTRY OF EDUCATION**

*United Science International School is fully permitted for kindergarten (4 years old) to Grade 12 by **Kurdistan Regional Government- Council of Ministers – Ministry of Education** in Qaiwan Heights, Goizha District, Sulaymaniyah, KRG, Iraq dated 12 November 2020 with the official decree No: 13481*

### **School Overview**

	Early Years	1 – 6	7 – 12	Total	2022 Target
Total Number of Students	89	271	121	481	500
Total Number of Teachers	15	28	15		
Student-Teacher Ratio	5.8:1	9.6:1	8.1 :1		

### **Staff and Faculty Qualifications**

Total Number of Staff	71
Nb. of Administrative Staff	11
Nb. of Faculty (Teachers)	45
Nb. Teachers with degree in Education	36
Nb. Faculty with MA	4
Nb. Faculty with PhD	0

### Medium of Instruction

	Early Years	Grades 1 – 6	Grades 7 – 8 – 9	Grades 10 – 11 – 12
English	80%	81.3%	80%	<b>87%</b>
Arabic		3.525%	6.7%	6.7%
Kurdish	20%	11.65%	6.7%	6.7%
Turkish		3.525%	6.7%	3.33%

### School Life

	KG	Grades 1 – 6	Grades 7 – 12
Nb. of School Days per Week	<b>5 Days</b>	<b>5 Days</b>	<b>5 Days</b>
Nb. of Class Periods per Day	<b>9 Periods</b>	<b>6 Periods</b>	<b>6 Periods</b>
Duration of Each Class Period	<b>30-40 minutes</b>	<b>45 minutes</b>	<b>45 minutes</b>
School day starts at	<b>8:30</b>	<b>8:30</b>	<b>8:20</b>
School day finishes at	<b>14:30</b>	<b>14:30</b>	<b>14:15</b>

### Facilities Overview

Nb. of Classrooms	31
Nb. of Laboratories	4
Nb. of Libraries	1
Nb. of Conference Halls	1
Sports Facilities Available	5 (soccer pitch, volleyball, and basketball field)
Specially Designed and Assigned Rooms	Music room, Art room, Nursery (day care), music studio, brain games room
Others	Medical point, prayer rooms, playgrounds

### Achievements:

Muaz Asim Topal has joined our SAT course and got 100% scholarship from Qatar American University.