



# Academic Profile

2018-2019

## Quick Info

- ▶ **Type:** Coeducational boarding university-preparatory school
- ▶ **Grades:** 7-13, Post Graduate Year
- ▶ **Enrollment:** 320
- ▶ **Accreditation:** NEASC, European Council of Independent Schools, ISO 9001(First boarding school worldwide)
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## School and Community

Leysin American School (LAS), established in 1961 and managed by the 3rd generation of the founding family, is a coeducational university-preparatory boarding school, grades 7-13, and post-graduate year. It serves 320 students from around the world. The senior class consists of 76 students. The school is located in the Alpine village of Leysin in the French-speaking region of Switzerland, about 2 hours from Geneva. English is the language of instruction. LAS is majority owned by the Foundation for the Advancement of International Education, a non-profit organization overseen by the Swiss government.

The parents of LAS students come from a variety of business, government, and other professional backgrounds. Approximately 12% of our study body are from the US. Other major groups include students from Brazil (7%), China (12%), European Union (10%), Japan (4%), Kazakhstan (3%), Mexico (13%), Russia (12%), Saudi Arabia (2%), Iran (2%), and Ukraine (3%). Students represent more than 50 countries.

The four-year US high school diploma and the International Baccalaureate (IB) Program give students eligibility to study at universities worldwide. LAS offers an extensive summer school, a pre-high school for grades 7 and 8 and an ESL program. Students live in 6 single-sex dormitories on the 14-building campus. In October 2010, the school celebrated its fiftieth anniversary and inaugurated the opening of the newly renovated Belle Époque which was originally built in 1892. It is now home to the predominantly-IB 11th and 12th grades. LAS facilities include classrooms with various layouts, a media center, libraries, blackbox theater, performance hall, computer lab, a new art center, a new gymnasium, and access to horseback riding, ice skating, tennis, soccer, hockey, and swimming.

## Faculty information

The faculty to student ratio at LAS is 1:8 and the average class size is 14. LAS offers 210 classes/sections. Faculty live on campus; 95% are native English speakers and 70% hold advanced degrees.

## Graduation Requirements

The school year consists of two semesters, beginning in mid-August and concluding in early June. All students follow a university-preparatory program and are enrolled in seven courses, with each course meeting for 50 or 90 minutes per day. One half credit is awarded for the successful completion of each semester course. There is a minimum of 24 total credits required to graduate.

*\* In addition, two grades per year based on European cultural excursions are required. These grades are transcribed, but not included in the GPA. A minimum TOEFL score of 525 (pbt), 195 (cbt), 70 (ibt), or IELTS score of 5.5 is required for graduation.*

### Required Credits

- 4 English
- 3 Modern Language } or 7 English as a Second Language (ESL) credits
- 3 Social Studies
- 3 Mathematics
- 3 Science
- 1 Fine Arts
- 1 Theory of Knowledge
- 6 Electives

## International Baccalaureate (IB)

IB courses are offered in Grades 11 and 12 and extend over the two years. Successful completion of these courses, in appropriate combination, result in either the award of the IB Diploma or the award of IB course certificates. The IB Diploma facilitates university admission worldwide while credit from completed course certificates may enable students to receive advanced standing at university. IB courses require a variety of internal assessments that complement externally graded examinations administered at the completion of the course. All LAS students participate in the Theory of Knowledge portion of the IB Programme.

### IB Results

	2016/2017	2017/2018
No. of students registered for exams	85	61
No. of Full Diploma Candidates	71	41
Av. points by student passing	31/45	32
Highest Diploma points awarded	38/45	41

### 2017-18 Selected Subject Results

	LAS AVG.	WORLD AVG.
English Language & Literature A HL	5.08	4.95
English B HL	5.23	5.72
French B HL	6.22	5.17
Hist. Americas HL	4.71	4.18
Economics HL	4.29	5.15
Physics HL	4.42	4.65
Math HL	4.56	4.72
Visual Arts HL	4.00	4.65

### Class Rank

Class rankings are not provided for seniors. There is no appropriate ranking system that would adequately account for highly transitory international students, many of whom come here from schools in countries with different grading systems.

## IB Courses Offered 2017/2018

### Group 1: Studies in Language and Literature

English A: Literature HL/SL  
English A: Language & Literature HL  
Russian A: Literature SL  
Self-Taught A: Literature SL

### Group 2: Language Acquisition (Second Language)

English B HL/SL  
French B HL/SL  
French ab initio  
Spanish B SL  
Spanish ab initio SL

### Group 3: Individuals and Societies

Economics HL  
Geography SL/Geography HL  
History HL/SL  
Psychology SL  
Environmental Systems & Societies SL  
Global Politics HL

### Group 4: Experimental Sciences

Biology HL/SL  
Chemistry HL  
Astronomy SL  
Physics HL/SL  
Environmental Systems & Societies SL

### Group 5: Mathematics

Mathematics HL/SL  
Math Studies SL

### Group 6: Arts and Electives

Visual Arts HL

## Tests Offered

Most juniors take the PSAT in preparation for future SAT testing. Students may take the SAT Reasoning and Subject Tests and/or the ACT during their junior and senior years at LAS, a standardized testing center. The BMAT is also offered on campus for students intending to apply to certain UK medical programs. Students can take the IELTS on campus twice a school year and have opportunities to take the TOEFL off campus. A minimum IELTS score of 5.5 or TOEFL score of 525 (pbt), 195 (cbt), 70 (ibt) is required for graduation. SAT results shown below include students from over 50 nations, many of whom are ESL students.

## Standardized Testing

SAT*	Reading & Writing	Math
Mean Scores	570	640
Middle 50%	490-640	560-745

\*For the 33 members of the Class of 2018 who took the SAT in grade 11

### ACT\*

Mean Scores 26

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## Course Levels

Highest level available in course offerings:

<b>English</b>	IB HL English A Literature IB HL English A Language and Literature
<b>Mathematics</b>	IB HL Math
<b>Social Studies</b>	IB HL Economics IB HL History IB HL Geography IB SL Psychology
<b>Sciences</b>	IB HL Biology IB HL Chemistry IB HL Physics
<b>Foreign Languages</b>	IB HL French B IB SL Spanish B
<b>Arts</b>	IB HL Visual Art

## Grading System

The grading system is based on a 4.0 scale with a passing mark of D. IB courses are weighted by .5 before averaging them with other grades. GPA is calculated based on subjects taken only at LAS. Cultural trips and activities are not included in the GPA.

Induction into the National Honor Society is based upon the demonstration of academic excellence, leadership, service, and character.

## Distribution of Grade 11 GPAs Class of 2019

Grade Average	Number of Students
4.0+	12
3.5 - 3.99	34
3.0 - 3.49	29
2.5 - 2.99	13
2.0 - 2.49	0
1.5 - 1.99	1
Less than 1.5	0

*Seven members of the Class of 2019 are new grade 12 students and do not have an LAS grade point average*

## Curriculum Features

### ESL

All non-native speakers are tested upon admission to be placed at the appropriate level of ESL 1, 2, 3 or mainstream courses. Currently about 60% of the students are non-native English speakers and about 30% are enrolled in the ESL program.

### Theory of Knowledge (TOK)

This is a required course for all seniors, examining Western philosophy. It includes trips to European centers such as Florence, Venice, or Rome. ESL seniors are required to take the ESL Humanities class.

### Cultural Trips

These 4-5 day required school trips take place twice each year within Switzerland and Europe. In small groups, students study and explore the history and culture of a city or region. Study and writing times are provided during the evenings, and a student report is required following the excursion. Cultural reports are graded and transcribed, but no credit is given and grades are not calculated in the GPA.

### LASER (LAS educational research)

LASER provides student-organized Hot-Spots with the opportunity to explore robotics, drone technology, 3-D printing, app design and astronomy at the LAS observatory.

### CO-Curricular Activities

The mandatory after-school sports & activities program is carefully monitored to provide physical education. Students must participate in at least two activities per week. In the winter, most students participate in full afternoon ski or snowboarding activities. The winter academic schedule is adjusted during non-ski days to allow appropriate class contact hours.

STUCO (Student Council)	National Honor Society	International Award
Model United Nations	Event Planning	Media Club
Digital Video Production	Gardening	Climbing Wall
Yearbook	Alliance Club	Habitat for Humanity
Residence Life Leadership	Environmental Club	Rock School (Musical Performance)
Choir	Theater	Honor Council
Multiple Sports Teams	Village Tutoring	Yoga
Horseback Riding	Astronomy Club	Art Portfolio

# College Acceptance History (2013-2018)

**Bold indicates Class of 2018 enrollment**

## UNITED STATES

Albright College (PA)  
Adelphi University (NY)  
American Academy of Dramatic Arts  
**American University (DC)**  
Amherst College (MA)  
Babson College (MA)  
Barnard College (NY)  
Baruch College of the CUNY (NY)  
Bates College (ME)  
Baylor University (TX)  
Berklee College of Music (MA)  
Bennington College (VT)  
Bentley University (MA)  
Binghamton University (NY)  
**Blinn College (TX)**  
Boston College (MA)  
**Boston University (MA)**  
Bradley University (IL)  
Brandeis University (MA)  
Brown University (RI)  
Bryn Mawr College (PA)  
Bucknell University (PA)  
California College of the Arts (CA)  
California Institute of Technology (CA)  
California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo (CA)  
California State University, Northridge (CA)  
Carleton College (MN)  
Case Western Reserve University (OH)  
Chapman University (CA)  
Champlain College (VT)  
**Clark University (MA)**  
**Claremont McKenna College (CA)**  
**Clemson University (SC)**  
Colgate University (NY)  
College of William and Mary (VA)  
Colorado College (CO)  
Colorado School of Mines (CO)  
Colorado State University (CO)  
**Columbia University (NY)**  
Connecticut College (CT)  
Cornell University (NY)  
Dartmouth College (NH)  
Denison University (OH)  
Dickinson College (PA)  
Drake University (IA)  
Drew University (NJ)  
Drexel University (PA)  
Earlham College (IN)  
Endicott College (MA)  
Emerson College (MA)  
Eugene Lang College, The New School (NY)  
The New School for Liberal Arts (NY)  
Florida Institute of Technology (FL)  
Florida State University (FL)  
Florida International University (FL)  
Fordham University (NY)  
Franklin and Marshall College (PA)  
George Mason University (VA)  
George Washington University (DC)  
Georgetown University (DC)  
**Georgia Institute of Technology (GA)**  
Goucher College (MD)  
**Grossmont College (CA)**  
Hamilton College (NY)  
Harvey Mudd College (CA)  
Hope College (MI)  
Howard University (Washington, DC)  
Hunter College of the CUNY (NY)  
Indiana University – Bloomington  
Iowa State University (IA)  
Ithaca College (NY)  
James Madison University (VA)  
Johns Hopkins University (PA)  
Kalamazoo College (MI)  
Knox College (IL)  
Lafayette College (PA)  
Lawrence University (WI)  
Lehigh University (PA)  
Lewis & Clark College (WA)  
**Loyola Marymount University (CA)**  
Loyola University Chicago (IL)  
Lynn University (FL)  
Macalester College (MN)  
Manhattan Marymount College (NY)  
Marist College (NY)  
Marymount California University  
Massachusetts College of Art and Design (MA)  
Miami University (OH)  
Michigan State University (MI)  
Michigan Tech University (MI)  
Middlebury College (VT)  
Montclair State University

Mount Holyoke College (MA)  
New York Film Academy (NY)  
New York University (NY)  
**Northeastern University (MA)**  
Nova Southeastern University  
Oberlin College (OH)  
**Occidental College (CA)**  
Otis College of Art and Design (CA)  
Pace University, New York City (NY)  
Pacific Lutheran University (WA)  
**Parsons School of Design, The New School (NY)**  
Pennsylvania State University, University Park (PA)  
Pepperdine University (CA)  
Pitzer College (CA)  
Pomona College (CA)  
Pratt Institute (NY)  
Princeton University (NJ)  
Purdue University (IN)  
Reed College (OR)  
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (NY)  
Rice University (TX)  
Ringling College of Art and Design (FL)  
Roger Williams University  
Rochester Institute of Technology (NY)  
Rollins College (FL)  
Rutgers, The State University of NJ  
Saint Mary's College of California (CA)  
Saint Michael's College (VT)  
Salve Regina University (RI)  
**San Diego Mesa College (CA)**  
Santa Clara University (CA)  
Savannah College of Art and Design (GA)  
School of the Art Institute of Chicago (IL)  
School of the Museum of Fine Arts (MA)  
**School of Visual Arts (NY)**  
Seattle University  
Skidmore College (NY)  
Smith College (MA)  
**Southern Methodist University (TX)**  
Stanford University (CA)  
State University of New York at Albany (NY)  
Stephen F Austin State University  
Stetson University (FL)  
Stevenson University (MD)  
Suffolk University (MA)  
Swarthmore College (PA)  
**Syracuse University (NY)**  
**St. Edward's University (TX)**  
Temple University (PA)  
**Texas A&M University (TX)**  
Texas Christian University (TX)  
Texas Tech University (TX)  
The College of New Jersey (NJ)  
The University of Arizona (AZ)  
The University of Tampa (FL)  
**The University of Texas, Austin (TX)**  
The University of Texas, San Antonio  
Thomas Aquinas College  
**Towson University (MD)**  
**Trinity College (CT)**  
**Trinity University (TX)**  
Tufts University (MA)  
Tulane University (LA)  
University of California at Berkeley (CA)  
University of California at Irvine (CA)  
**University of California at Davis (CA)**  
University of California at Los Angeles (CA)  
University of California at Riverside (CA)  
University of California at San Diego (CA)  
University of California at Santa Cruz (CA)  
**University of California Santa Barbara (CA)**  
University of Chicago (IL)  
**University of Colorado at Boulder (CO)**  
University of Colorado, Denver (CO)  
University of Denver (CO)  
**University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (IL)**  
**University of Georgia (GA)**  
University of Maryland, Baltimore (MD)  
University of Massachusetts, Amherst (MA)  
University of Miami (FL)  
University of Michigan (MI)  
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities (MI)  
University of Notre Dame (IN)  
University of Oregon (OR)  
University of Pennsylvania (PA)  
University of Pittsburgh (PA)  
University of Richmond (VA)  
**University of Rochester (NY)**  
University of San Diego (CA)  
University of San Francisco (CA)  
University of South Carolina (SC)  
University of Southern California (CA)

University of Tampa (FL)  
University of Texas Austin  
University of Vermont (VT)  
University of Virginia (VA)  
University of Washington (WA)  
University of Wisconsin, Madison (WI)  
Vanderbilt University (TN)  
Vassar College (NY)  
Villanova University (PA)  
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (VA)  
Wake Forest University (NC)  
Washington and Jefferson College (NC)  
Washington State University (WA)  
**Washington University in St. Louis (MS)**  
Wellesley College (MA)  
Wesleyan University  
Wheaton College (MA)  
Whitman College (WA)  
Williams College (MA)  
Worcester Polytechnic Institute (MA)  
Xavier University (OH)

## CANADA

Bishop's University  
Brock University  
Concordia University, Montreal  
Emily Carr University of Art & Design  
Guelph University  
McGill University  
McMaster University  
Mount Allison University  
Nova Scotia College of Art & Design  
**Queen's University**  
Ryerson University  
Simon Fraser University  
University of Alberta  
University of British Columbia, Vancouver  
University of Calgary  
University of Ottawa  
University of Toronto  
University of Victoria  
University of Western Ontario  
**University of Waterloo**

## UNITED KINGDOM

Aston University  
**Birkbeck University of London**  
Bournemouth University  
Brunel University  
Camberwell College of Arts  
Central St. Martin's College of Art & Design  
City University  
Chelsea College of Art and Design  
Coventry University  
Durham University  
European Business School, London  
Hult International Business School  
Imperial College London  
Istituto Marangoni London  
King's College London  
Lancaster University  
London College of Communication  
London College of Fashion  
London Metropolitan University  
London School of Economics  
London South Bank University  
Manchester Metropolitan University  
Middlesex University  
Oxford Brookes University  
Queen Mary, University of London  
**Regents University London**  
Royal Holloway University of London  
St. Mary's University Twickenham  
School of Oriental and African Studies London  
Staffordshire University  
University of St. Andrews  
The American International University in London (Richmond)  
University of Aberdeen (Scotland)  
University of the Arts London  
University of Bath  
University of Brighton  
University of Bristol  
University of Cambridge  
University College London  
University of Dundee  
University of East Anglia  
University of East London  
**University of Edinburgh (Scotland)**  
University of Essex  
University of Glasgow (Scotland)

University of Greenwich  
University of Kent  
University of Leeds  
University of Leicester  
University of Liverpool  
University of Manchester  
University of Newcastle London  
University of Oxford  
University of Surrey  
University of Surrey Roehampton  
University of Sussex  
University of Warwick  
University of Westminster

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**American University of Paris, France**  
American University of Rome, Italy  
Amsterdam University College - Netherlands  
**Bocconi University - Italy**  
BES – La Salle - Spain  
Business School of Lausanne, Switzerland  
Caesar Ritz Colleges, Switzerland  
Copenhagen Business School, Denmark  
Czech Tech University Prague (CZ)  
**Ecole Hoteliere de Lausanne, Switzerland**  
Ecole Polytechnique Federale de Lausanne (EPFL)  
Erasmus Universiteit Rotterdam - Netherlands  
ESADE (SP)  
European University, Barcelona, Spain  
European University, Geneva, Switzerland  
FAMU (CZ)  
Franklin University, Switzerland  
**Glion Institute of Higher Education, Switzerland**  
The Hague U of Applied Sciences (NL)  
Istituto Maragoni - Italy  
International University of Geneva  
IE University – Spain  
Jacobs University Bremen, Germany  
John Cabot University (IT)  
Karlsruhe Institute of Technology Germany  
Leiden University College the Hague - Netherlands  
Universidad de Navarra – Spain  
**Universidad Carlos III de Madrid-Spain**  
Universiteit Leiden-Netherlands  
**Paris College of Art-Paris**  
Parsons School of Design, Paris, France  
Polimoda International Institute - Italy  
Rijksuniversiteit Groningen  
Saint Louis University-Madrid Spain  
Suffolk University - Madrid  
Swiss Hotel Management School  
Les Roches, Switzerland  
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University Maastricht (NL)  
University of Geneva  
University of Lausanne  
University of St. Gallen  
U Pontificia Comillas Madrid (SP)  
Utrecht University College - Netherlands  
Webster University, Geneva, Switzerland

## WORLDWIDE

American University in Dubai, UAE  
American University of Sharjah, UAE  
Anahuac University de Mexico  
Australian National University  
**Bond University-Australia**  
Hong Kong University of Science and Technology  
Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey (MX)  
Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo De México (ITAM)  
La Salle College of the Arts - Singapore  
Nagoya University-Japan  
**New York University - Abu Dhabi**  
Ritsumeikan University - Japan  
Sophia University, Japan  
Temple University Japan  
University of Hong Kong  
University of Melbourne - Australia  
Universidad de Monterrey, Mexico  
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