



# Curriculum Policy

## Teaching Philosophy

At MISU, we believe in the differentiated style of imparting knowledge. Each student is taught depending on his/her strengths, needs, and aspirations. We believe that our students are different and should be handled as such.

## School timings

The school day starts at 7:45 am with registration, followed by some quality form time.

We have six 1-hour lessons starting at 8:00 am. There are two breaks, a snack break from 10:00 am to 10:30 am and a lunch break from 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm. The last lesson ends at 3:30 pm.

## Clubs

MISU offers a wide range of clubs to target the individual skills and talents of the students. It allows students to discover, experiment, develop, and grow socially, physically, and mentally. The clubs currently on offer include: Football, Basketball, Volleyball, Swimming, ICT, and Music clubs.

Clubs run on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays from 2:30 pm -3:30 pm

## Learning at Montana International School, Uganda

At Montana International School Uganda, our curriculum is designed to provide a comprehensive, engaging, and rigorous education that prepares students for success in an increasingly globalized world. We blend the best of British educational standards with a focus on developing critical thinking, creativity, and a love for lifelong learning.

### KEY STAGE 3- YEARS 7, 8 & 9

In the first years of secondary school, Key Stage 3 is a crucial period in the academic and personal development of young people.

At MISU, we offer a range of subjects to allow our students to explore their passions and develop their academic ability in lots of disciplines before they choose their subjects in Key Stage 4.

The subjects that students study in Years 7, 8, and 9 are:

- **Core subjects:** English, Mathematics, and Science
- **Others:** History, Geography, French or Kiswahili, Music, Physical Education, Information and Communication Technology (ICT), and Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE)

	Hours per week		
Subject	YEAR 7	YEAR 8	YEAR 9
English	4	4	4
Mathematics	4	4	4
Science	3	3	6
Geography	1	2	2
History	1	2	2
French/Kiswahili	2	2	2

Art	1	1	2
Life ( PSHE)	1	1	2
Music	1	1	2
Physical Education	1	2	2
ICT	1	1	2
<b>TOTAL LESSONS PER WEEK</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>23</b>

Note:

1. At KS 4, all core subjects are set by ability
2. Option groups are largely mixed-ability, with some settings available if there is more than one group in an option block.
3. All lessons are 45 minutes in length and there are 25 lessons per week.

#### KEY STAGE 4- YEARS 10 & 11

Key Stage 4 students at MISU follow Cambridge IGCSE and O Level syllabi. These courses and their associated final examinations are internationally recognized as one of the best measures of academic progress for students aged 16+ years.

IGCSEs are two-year courses with examinations taken during May/June and October/ November of the second year, although for some subjects a coursework component exists.

The subjects we offer at IGCSE/ O Level are:

- **Core Subjects:** English Language, Mathematics, and Separate Science (2 X IGCSE) - equivalent to 2 IGCSEs, and Humanities ( History or Geography)
- **Optional Subjects (Options 1, 2, and 3):** **Option 1 (Languages)** = Kiswahili, Arabic, and French. **Option 2 (Humanities and Social Sciences)** = Business Studies, Economics, and Sociology. **Option 3 (Creative, Technical and Vocational)** = Art and Design, Information and Communication Technology (ICT), Physical Education (P.E)

All KS 4 students will also have 3 periods of Physical Education (Games and Fitness, swimming), and 1 Period of Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE) per week.

Subjects	Hours per week	
	YEAR 10	YEAR 11
English	4	4
Mathematics	4	4
Science	6	6
Humanities ( Geography or History )	2	2
P.E	2	2
PSHE	1	1
Option 1	2	2
Option 2	2	2
Option 3	2	2

TOTAL No. of LESSONS PER WEEK	25	25
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## SIXTH FORM (KS5)

All students in the **6<sup>th</sup> Form** participate in the Cambridge International Examinations AS and A Level qualifications.

Key Stage 5- Sixth Form, students take a selection of Cambridge A Level courses, in addition to other school-run projects and programs.

### Course Structure

In Year 12, students choose 4 subjects at AS level. In Year 13. Students can then opt to drop one subject and take the remaining three subjects to the A2 level. Ultimately, students should achieve three A levels and one AS. Each subject is allocated 5 hours of instruction a week in six 50-minute periods.

AS/A-level courses are available in a broad range of disciplines. The subjects offered are carefully considered to reflect the changing views and requirements from universities, and so ensure students have a breadth of study at this level. However, the courses are also subject to availability, based on the number of students choosing them.

- **Subjects offered at MISU are:** Accounting, Art & Design, Biology, Business Studies, Chemistry, Computer Science, Economics, English Literature, Geography, Global Perspective, History, Mathematics, Physical Education, and Physics.

All 6<sup>th</sup> Form students are expected to take part in one double P.E lesson per week. During these sessions, students can pick a range of sports to take part in, including swimming, football, basketball, badminton, and tennis.

### Pastoral Support

All our students work with s Sixth Form tutor for their pastoral support. Through their tutor program, they examine issues such as substance abuse, mental health awareness, target setting, and thinking skills. They also begin preparations for moving away from home by learning about budgeting and the importance of a healthy diet. The allocated time for the tutor is also used to support students in the university application process, such as choosing an institution and writing a personal statement.

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