ABOUT ROCHAMBEAU
- Founded in 1955
- Private, coeducational
- Pre-k to 12th grade
- Three Campuses
- Degrees Awarded:
  - HS diploma
  - French Baccalauréat
  - International Baccalauréat®
    (1st graduating class 2023)
- 80+ Nationalities
- 11-acre campus
- Total Enrollment: 545
- Senior Class: 59
- Average Class Size: 18

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ROCHAMBEAU
THE FRENCH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

SCHOOL PROFILE | 2022-2023

Rochambeau is committed to cultivating a multilingual, pluricultural learning environment that demonstrates the benefits that diversity and inclusion bring to all aspects of academic and campus life. We encourage all our community members (students, parents, faculty, staff and Trustees) to participate in and reinforce our learning community through dynamic, interactive discussion and shared discoveries. Engaging on important issues inside and outside the classroom is central to our longstanding commitment to nurturing leaders who will create a world that respects diversity in all senses throughout their lives.

INTERSECTION OF FRENCH AND U.S. PROGRAMS
Rochambeau is a private, coeducational day school serving the Washington, DC metropolitan area. Many students’ families are in Washington on temporary assignments with embassies and other international organizations. We provide a traditional French education from preschool through the end of high school that culminates with our students earning either the French Baccalauréat or International Baccalauréat diploma, with the option to earn the Maryland State High School Diploma at the end of junior year. The majority of Rochambeau’s students meet all state high school curricular requirements and are awarded the Maryland State High School Diploma at the end of their junior year, the year preceding the final year of French secondary education. Student pursuing their French Baccalauréat spend the final year of study at the school to prepare for the French Baccalauréat examination, which alone qualifies students for admission to the French university system. This final year of study at Rochambeau is regarded as post-secondary study in the U.S., although it is an integral part of secondary education in the French system.

ROCHAMBEAU HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA
To receive the high school diploma approved by the State of Maryland, within the context of the French education system, Rochambeau students must complete a minimum of 22 credits. Seventeen of these credits must be in areas specified by the state. The additional five elective units may come from offerings in any curricular area. The Maryland State High School Diploma is typically awarded to students before their last year of study at Rochambeau. Students who have earned the diploma and plan to attend North American universities have the option of leaving Rochambeau without completing their final year and without taking the Baccalauréat. More than 95 percent of students at Rochambeau, however, choose to stay for 12th grade in order to sit for the Baccalauréat.
**COVID-19 STATEMENT**

After 16 months of online learning, from March 2020 to June 2021, Rochambeau was pleased to welcome all of our students back on campus for the 2021-2022 school year. Throughout the pandemic, the school has worked hard to maintain the integrity of our grading system and no changes were made.

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**FRENCH BACCALAURÉAT**
National Curriculum, Faculty, and Language of Instruction

All French high schools (lycées) follow the academic curriculum established by the French National Ministry of Education and many faculty members are certified by the same French ministry. All courses are taught in French except for the following: option internationale du baccalauréat (OIB) Literature, OIB History, U.S. History and English language classes. English language instruction is required and is offered at three levels with placement depending on a student’s level of proficiency: Group 2 (beginner), Group 3 (intermediate), Group 4 (honors), and OIB (honors). Math subjects such as algebra, geometry, trigonometry, calculus and statistics are integrated throughout the curriculum. Natural sciences include biology, earth science, and health education; physics and chemistry are integrated each year. This curriculum fosters self-discipline, organization, and autonomy, while developing critical thinking and analytical skills.

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**Grading System**

- Trimesters
- Bac Scores: 0 - 20
- Scores Converted to US Style Grades for Transcripts
- GPA Not Calculated
- No Class Rankings

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**Standardized Testing Offered**

- Full Suite of PSAT Exams
- SAT School Day
- AP Exams
- Cambridge Assessments

*US exams do not align with French curriculum in content, format, and timing: Challenging for non-native English speakers*

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**Grades 10 - 12 Schedule**

- 29 to 38 Class Hours/Week
- 2 to 5 Hours Homework/Night
- Limited Time for Extracurricular Activities

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**Bac to US Grades Conversion Chart**

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**French Baccalauréat Program**

2023 marks the 68th year our students graduate with their French Baccalauréat (Bac) designation. Students choose three specialty subjects in grade 11 and continue two of the three in grade 12. Students are able to create new subject combinations while following a **common core curriculum**. Various electives are also offered.

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**Option Internationale du Baccalauréat (OIB)**

The option internationale de baccalauréat, or OIB, is the baccalauréat’s international option. Taught by French and American faculty, OIB is a challenging, optional three-year program that offers students advanced-level studies in English language & literature and an integrated curriculum in world history and geography. OIB students have an additional 3 hours of classes each week. **OIB is not a separate diploma—nor is it the International Baccalaureate (IB).** It is an additional specialization within the framework of the baccalauréat, which offers the most advanced study in three topical areas. The concept, curriculum, and evaluation standards of the OIB American Option were developed by the French Ministry of Education and the Advanced Placement division of the College Board. To meet the requirements of OIB specialization, students must pass written and oral exams given in English and evaluated by external examiners. OIB classes are honors level.
INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE

Rochambeau offers the full IB Diploma Program (DP) in the 11th -12th grades. Students in the IB program have the option to earn the IB Diploma, the French-English IB Bilingual Diploma, or the Advanced Bilingual Diploma. Dependent upon course selection, at Rochambeau, 40% - 90% of IB courses are taught in English.

The International Baccalaureate Diploma (IB) Program was founded in 1965 to provide a rigorous and well-rounded education for students through-out the world so they would qualify for university study no matter where they had pursued their high school education. The IB Diploma Program, therefore, has a common, broad curriculum that is assessed by internationally developed and graded oral and written examinations. The IB Diploma Program is unique in that it provides a globally focused liberal arts, interdisciplinary education leading to a diploma, which is recognized throughout the world. The curriculum is based on the topics and goals identified by the curriculum board of the International Baccalaureate in Cardiff, Wales.

The requirements for an IB diploma include course work and passing scores on examinations in English, a foreign language, mathematics, experimental science, social studies, and one elective; completion of a course entitled Theory of Knowledge, a 4,000-word extended essay, and 150 hours of CAS (creativity, action, and service).

International Baccalaureate to US Grades Conversion Chart

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IB DIPLOMA GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

• 24 - 42 Combined Points
• 12 or more points in HL Courses
• 9 or more points in SL Courses
• Extended Essay
• Creative/Service Activity (CAS)
• Theories of Knowledge (TOK)

IB COURSES OFFERED

• Mathematics AA Higher Level
• Mathematics AA Standard Level
• Mathematics AI Higher Level*
• Mathematics AI Standard Level*
• Biology Higher Level
• Biology Standard Level
• Chemistry Higher Level*
• Chemistry Standard Level
• Physics Higher Level
• Physics Standard Level
• English A Higher Level
• English A Standard Level
• French A Higher Level
• French A Standard Level
• French B Higher Level
• French B Standard Level*
• Spanish B Higher Level
• Spanish B Standard Level
• Film Higher Level
• Film Standard Level
• Visual Arts Higher Level
• Visual Arts Standard Level
• Economics Higher Level*
• Economics Standard Level*
• Global Politics Higher Level
• Global Politics Standard Level
• History Higher Level
• History Standard Level
• Theories of Knowledge
  • HL Courses meet 5 hours per-week
  • SL Courses meet 3 hours per-week
• All IB Courses are considered to be honors level

*courses new as of 2022-23 academic year

GRADING SYSTEM

• Trimesters
• Grading Scale 1 - 7
• Converted to US Scale
• GPA Not Calculated
UNIVERSITY ADMISSIONS FOR ROCHAMBEAU STUDENTS (CLASSES 2019-2022)

White indicates matriculation, (#) indicates more than one matriculation.

**UNITED STATES**

Albright College
Allegheny College
American University (g)
Amherst College
Baylor University
Berklee College of Music
Boston College
Boston University
Brigham Young University (Idaho)
Brigham Young University
Brown University (b)
Bryn Mawr College
California Institute of Technology (q)
Carnegie Mellon
Case Western University
Catholic University of America
City College of New York (CCNY)
Clemson University
College of the Holy Cross
Columbia University and Barnard College
Columbia University (g)
Cornell University (l)
CUNY Borough of Manhattan CC
Davidson College
Dickinson College
Drexel University
Dickinson College
Davidson College
Cornell University (2)
Catholic University of America
Carnegie Mellon
Bryn Mawr College
Brown University (2)
Brigham Young University
Brandeis University
Berklee College of Music
Baylor University
Anne Arundel CC
Allegheny College
Albright College

**CANADA**

Bishop’s University
Concordia University (3)
École Polytechnique Montréal
HEC Montreal
Laurentian University
Laval University
Le conservatoire de musique de Montréal
McGill University (18)
McMaster University
Montréal University
Polytechnique Montreal
Queen’s University
Ryerson University
Saint Mary’s University
Université de Montréal (2)
Université de Sherbrooke
University of British Columbia
University of Ottawa (2)
Université d’Ottawa (7)
Université de Montréal
Western University
York University

**FRANCE**

BBA INSEEC BUT Annecy BUT Belfort BUT Lyon
DUT Production Paris-Saclay EBI École de Biologie de Paris EECAM Ecole Ingénieur ECE Ecole Ingénieur École d’ingénieurs de PURPAN École de Design Nantes Atlantique École Nationale de Commer- ces d’Auch D2 Ecole Polytechnique (3) EDHEC BBA (3) Efrei École Ingénieur ESCP ESCP Écologique ÉISTI Ecole Ingénieur ELISA Aerospace EM Normandie Business School École Supérieure de Business ENSEMI Ecole Ingénieur EPF Ecole Ingénieur EPITA FIAB Flavrières ESAI SAoull ÉSAI École Ingénieur ESCD/École International ESSET Business School ESCE Europe (2) ESDES Business School ESSEA École Ingénieur ESIE École Ingénieur ESIIL École Ingénieur ESREM Ecole Ingénieur ESBAR Ecole Ingénieur ESSE Ecole Ingénieur ESSEA School of Management ESSEC BBA (4) ESTACA Ecole Ingénieur HEI Ecole Ingénieur INSEEC HEC Ecole de Management IESF Institut Catholique de Lille IFSI IMT Lille Doua INES Compabilité Gestion INSIA Lyon (2)

**UNIVERSITY ADMISSIONS FOR ROCHAMBEAU STUDENTS (CLASSES 2019-2022)**

**UNITED KINGDOM**

Anglia Ruskin University
Birmingham City University
City University of London
Durham University
Goldsmiths, University of London
Heriot-Watt University
Imperial College London (2)
King’s College London (3)
Kingston University
London Metropolitan University

**DUAL COUNTRIES**

Columbia University / Sciences Po
King’s College London / UCL
London School of Economics / Sciences Po
University of California, Berkeley / Sciences Po
London School of Economics / London South Bank University
Loughborough University / Middlesex University
Plymouth Marjon University
Queen Mary University of London
Royal Birmingham Conservatoire
Staffordshire University
University College London (8)
University of Aberdeen
University of Bath
University of Bristol
University of Chechester
University of East London
University of Edinburgh
University of Essex
University of Exeter
University of Glasgow
University of Leeds
University of Liverpool
University of Manchester
University of Nottingham
University of Oxford
University of Sheffield
University of Southampton
University of St. Andrews
University of Strathclyde
University of the Arts London
University of Warwick
University of Westminster
University of Windsor
University of York
Vatel International Business School
Hotel and Tourism Management

**INTERNATIONAL**

Belgium
Université Catholique de Louvain
Italy
Bocconi
Netherlands
Erasmus Universiteit Rotterdam
Leiden University College
The Hague
London School of Economics
University of Amsterdam
Spains
ESADE
IE University Madrid
Universidad Carlos III de Madrid
Switzerland
École polytechnique fédérale de Lausanne
Les Roches International School of Hotel Management
Université de Genève
Université de Lausanne
United Kingdom
London School of Economics
London South Bank University
Loughborough University
Middlesex University
Queen Mary University of London
UAE
Emirates Academy of Hospitality Management