

**TAISM**

# THE AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF MUSCAT

## High School Profile 2021-2022

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The American International School of Muscat (TAISM), located in the Sultanate of Oman, was established in 1998 as an independent, non-profit, college preparatory day school. It is located on a purpose-built 19-acre campus in Ghala, between Muscat International Airport and downtown Muscat.

TAISM is the only American-based educational institution in Oman and the only school sponsored by the U.S. Embassy in the country. TAISM is a U.S. Department of State Assisted School.

TAISM is fully accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) and is a member of the Near East South Asia Council of Overseas Schools (NESAC) and the Council of International Schools (CIS).



**Community:** TAISM is a school for students of the American and international community in Oman. As of August 2021, the total school enrollment is 539 in Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 12. The High School enrollment is 172 with 39 in Grade 12, 38 in Grade 11, 52 in Grade 10, and 43 in Grade 9. The current High School student body includes students from 34 nationalities, with 29% from the United States. Parents of TAISM students represent a variety of business, government and other professional backgrounds.

There are 27 faculty members serving the High School, representing 6 different countries, with 79% % from the United States. TAISM's faculty is comprised of highly qualified and experienced individuals with 83% holding master's degrees.

### PROGRAM OF STUDIES

TAISM offers a rigorous college/university preparatory program and courses are based on United States curricular standards. Course offerings in 2021-2022 include 14 Advanced Placement (AP) courses (see below). Enrollment in AP courses at TAISM is nonselective, although there are prerequisites for some AP courses, and teachers and counselors provide guidance as students register for classes.

The academic program is organized on a rotating block schedule with four 80 minute classes each day. There is an average of 11 students in each class. Most classes are year-long with 0.5 credit being granted each semester. Students can enroll in a maximum of eight classes and earn a maximum of 4.0 credits each semester.

Students must earn a total of 27 credits distributed across multiple subjects in order to earn a TAISM diploma. In Grades 9 and 10, students typically enroll in 8 out of a total possible of 8 courses, while in Grades 11 and 12, students typically enroll in 7 out of 8 courses. All students at TAISM are collegebound and graduate having completed a program of study that meets or exceeds the demands of a typical United States high school.

**Discover Oman:** Participation in TAISM's Discover Oman program is required for each student each year in Grades 9-12. Over the course of four days, students engage in unique learning experiences throughout Oman. Our students develop a better understanding and appreciation for Omani geography, culture, and people while increasing their respect for the environment and building strong relationships with classmates and trip leaders. Discover Oman occurred in February 2020 prior to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic in Oman, but did not occur in the 2020-2021 school year.

**Grade Point Average (GPA) and Class Rank:** A student's GPA is calculated for courses taken at TAISM in Grades 9-12. It is calculated using the scale indicated on the student's transcript. AP courses are given an additional 0.5 weighting when calculating the GPA. TAISM does not rank students based on GPA.

**Special note regarding semester 2, 2019-2020:** On March 16th, 2020, TAISM shifted to virtual learning for the remainder of Semester 2 of the 2019-2020 school year. For Semester 2 the school utilized a Pass (P) or No Credit (NC) grading system. Credit toward earning the TAISM Diploma was awarded only when a student earned a Pass (P). Neither the P nor the NC has an impact on a student's GPA.

For the 2021-22 school year we are again using a letter (A - F) grading system, with grades impacting each student's GPA.

### Graduation Requirements

Subject	Required credits
English	4.0
Social Studies	3.5
Science	3.0
Mathematics	2.0
Visual and Performing Arts	2.0
World Language	2.0
Physical Education	1.5
Health	0.5
Computer Science	0.5
Electives (from above)	7.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>27 credits</b>

### COURSES OFFERED IN 2021-2022

English 9 English 10 English 11 English 12 <b>AP English Language</b> <b>AP English Literature</b>	Physics <b>AP Physics 1</b> <b>AP Physics 2</b> Environmental Science Scientific Issues	Spanish 2 Spanish 3 Spanish 4	<b>AP 2-D Art &amp; Design</b> <b>AP 3-D Art &amp; Design</b>	Lifeguarding and Aquatics Health & Wellness
Algebra 1 Algebra 2 Algebra 2/Trigonometry Applied Math Geometry Intro to Statistics Precalculus <b>AP Calculus AB</b>	World History 1 World History 2 Modern Middle East History US History <b>AP Comparative Government</b> <b>AP Human Geography</b>	Arabic Foreign Language 1 Arabic Foreign Language 2 Arabic Foreign Language 3 Arabic Foreign Language 4 Arabic Heritage Language 1 Arabic Heritage Language 2 Arabic Heritage Language 3 Arabic Heritage Language 4	Concert Band Concert Choir Jazz Band Kindred Chamber Choir	<b>AP Self Study</b> Independent Study Learning Support Student Assistant
Biology <b>AP Biology</b> Chemistry <b>AP Chemistry</b>	French 1 French 2 French 3 French 4 <b>AP French Language</b> Spanish 1	Advanced Art Drawing 1 Drawing 2 Painting 1 Painting 2 Visual Journals <b>AP Drawing</b>	Drama Advanced Drama Technical Theater	
			Computer Science Computer Programming <b>AP Computer Science Principles</b>	
			PE: Individual and Dual Pursuits Personal Fitness	

**Co-curricular and Intercultural Activities:** TAISM offers a broad program of after-school and weekend activities. Inter-scholastic athletics include swimming, soccer, volleyball, basketball, and track and field. TAISM not only competes with local schools in the Muscat area, student athletes also travel to international tournaments in Bangladesh, India, Nepal, and Sri Lanka in the South Asia Inter-School Association (SAISA). In addition to curricular classes in the performing arts, students also take part in a number of activities including Drama Productions, Band, Choir, Yearbook, Community Service, Student Government and Model United Nations (MUN).

**Note:** Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic in the 2021-22 school year, co-curricular opportunities and SAISA League programs may be limited.

## STANDARDIZED TESTING

### Advanced Placement (AP) Scores

Classes of 2020 and 2021 combined  
(Note: AP enrollment at TAISM is nonselective)

Number of graduates of 2020 and 2021 combined = 90  
Number of graduates who took AP exams = 81  
Number of AP exams taken = 377

90% of students took one (1) or more exams  
71% of students took two (2) or more exams  
50% of students took three (3) or more exams

A score of three (3) or above  
was earned on 80% of the exams completed

### SAT Scores

Classes of 2020 and 2021 combined

Middle 50% (86 students tested)	Mean Score All students (86 students tested)	Mean Score U.S. citizens (19 students tested)
ERW 515 - 730	599	647
M 520 - 715	608	606
ERW - Evidence-Based Reading and Writing		M-Mathematics

### Advanced Placement (AP) Scholars Awards

Classes of 2020 and 2021 combined

	AP Scholar	AP Scholar with Honors	AP Scholar with Distinction	AP International Diploma
Number of Scholars	27	19	31	3

## UNIVERSITY MATRICULATIONS (2017-2021)

### ASIA

University of Nottingham, Malaysia  
Yonsei University (Underwood  
International College), South Korea  
Yonsei University, South Korea

### AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND

Monash University, Australia  
University of Auckland, New Zealand

### CANADA

Brock University  
Carleton University  
Columbia College  
Concordia University  
Dalhousie University  
McMaster University  
Queen's University  
Red Deer College  
St. Francis Xavier University  
St. Thomas University  
Trent University  
University of Alberta  
University of British Columbia  
University of Calgary  
University of Lethbridge  
University of Toronto  
University of Toronto Scarborough  
Vancouver Island University  
Waterloo University  
York University

### EUROPE

Charles III University of Madrid, Spain  
City, University of London, UK  
Eindhoven University of Technology,  
Netherlands  
Hanze University of Applied Sciences,  
Groningen, Netherlands  
Hotel School den Haag, Netherlands  
Howest University of Applied Sciences,  
Belgium  
IE University, Spain  
International Hotel and Tourism Training

Institute (IHTTI), Switzerland  
King's College London, UK  
Letterkenny Institute of Technology,  
Ireland  
MJM Graphic Design - Lille, France  
NHL Stenden University of Applied  
Sciences, Netherlands  
Queen Mary University of London, UK  
Radboud University Nijmegen,  
Netherlands  
Robert Gordon University Aberdeen, UK  
Royal Conservatory of The Hague,  
Netherlands  
Simmelweis University, Hungary  
Tbilisi State Medical University, Georgia  
Universitat Ramon LLULL, Spain  
University College London, UK  
University College Utrecht, Netherlands  
University of Aberdeen, UK  
University of Amsterdam, Netherlands  
University of Cambridge, UK  
University of East Anglia, UK  
University of Edinburgh, UK  
University of Glasgow, UK  
University of Groningen, Netherlands  
University of Kent, UK  
University of Malta  
University of Manchester, UK  
University of Reading, UK  
University of Southampton, UK  
University of St. Andrews, UK  
University of St. Andrews, UK  
University of Surrey, UK  
University of Sussex, UK  
University of York, UK  
Windesheim University of Applied  
Sciences, Netherlands

### MIDDLE EAST

American University of Beirut, Lebanon  
American University of Cairo, Egypt  
Georgetown University in Qatar  
German University of Technology in  
Oman

Modern College of Business and Science,  
Oman  
Oman Dental College, Oman  
Virginia Commonwealth University in  
Qatar

### USA

American Academy of Dramatic Arts  
American University  
Amherst College  
Bentley University  
Bowdoin College  
Brigham Young University  
California State University, Long Beach  
Calvin University  
Carleton College  
Carnegie Mellon University  
Chapman University  
Christopher Newport University  
College of William and Mary  
Columbia College Chicago  
Columbia University  
Concordia College  
Cornell University  
Florida International University  
Florida State University  
George Mason University  
George Washington University  
Georgia Institute of Technology  
Hartwick College  
Hult International Business School  
Kent State University  
Loyola Marymount University  
Luther College  
Lynn University  
Michigan State University  
New York University  
Northeastern University  
Northern Arizona University  
Piedmont Valley Community College  
Pratt Institute  
Purdue University  
Saint Mary's University of Minnesota  
San Diego State University

San Jose State University  
Santa Clara University  
Savannah College of Art and Design  
Suffolk University  
Swarthmore College  
Syracuse University  
Texas A&M University  
Texas A&M University - College Station  
The State University of New York at  
Buffalo  
Thomas Jefferson University  
United States Naval Academy  
University of California, Berkeley  
University of California, Davis  
University of California, Los Angeles  
University of California, San Diego  
University of Florida  
University of Hawaii at Manoa  
University of Houston  
University of Houston-Clear Lake  
University of Illinois at Urbana-  
Champaign  
University of Illinois Chicago  
University of La Verne  
University of Massachusetts  
University of Nevada, Reno  
University of North Carolina at Charlotte  
University of Oklahoma  
University of Portland  
University of Richmond  
University of Rochester  
University of Sioux Falls  
University of Southern California  
University of Texas at Dallas  
University of Waterloo  
University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire  
Utah State University  
Virginia Commonwealth University  
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State  
University

### OTHER

Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia  
Universidad EAFIT, Colombia