

# TAIPEI AMERICAN SCHOOL



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US-based Western Association of  
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Membership in National Association  
of Independent Schools

## THE SCHOOL

In living our mission, we at Taipei American School support our students to know themselves so that they may choose their path and be prepared to enter a world with confidence, sense of self, and compassion.

We are a bridge. Our students begin here, their minds open and eager, their goals and aspirations for the future setting their course. Our community bridges the traditions of the West with the spirit of the East. Our American-based educational program is augmented by a deep respect for learning, development, and achievement. Character education is central; the Honor Committee helps keep the Honor Code a living, relevant part of daily life in the Upper School. Finally, a major initiative across all three divisions of the Taipei American School community is a focus on wellbeing and living a balanced, self-reflective life while working to build, communicate, and celebrate each individual's unique character strengths.

## THE CLASS OF 2021

The Class of 2021 is comprised of 187 students; over 15% of them have spent their entire academic life at Taipei American School. All students hold a foreign passport, with the majority holding American citizenship.

Each year, 80% of our graduates attend colleges and universities in the United States; the rest enroll in tertiary education around the world, including the United Kingdom, Canada, Hong Kong, Korea, Japan, Australia and New Zealand.

**TAS students submit an average of just 10 applications for admission.**

### 9:1

Student to  
Faculty Ratio

### 12

Average class  
size in the  
Upper School

### 70%

of Students Hold  
an American  
Passport

### 9

Length in Years  
of Average  
Faculty Tenure

### 82%

of Upper School  
Faculty Hold a  
Master's or  
Doctoral Degree

## COURSE OFFERINGS

The majority of our students pursue advanced coursework in at least one discipline beyond the AP or IB level; approximately 12% of graduates choose to earn the full IB Diploma.

Every student carries a minimum of six courses; four must qualify as core courses (English, History, Science, Mathematics, World Language). All students must take courses in public speaking as well as computer science and robotics in order to graduate.

### 30

AP  
Courses

### 49

IB  
Courses

### 83

Honors  
Courses

### 99%

of Students Take  
at Least One AP  
or IB Course by  
Graduation

### 100%

of Students take  
courses in public  
speaking, computer  
science, and the arts

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

TAS does not rank students. Each student must complete 22 credits of required study including:

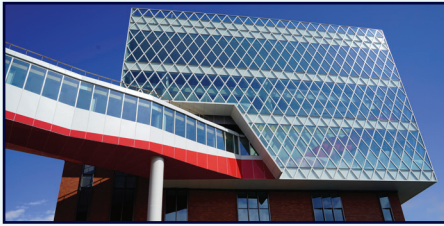
English	4.0 credits
Mathematics	3.0 credits
Science	3.0 credits
Social Sciences	3.0 credits
Foreign Language	3rd year proficiency
Computer Science & Robotics	.5 credits
Performing & Visual Arts	1.0 credits
Physical Education	2.0 credits
Public Speaking	1.0 credits
Electives	4.5 credits

In compliance with the NACAC SPGP: CEPP, in cases where universities require or request, TAS reports all suspensions, withdrawals, and dismissals.

# AT A GLANCE

## WORLD-CLASS FACILITIES

SOLOMON WONG  
TECH CUBE



A six-story, open planned facility on campus dedicated to STEAM education with a focus on design, technology, and robotics.

TIGER HEALTH & WELLNESS CENTER



500 students and faculty use this state-of-the-art strength and fitness center each day, with full-time trainers at hand.

KEVIN B. HELD BLACK BOX  
THEATER



One of three theaters on campus, the Kevin B. Held Black Box Theater provides an intimate performance space.

### ADVANCED PLACEMENT

450 students wrote 1,019 exams  
AP Scholars with Distinction: 144

### INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE

142 students took 242 exams  
The average diploma score was 36

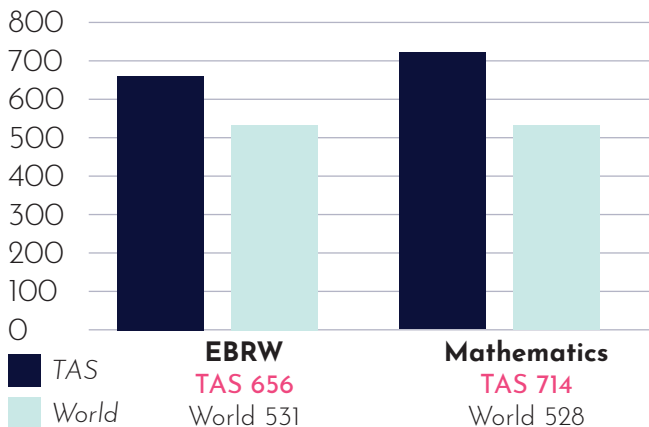
### SUMMER ACADEMY

For over 20 years, the Taipei American School Summer Academy program provided the TAS community for continued academic opportunities over the summer months. Summer 2020 saw an enormous increase in enrollment, with most TAS families remaining in Taiwan. During the program's two-week or four-week sessions, students have the opportunity for enrichment in core studies, advancement through the curriculum by fulfilling graduation requirements, and the pursuit of passions and interests in new areas.

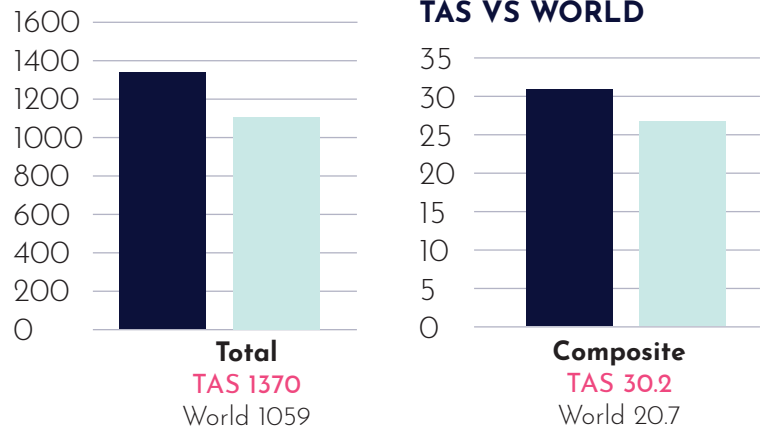
This is not "remedial summer school" in any way. Summer Academy credit courses are rigorous and require a significant amount of time. Students move through one semester of curriculum in a two-week session and five hours of class time is supplemented by 3-5 hours of homework daily. Successful completion of these courses allow students to fulfill graduation requirements for non-math/science classes, or to advance in the math or science tracks, but do not allow students to fulfill the required credits in math or science. Students have the option of having Summer Academy course grades included in the cumulative TAS GPA or to take courses pass/fail. Regardless, Summer Academy courses listed on transcripts should be taken into account when considering the rigor of a student's academic profile.

### SAT & ACT

#### 2019 SAT RESULT - TAS VS WORLD



#### 2019 ACT RESULT - TAS VS WORLD



### COVID-19 IMPACT

Like nearly all schools worldwide, TAS shifted to virtual learning over several periods in Spring of 2020 due to COVID-19. In total, TAS delivered classes online for 23 days, returning to complete the year (including graduation) in person. We continue to be extremely fortunate in our physical return to school at the start of the 2020-2021 academic year.

9

Years in a Row Qualifying for VEX Robotics World Championship

57

Students Placed in 2019 Summer Internships

6

Consecutive Years of Gold Medals at iGEM competitions

450+

Students Enrolled in Upper School Fine or Performing Arts Classes

4

IASAS Swimming Records Set in 2019 Before COVID-19 Season Cancellation

6

Consecutive Years of Qualifying for FRC World Championship

93

Student-Run Interest and Service Clubs

4

Consecutive Years of Making Finalist Rounds of International Public Policy Forum

7

Medals at the Taiwan Young Physics Tournament Between 2017-2020

26

Scholastic Art National Medals Earned

6

NSPA Awards including 5 Pacemakers and 1 Journalist-of-the-Year Award

8

FRC Blue Banners, Including 2020 Chairman's Award

1st

International school to ever qualify students to Tournament of Champions in Policy Debate, Public Forum Debate, and Extemporaneous Speaking

1

Taipei American School Community Focus on Social-Emotional Balance and Wellness

ACHIEVEMENTS

# COLLEGE MATRICULATION

## BY REGION 2018-2020

Institutions where TAS graduates from the Classes of 2018, 2019, and 2020 enrolled. **Boldfaced** print indicates institutions attended by graduates from the Class of 2020.

### UNITED STATES

Arizona State University  
**Babson College**  
Barnard College  
**Berklee College of Music**  
Boston College  
**Boston Conservatory**  
**Boston University**  
Brandeis University  
Brigham Young University  
Brigham Young University, Idaho  
**Brown University**  
Bryn Mawr College  
Bucknell University  
California Lutheran University  
California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo  
**California State University, Northridge**  
**California State University-Long Beach**  
Carnegie Mellon University  
**Case Western Reserve University**  
**Chapman University**  
Claremont McKenna College  
**Colgate University**  
College of William & Mary  
Colorado College  
**Columbia University**  
**Cornell University**  
Curry College  
Dartmouth College  
**De Anza College**  
**Duke University**  
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University - Daytona Beach  
**Emory University**  
Endicott College  
Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising, Los Angeles  
**Fashion Institute of Technology**  
Fordham University  
Georgetown University  
**Georgia Institute of Technology**  
Grinnell College  
Harvard College  
Harvey Mudd College  
**Haverford College**  
**Indiana University at Bloomington**  
Johns Hopkins University  
**Keene State College**

**Loyola Marymount University**  
Loyola University Chicago  
Marist College  
**Maryland Institute College of Art**  
**Massachusetts Institute of Technology**  
Middlebury College  
Minerva Schools at KGI  
**New York University**  
North Carolina State University  
**Northeastern University**  
**Northwest Vista College**  
**Northwestern University**  
**Occidental College**  
**Pepperdine University**  
**Pomona College**  
**Pratt Institute**  
**Princeton University**  
**Purdue University**  
Reed College  
Regis University  
**Rhode Island School of Design**  
**Rice University**  
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology  
Santa Clara University  
Savannah College of Art and Design  
Seattle University  
Simmons University  
**Stanford University**  
**Stevens Institute of Technology**  
Stony Brook University  
Syracuse University  
Texas A&M University  
The Curtis Institute of Music  
**The George Washington University**  
**The New School**  
**The University of Alabama**  
**The University of Texas at Dallas**  
The University of Texas, Arlington  
**The University of Texas, Austin**  
The University of Texas, San Antonio  
**Tufts University**  
United States Coast Guard Academy

University at Buffalo The State University of New York  
**University of Arizona**  
**University of California, Berkeley**  
**University of California, Davis**  
**University of California, Irvine**  
**University of California, Los Angeles**  
University of California, Riverside  
**University of California, San Diego**  
University of California, Santa Barbara  
**University of California, Santa Cruz**  
**University of Chicago**  
**University of Colorado Boulder**  
**University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign**  
University of Maryland, College Park  
University of Massachusetts, Amherst  
**University of Michigan**  
University of North Dakota  
University of Northern Colorado  
**University of Notre Dame**  
University of Oregon  
**University of Pennsylvania**  
**University of Puget Sound**  
**University of Rochester**  
**University of San Diego**  
University of San Francisco  
University of South Carolina  
**University of Southern California**  
University of the Pacific  
**University of Virginia**  
**University of Washington**  
Utah State University  
**Vanderbilt University**  
**Virginia Commonwealth University**  
Virginia Tech  
**Washington University in St. Louis**  
**Wellesley College**  
Wesleyan University

### EUROPE

Durham University  
École Hôtelière de Lausanne  
**Erasmus University Rotterdam (Netherlands)**  
Goldsmiths, University of London  
Imperial College London  
Jacobs University  
**King's College London**  
Polimoda International Institute of Design and Marketing  
The London School of Economics and Political Science  
**The University of Edinburgh**  
The University of Warwick  
Universiteit van Amsterdam  
**University College London**  
University of Bristol  
**University of Cambridge (UK)**  
University of Glasgow  
**University of Manchester**  
**University of Oxford**  
University of Sheffield

### AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND

Bond University  
Massey University  
The University of Melbourne  
**University of Canterbury**  
University of New South Wales  
**University of Sydney**  
UNSW Australia

### CANADA

Humber College  
Queen's University  
**University of British Columbia**  
University of Lethbridge  
**University of Ontario Institute of Technology**  
**University of Toronto**  
University of Waterloo

### ASIA

Beijing Film Academy  
**Chinese University of Hong Kong**  
City University of Hong Kong  
Fudan University  
Hosei University  
Keio University  
**Korea University**

Ming Chuan University  
**National University of Singapore**  
NYU Shanghai  
**Seoul National University**  
Shanghai Jia Tong University of Medicine

Singapore Management University  
**Sophia University**  
The Hong Kong Polytechnic University  
The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

The University of Hong Kong  
University of Tokyo  
**Waseda University**  
Yale-NUS College  
Yonsei University