



Academic Profile

2019-2020

LAS Quick Info



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LAS is majority-owned by the Foundation for the Advancement of International Education, a non-profit organization overseen by the Swiss government. It is managed by the 3rd generation of the founding family.



LOCATION

LAS is located in the Alpine village of Leysin in the French-speaking region of Switzerland, about two hours from Geneva.



SCHOOL TYPE

We are a coeducational boarding university-preparatory school.



ENROLLMENT

300 students, grades 7-12 + post graduate year, senior class of 62 students.



ACCREDITATION

NEASC, European Council of Independent Schools, ISO 9001 (first boarding school worldwide), IB Organization.



ACADEMICS

Four-year LAS diploma (US high school credential) and the International Baccalaureate (IB) Programme give students eligibility to study at universities worldwide. LAS offers summer school, a pre-high school for grades 7 and 8, and an ELA program.



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 a minimum of 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.

The parents of LAS students come from a variety of business, government, and other professional backgrounds. Students represent more than 50 countries.



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Faculty Information

LAS Faculty Live on Campus

1:4 Faculty to student ratio

10 Average class size

210 Classes/sections

95% Native English speakers

76% Hold advanced degrees

Required Credits & Grading System

- 4** English Language
- 3** Modern Language
or 7 English Language Acquisition (ELA) credits
- 3** Science
- 3** Mathematics
- 3** Social Studies
- 1** Theory of Knowledge
- 1** Fine Arts
- 6** Electives

GRADING

The grading system is based on a 1 to 7 scale with a passing mark of 3.

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

CLASS RANK

LAS does not rank. 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.

Standardized Testing 2018-2020

SAT	EBRW	Math
Mean Scores	570	640
Middle 50%	490-640	560-745

Subject Tests Averages

Math Level 2	696
Physics	703
Bio-M	653
Chemistry	660

Leysin American School encourages students to strive for excellence and to conduct themselves with academic honesty. Personal integrity and mutual trust are of utmost importance. We also realize young adults make mistakes. Thus, in the event a student has two or more instances of academic dishonesty, university advisors are required to report these infractions on student college or university applications.

International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme

IB RESULTS 2016-2019

- 225** Students registered for exams
- 184** Full Diploma Candidates
- 31.5** Average points by student passing
- 44** Highest diploma points awarded

The IBDP Programme is offered in grades 11 and 12. LAS students sometimes opt to achieve the LAS diploma (a US high school qualification) in addition to several IB courses.

Both credentials facilitate university admission to global universities while credit from completed IB HL (sometimes SL) courses 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 grade 12 students participate. Only IBDP grade 11 students participate.



GROUP 1 STUDIES IN LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE ENGLISH

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

GROUP 3 INDIVIDUALS AND SOCIETIES

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

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- Mathematics HL/SL
 - Math Studies SL
 - Mathematics: Analysis + Approach HL/SL
 - Mathematics: Applications and Interpretation HL/SL

GROUP 2 LANGUAGE ACQUISITION (SECOND LANGUAGE)

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

GROUP 4 EXPERIMENTAL SCIENCES

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

GROUP 6 ARTS AND ELECTIVES

- Visual Arts HL
- Music SL

Curriculum Features



01

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ACQUISITION (ELA)

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



02

THEORY OF KNOWLEDGE (TOK)

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



03

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. Studying time is provided during the evenings, and a student report is required following the excursion.



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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.



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CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

All students must participate in at least two after-school sports or 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.

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

University Matriculation 2015-2019

CANADA

6%

UNITED
KINGDOM

20%

USA

52%

CONTINENTAL
EUROPE

17%

OTHER
REGIONS

5%

University Matriculation 2015-2019

UNITED STATES

Adelphi University
American Academy of Dramatic Arts
American Graduate School of Business
American University (5)
Architectural Association School of Architecture
Aston University
Babson College (2)
Bates College
Bellevue College
Berklee College of Music
Blinn College - All Campuses (2)
Boston University (5)
Brandeis University
Brown University
Bryant University
Bryn Mawr College
California State Polytechnic University - Pomona
Case Western Reserve University
Chapman University
Claremont McKenna College
Clark University (2)
Clemson University
Colorado College
Colorado School of Mines
Columbia University
Cornell University (2)
Dean College
Dickinson College
Drake University (2)
Duke University
Emerson College
Endicott College
Florida Atlantic University
Florida International University
Fordham University (4)
George Mason University (2)
Georgetown University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Grossmont College (2)
Hult International Business School - San Francisco
Indiana University at Bloomington
Iowa State University
Loyola Marymount University (3)
Loyola University Chicago
Lynn University
Macquarie University
Marymount California University (2)
Marymount Manhattan College
Menlo College
Michigan State University
Michigan Technological University
Mount Holyoke College

New College of the Humanities
New York Film Academy (1)
New York University (15)
Newcastle University
Northeastern University (21)
Occidental College
Otis College of Art and Design (2)
Pace University, New York City (2)
Pacific Lutheran University
Pitzer College
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Ringling College of Art and Design
Rollins College
Salve Regina University
San Diego Mesa College (2)
Santa Monica College (2)
School of the Art Institute in Chicago (2)
Skidmore College (2)
Southern Methodist University (2)
St. Edward's University
Stanford University
Stephen F. Austin State University
Stevenson University
Suffolk University (5)
Syracuse University (3)
Texas A&M University (2)
Texas A&M University, Galveston (2)
The George Washington University (4)
The New School - All Divisions
The University of Arizona (2)
The University of Texas, Austin (4)
Thomas Aquinas College
Towson University
Tufts University
Tulane University
University of California, Berkeley
Davis (6)
Irvine
Los Angeles
Riverside
San Diego (2)
Santa Barbara
Santa Cruz
University of Chicago
University of Colorado at Boulder (3)
University of Colorado at Denver
University of Denver
University of Georgia
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
University of Miami (3)
University of Michigan
University of North Texas
University of Pittsburgh
University of Richmond

University of Rochester
University of San Diego
University of San Francisco
University of Southern California (3)
University of Virginia
University of Washington (4)
University of Wisconsin, Madison
Washington University in St. Louis
Wellesley College (4)
Wentworth Institute of Technology
Wesleyan University
Whittier College
Xavier University
Yale-NUS College

CANADA

Concordia University - Montreal (2)
McGill University
Niagara College
Nova Scotia College of Art and Design
Queen's University
Simon Fraser University (2)
University of Alberta
University of British Columbia (10)
University of Toronto (3)
University of Waterloo

UNITED KINGDOM

American International University London
Architectural Association School of Architecture in London
Aston University
Birkbeck, University of London
Bournemouth University
Brunel University London
Cambridge School of Visual and Performing Arts
City University of London (9)
Durham University
European University London
Hult International Business School - London (6)
Imperial College London
Istituto Marangoni, London
Istituto Marangoni, Milano
King's College London (6)
Lancaster University
Manchester Metropolitan University
Oxford Brookes University
Queen Mary University of London (3)
Regent's University London (8)
Robert Gordon University
Royal Holloway, University of London (3)
School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London

St Mary's University, Twickenham, London
The London School of Economics and Political Science
The University of Edinburgh (4)
The University of Manchester (4)
The University of Sheffield
The University of Warwick (3)
University College London (4)
University of Brighton
University of Cambridge
University of East Anglia
University of Kent (3)
University of Leeds
University of Leicester (2)
University of Oxford
University of St Andrews (2)
University of Sussex
University of the Arts London (6)
University of Westminster (3)

CONTINENTAL EUROPE

Amsterdam University College
BES La Salle Business School Lausanne (11)
Cesar Ritz Colleges Switzerland
Czech Technical University in Prague
Ecole cantonale d'art de Lausanne
Ecole Hôtelière de Lausanne (14)
Ecole Polytechnique Federale de Lausanne
Erasmus Universiteit Rotterdam (2)
Escola Superior d'Administració i Direcció d'Empreses (2)
Film and TV School of Academy of Performing Arts
Franklin University Switzerland (2)
Glion Institute of Higher Education (7)
Griffith College Higher School of Economics
IE University - Madrid Campus
IE University - Segovia (3)
Institut Quimic de Sarria International University in Geneva
John Cabot University
Karlsruher Institut für Technologie
Leiden University College The Hague (2)

Les Roche International School of Hotel Management
Paris College of Art
Polimoda International Institute of Design and Marketing
Suffolk University - Madrid Campus
The American University of Paris (6)
The Hague University of Applied Sciences (3)
Toulouse Business School Barcelona
Trinity College
Trinity University
Universidad Carlos III de Madrid
Universidad de Navarra
Universidad Pontificia Comillas de Madrid
Universita Bocconi (3)
Universität St. Gallen (2)
Universiteit Maastricht
Universiteit van Amsterdam (2)
University of Geneva
University of Lausanne (3)
Webster University (Geneva)
Webster Vienna Private University
Wirtschaftsuniversität Wien/Vienna University of Economics and Business

WORLDWIDE

Bahcesehir University
Bond University (2)
Ibmec Sao Paulo
Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey (2)
Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey, Campus Chihuahua
Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey Campus Ciudad de México
Instituto Tecnológico Autonomo De Mexico (2)
LASALLE College of the Arts
Macquarie University
Monash University
NYU Abu Dhabi (3)
Temple University Japan
Thammasat University
Universidad Anahuac
Universidad del Valle de Mexico
Monterrey Universidad Iberoamericana (2)
Universidad Panamericana
University of Hong Kong
University of Otago
University of Sydney (1)