

TAIPEI AMERICAN SCHOOL



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ACCREDITATION

US-based Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC)
Membership in National Association of Independent Schools

THE SCHOOL

Taipei American School's mission is to cultivate an enduring commitment to learning, personal well-being, and service. We provide a broad American-based education with a global perspective that develops students of character who are committed to making the world a better place.

A major initiative across all three divisions (Lower, Middle, and Upper Schools) is a continued focus on wellbeing and living a balanced, self-reflective, and compassionate life. We are also working intentionally to build, communicate and celebrate each individual's unique character strengths as well as a deeper understanding of and commitment to issues of Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion across all members of the TAS community.

THE CLASS OF 2023

The Class of 2023 is composed of 227 students; 10% of them have spent their entire academic life at Taipei American School. All students hold a foreign passport, with the majority holding American citizenship. In fall of 2023, 75% of our graduates matriculated at colleges and universities in the United States; the rest enroll in tertiary education around the world, with the Canada, the United Kingdom, Korea, Japan, Australia, and the Netherlands being popular destinations.

TAS students typically submit an average of 11 applications for admission consideration.

8:1

Student to Faculty Ratio

13

Average class size in the Upper School

70%

of Students Hold an American Passport

9

Length in Years of Average Faculty Tenure

85%

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

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Students take between six (minimum) and eight (maximum) courses per semester; they may take five courses if three or more are AP or IBHL level. All students must take courses in public speaking as well as Computer Science and Robotics to graduate.

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

English	4.0 credits	Performing & Visual Arts	1.0 credits
Mathematics	3.0 credits	Physical Education	2.0 credits
Science	3.0 credits	Public Speaking	1.0 credits
Social Sciences	3.0 credits	Electives	4.5 credits
World Language	3rd year proficiency	Advisory Program	4 years
Computer Science & Robotics	.5 credits	"Adulting 101" College Transition Program	3-day course

COVID-19 IMPACT

TAS was extraordinarily fortunate to maintain in-person classes for the majority of the 2021-2022 academic year. We shifted to online learning in May, delivering classes for a total of 11 days. However, the greatest impact on our students was felt in April and May of 2022, when a spike in cases caused the island to re-enact stricter quarantine and lock-down rules. This greatly impacted the Class of 2023's end to their junior year with classes and final assessments all online.

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

AT A GLANCE

COURSE OFFERINGS & LEARNING PATHS

TAS offers nearly 200 Honors-level or higher courses, including the Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate curricula.

Students may choose to pursue either the AP Capstone Diploma, the full IB Diploma, or select a mix of classes. The majority of students will pursue advanced coursework in at least one discipline at or beyond the AP or IB level; an average of 13% of students choose to earn the full IB Diploma.

Included below is a small sample of interesting and diverse courses from our curriculum, reflecting the depth and breadth of our course catalog:

- Architecture (Honors track option)
- Honors Film Production (5 levels)
- Forensic Science
- Honors Advanced Greek & Latin
- Honors Seminar: History of Minorities in America
- Honors International Relations
- Literature, Justice, & Law
- Honors Music Production & Technology
- Honors Quantum Mechanics & Relativity

TAS also offers several advanced courses that cover challenging material and skills far beyond the AP or IB subject matter. The courses below represent the highest level of course offered in various subjects:

- **Computer Science & Robotics:** Honors Computer Science & Robotics Research, Honors Artificial Intelligence
- **Science:** Honors Research in: Biology, Chemistry, Nanotechnology, Physics, and/or Synthetic Biology; Independent Research
- **Mandarin:** Honors Advanced Literature in Mandarin 4; Honors Seminar: Current Mandarin Topics
- **Mathematics:** Honors Modern Topics

Students may be selected to serve as Teaching Assistants, working closely with faculty to help deliver material to their fellow students after mastering the subject themselves. Students may also pursue independent research for credit off campus at local universities or academic institutions.

29

AP Courses

33

IB Courses

1,306

AP Exams Taken

454

IB Exams Taken

497

AP Students

178

IB Students

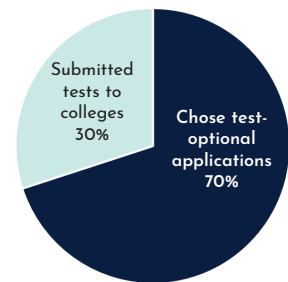
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AP Scholars with Distinction

35

Average diploma score

CLASS OF 2022 TEST SUBMISSION



GLOBAL ONLINE ACADEMY

TAS is a member of Global Online Academy (GOA), a consortium of leading independent schools from around the world whose mission is to reimagine learning to empower students and educators to thrive in a globally networked society. GOA supplements our course catalog for additional learner-centered experiences with peers in different countries.

SUMMER ACADEMY

Summer Academy courses listed on transcripts should be taken into account when considering the rigor of a student's academic profile. For over 20 years, the Taipei American School Summer Academy program has provided the TAS community with rigorous academic opportunities over the summer months. During the programs two-week or four-week sessions, students have the opportunity for enrichment in core study areas, advancement through the curriculum by fulfilling graduation requirements, and the pursuit of passions and interests in new areas. Summer Academy credit courses are not remedial, are quite rigorous and require a significant amount of time.

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.

BY THE NUMBERS

450+

Students enrolled in upper school fine or performing arts classes

11

FRC "Blue Banners" including 4 impact awards, considered the highest honor in STEM community outreach

2

Honorable Mentions in the 2022 Taiwanese American Creative Writing Prize

1st

School outside of North America to ever be recognized as a NSDA Top 100 school

4

Students presenting research at the American Chemical Society, The Concord Review, ACS Omega among others

3

Consecutive years of team recognition at the NSDA National Tournament

11

Years in a row qualifying for the VEX robotics world championships

612

612 athletes participating on TAS Tigers athletic teams

OUR APPROACH



HEAD OF SCHOOL
DR. GRACE DODGE

"We proudly offer the best of an American-based system to an international population, most of whom are already multi-lingual, multi-cultural, multi-ethnic searchers for the best of internationalism. We place heavy emphasis on ensuring that the whole child thrives here."



US PRINCIPAL
ANDREW LOWMAN

"Balance is important. Time for sleep, for conversation, and for relaxation is as important as time for study. We want students to make good choices, to maintain a healthy perspective on learning, and to take time to enjoy family, community, school, as well as sleep!"



DIRECTOR OF COLLEGE COUNSELING
MELANIE HAMRE

"We believe that failure is an important part of learning because students need to develop both resilience and a growth mindset prior to graduation. Much research shows that this is a continual process and skill to be nurtured. Failure is not something to be afraid of at TAS."



GROUNDING IN WELLNESS AND INCLUSION

PHYSICAL AND MENTAL WELL-BEING



Our mission includes a focus on helping students lead a balanced life that is not defined solely by academic measures.

DEI PROGRAMMING & INITIATIVES



Our DEI program includes all members of our community, including students, parents, families, faculty, administration, staff, board, and alumni.

CLOSE-KNIT RELATIONSHIPS



Many of our Tigers stay for the majority of their academic experience, allowing for rich KA-12 collaboration and peer mentorship opportunities.

COLLEGE MATRICULATION

BY REGION 2020-2022

Institutions where TAS graduates from the Classes of 2020-2022 enrolled. **Boldfaced** print indicates institutions attended by graduates from the Class of 2022.

UNITED STATES

- » Babson College
- » **Barnard College**
- » **Berklee College of Music**
- » Boston Conservatory
- » **Boston University**
- » **Brandeis University**
- » **Brigham Young University**
- » Brown University
- » California College of the Arts
- » California Institute of Technology
- » California Lutheran University
- » **California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo**
- » California State University, Northridge
- » California State University-Long Beach
- » Carleton College
- » **Carnegie Mellon University**
- » **Case Western Reserve University**
- » **Chapman University**
- » Colgate University
- » College of Atlantic
- » Columbia International University
- » **Columbia University**
- » Connecticut College
- » **Cornell University**
- » De Anza College
- » **Denison University**
- » **DePaul University**
- » **Drexel University**
- » **Duke University**
- » **Eastman School of Music of the University of Rochester**
- » Eckerd College
- » **Emerson College**
- » **Emory University**
- » Fashion Institute of Technology
- » **Fordham University**
- » **Franklin & Marshall College**
- » **Georgetown University**
- » Georgia Institute of Technology
- » **Goucher College**
- » Harvard University
- » **Harvey Mudd College**
- » Haverford College
- » Hult International Business School
- » Indiana University at Bloomington
- » **James Madison University**
- » **Johns Hopkins University**
- » Keene State College
- » **Kennesaw State University**
- » Lafayette College
- » Loyola Marymount University
- » Maryland Institute College of Art
- » Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- » Michigan State University
- » **New York University**
- » **Northeastern University**
- » **Northern Arizona University**
- » Northwest Vista College
- » **Northwestern University**
- » **Occidental College**
- » **Pepperdine University**
- » Pitzer College
- » **Pomona College**
- » Pratt Institute
- » **Princeton University**
- » **Purdue University**
- » Quinnipiac University
- » **Reed College**
- » **Rhode Island School of Design**
- » Rice University
- » **Santa Clara University**
- » Savannah College of Art and Design
- » School of the Art Institute of Chicago
- » Seattle University
- » **Southern New Hampshire University**
- » **Stanford University**
- » Stevens Institute of Technology
- » **Stony Brook University**
- » **Syracuse University**
- » **Temple University**
- » **The George Washington University**
- » The New School
- » **Tufts University**
- » University of Alabama
- » 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 Michigan**
- » **University of Notre Dame**
- » **University of Oregon**
- » **University of Pennsylvania**
- » University of Pittsburgh
- » University of Puget Sound
- » **University of Rochester**
- » University of San Francisco
- » **University of Southern California**
- » University of Texas at Dallas
- » **University of Texas, Austin**
- » University of Virginia
- » **University of Washington**
- » **University of Wisconsin, Madison**
- » Utah State University
- » Vanderbilt University
- » Vassar College
- » **Villanova University**
- » Virginia Commonwealth University
- » Washington University in St. Louis
- » **Wellesley College**
- » Wesleyan University
- » **Yale University**

EUROPE

- » **Amsterdam University of Applied Sciences**
- » **Ecole Hoteliere de Lausanne**
- » Erasmus University Rotterdam
- » King's College London
- » Leiden University
- » Les Roches
- » Lund University
- » **Maastricht University**
- » **Radboud University**
- » **The London School of Economics and Political Science**
- » **University College Dublin**
- » **University College London**
- » University College Utrecht
- » **University of Amsterdam**
- » University of Cambridge
- » **University of East Anglia**
- » University of Edinburgh
- » **University of Loughborough**
- » **University of Manchester**
- » University of Oxford
- » Utrecht University

AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND

- » Griffith University
- » University of Adelaide
- » University of Canterbury
- » University of New South Wales
- » University of Otago
- » University of Sydney
- » **University of Western Australia**

CANADA

- » **Carleton University**
- » McMaster University
- » **Nova Scotia College of Art & Design**
- » **Queen's University**
- » **Sheridan College**
- » **Simon Fraser University**
- » **Toronto Metropolitan University**
- » **University of British Columbia**
- » **University of Calgary**
- » University of Ontario Institute of Technology
- » **University of Toronto**
- » University of Windsor
- » Western University
- » **York University**

ASIA

- » Chinese University of Hong Kong
- » **City University of Hong Kong**
- » Hosei University
- » **International Christian University**
- » **KAIST - Korea Advanced Institute of Science & Technology**
- » Keio University
- » **Korea University**
- » National Tsing Hua University
- » **National University of Singapore**
- » Seoul National University
- » **Sophia University**
- » **Tamkang University**
- » University of Hong Kong
- » Waseda University
- » **Yonsei University**