



# Academic Profile

2021-2022 | CEEB: 796570 | IB School Code: 000642

LAS responded to the COVID-19 pandemic by putting the safety of our community first and concluding in-person classes on March 12, 2020. Students continued to learn remotely until the end of the school year and were assessed using the Standards-Based Grading scale. During the 2020-21 academic year, students were in person in Leysin with some periods of synchronous remote learning.

## ABOUT LEYSIN AMERICAN SCHOOL IN SWITZERLAND (LAS)

Established in 1961, 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. LAS is a coeducational boarding school located in the Alpine village of Leysin in the French-speaking region of Switzerland.

## ENROLLMENT

301 students, grades 7-12 + post graduate year, senior class of 91 students.

## ACCREDITATION

NEASC, European Council of Independent Schools, IB Organization, Memberships in International and National Associations for College Admission Counseling, including the Association of College Counselors in Independent Schools.

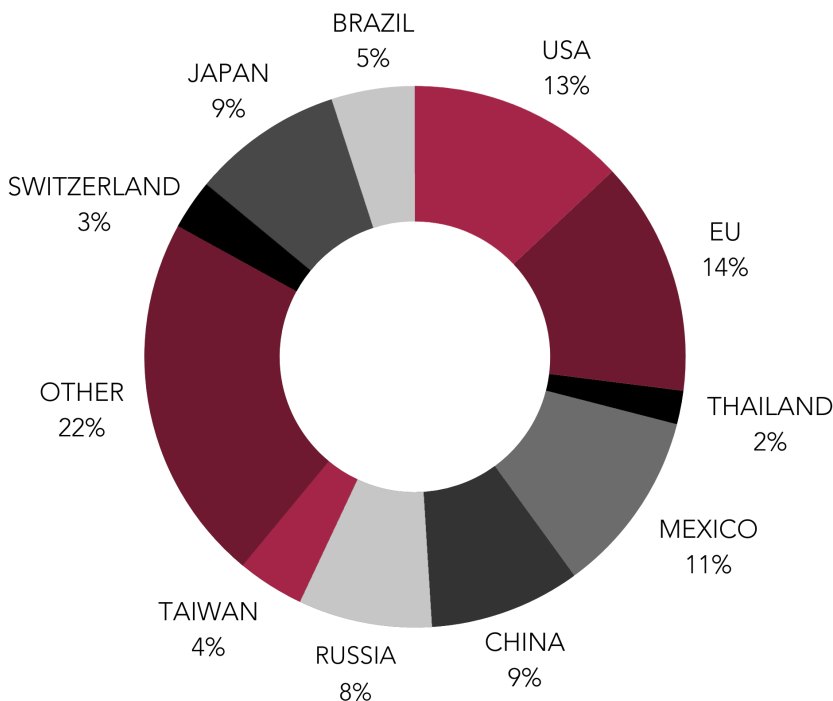
## ACADEMICS

Four-year LAS diploma (US high school credential), AP courses, the International Baccalaureate (IB) Programme, a pre-high school for grades 7 and 8, and an ELA program.

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

The school year consists of two semesters. The year begins in late August and concludes in early June. All students follow a university preparatory program and are enrolled in a minimum of seven courses. One half credit is awarded for the successful completion of each semester course. Students need a minimum of 24 total credits to graduate.

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Faculty to student ratio

**10**

Average class size

**212**

Classes/sections

**96%**

Faculty who are native English speakers

**76%**

Faculty who 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.

## 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.

## ACADEMIC HONESTY

LAS encourages students to strive for excellence and to conduct themselves with academic honesty. Personal integrity and mutual trust are of the utmost importance. Therefore, if a student has two or more instances of academic dishonesty, university advisors are required to report these infractions on student college or university applications.

## SAT Scores

### Class of 2021, Middle 50%

|         |         |           |
|---------|---------|-----------|
| EBRW    | Math    | Total     |
| 560-670 | 570-710 | 1210-1400 |

Due to Covid-19 and the fact that many universities waived their SAT requirement, the SAT was taken by 25 students from the Class of 2021. All scores, including those from non-native English speakers, are included.

# International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme

## IBDP 2021

## 2021

## 2020

**48**

Full IB Diplomas Earned

Number of Graduates

84

62

# Diploma Candidates

49

38

# Candidates Earning Diploma

48

35

% DP Passing at LAS

98%

92.1%

% DP Passing World

88.96%

85%

% Passing with Bilingual Diploma

33%

24%

Average Score

34

34

Highest Score

44

44

**34**

Average Points by Students Passing

**44**

Highest Diploma Points Awarded

# Curriculum Features

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## 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. Approximately 60% of the students are non-native English speakers and 30% are enrolled in the ELA program.

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## THEORY OF KNOWLEDGE (TOK)

This is a required course for all seniors that examines Western philosophy. TOK typically includes a trip to European centers, however this aspect of the class may be modified or cancelled for the 2021/2022 school year due to the Coronavirus pandemic. In the past students have visited cities such as Florence, Venice, or Rome. ELA seniors are required to take the ELA TOK class.

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## CULTURAL TRIPS

These school trips typically take place each year within Switzerland and Europe, however for the 2021/2022 school year they may be modified or canceled due to the Coronavirus pandemic. In past years, students on these trips have studied and explored 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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## LAS EDGE CLASSES

These cutting-edge classes emphasize progressive education, soft skill development, creative expression, and exploration. These electives transcend subject areas, giving students ample time to practice personal agency and engage in creative personal exploration. These classes prioritize creativity, self-awareness, and self-motivation, giving students the freedom to pursue topics deeper, collaborate with each other effectively, and take charge of their own learning.

# List of Courses (Grades 11-PG)

## STUDIES IN LANGUAGE & LITERATURE

IB English A: Language & Literature HL/SL  
IB Self-Taught A: Literature SL  
English 3  
English 4  
Literature and Reading

## INDIVIDUALS & SOCIETIES

IB Business Management HL/SL  
IB Economics HL/SL  
IB Environmental Systems & Societies SL  
IB Geography HL/SL  
IB Global Politics HL/SL  
IB History HL/SL  
IB Psychology HL/SL  
IB Theory of Knowledge  
AP European History  
AP Macroeconomics  
AP Microeconomics  
Economics  
Foundations of Learning and Knowledge  
Geography  
History

## LANGUAGE ACQUISITION (SECOND LANGUAGE)

IB English B HL/SL  
IB French Ab Initio SL  
IB French B HL/SL  
IB German Ab Initio SL  
IB Spanish Ab Initio SL  
IB Spanish B SL  
Beginner French  
Intermediate French  
Beginner German

## MATHEMATICS

IB Mathematics Analysis & Approaches HL/SL  
IB Mathematics Applications & Interpretations HL/SL  
AP Calculus AB  
Applied Mathematics  
Pre IB/AP Math  
Statistics

## ARTS & ELECTIVES

IB Visual Arts HL/SL  
Studio Art

## EXPERIMENTAL SCIENCES

IB Astronomy SL  
IB Biology HL/SL  
IB Chemistry HL/SL  
IB Environmental Systems & Societies SL  
IB Physics HL/SL  
AP Biology  
AP Chemistry  
AP Physics 1  
Biology  
Integrated Lab Science

## LAS EDGE ELECTIVES (UNGRADED)

Engineering  
Entrepreneurship  
Global Issues Network  
Music Events Management

## University Matriculation 2019-2021



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## CANADA

Acadia University  
Concordia University  
Huron University College at  
Western  
McMaster University  
University of British Columbia  
University of Prince Edward  
Island  
University of Toronto  
Vancouver Film School

## CONTINENTAL EUROPE

American Graduate School of  
Business  
American University of Paris  
Business School Lausanne  
Cesar Ritz Colleges  
Switzerland  
Ecole cantonale d'art de  
Lausanne  
Ecole Hotelière de Lausanne  
(EHL)  
Erasmus Universiteit  
Rotterdam  
ESADE  
EU Business School - Geneva  
Franklin University Switzerland  
Glion Institute of Higher  
Education  
IE University - Madrid  
Institut Quimic de Saria  
Istituto Marangoni  
Les Roches  
Parsons Paris - The New  
School  
Toulouse Business School  
Universitat Ramon Llull -  
Blaquerna  
Universitat Ramon Llull - La  
Salle Bonanova  
Université Libre de Bruxelles  
University of Amsterdam  
University of Gastronomic  
Sciences  
University of Strasbourg  
Utrecht University  
Vienna University of  
Economics and Business  
Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam  
Webster University - Vienna

## UNITED KINGDOM

Bishop Grosseteste University  
Brunel University London  
City, University of London  
Hult International Business  
School - London  
Imperial College London

King's College London  
New College of the  
Humanities  
Queen Mary, University of  
London  
Regent's University London  
Royal Holloway, University of  
London  
SOAS, University of London  
University College London  
University of Cambridge  
University of East Anglia  
University of Edinburgh  
University of Leicester  
University of Manchester  
University of St Andrews  
University of Sussex  
University of the Arts London  
University of Warwick  
University of Westminster

## UNITED STATES

Adelphi University  
American University  
Babson College  
Bentley University  
Berklee College of Music  
Blinn College  
Boston University  
Bryant University  
California College of the Arts  
Colorado College  
Colorado School of Mines  
Columbia University  
Drexel University  
Duke University  
Emerson College  
Emory University  
Fashion Institute of  
Technology  
Fordham University  
George Washington University  
Georgia Institute of  
Technology  
Hult International Business  
School - San Francisco  
Indiana University-  
Bloomington  
Kenyon College  
Loyola Marymount University  
Loyola University Chicago  
Michigan State University  
Middlebury College  
Minerva Schools At Keck  
Graduate Institute  
New York University  
Northeastern University  
Pace University - NYC  
Pennsylvania State University  
Pitzer College

Purdue University  
Purdue University - Northwest  
Santa Monica Community  
College  
Simmons University  
Southern Methodist University  
Stevenson University  
Suffolk University  
Syracuse University  
Texas Tech University  
The New School  
Tulane University of Louisiana  
University of California  
-Berkeley  
-Davis  
-Irvine  
-Riverside  
-Santa Cruz  
United States Coast Guard  
Academy  
University at Buffalo  
University of Arizona  
University of Delaware  
University of Hawaii at Manoa  
University of Miami  
University of Minnesota - Twin  
Cities  
University of North Texas  
University of Notre Dame  
University of Southern  
California  
University of Washington  
Washington University in St  
Louis  
Whittier College

## WORLDWIDE

Bond University  
Faap - Fundação Armando  
Alvares Penteadó  
Griffith College  
Higher School of Economics  
IBMEC Sao Paulo  
Korea Advanced Institute of  
Science and Technology  
Macquarie University  
Monash University  
TEC de Monterrey  
Thammasat University  
Universidad Anahuac  
Universidad del Valle de  
Mexico - Monterrey  
Universidad Iberoamericana  
University of Auckland