



TAIPEI EUROPEAN SCHOOL FRENCH SECTION

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The French Section is accredited by the Agency for French Education Abroad (AEFE). TES is accredited by the Council of International Schools (CIS) and the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC).

Our School

The Ecole française de Taipei was founded in 1989. In 1992, it merged with the British and German Schools to form Taipei European School (TES), which now consists of four Sections offering European curricula in the heart of Taiwan: the French, British Primary, German and British Secondary and High School Section. The French Section is the only French school in Taiwan, and since 2017 it has been offering its students the opportunity to take the French Baccalauréat diploma. The school's name in French is the Lycée français de Taipei.

The French Section offers schooling from Petite Section (3 years old) to Terminale (18 years old), all classes are accredited by the French Ministry of Education.

Accreditation

Student Body

Taipei European School has more than 1,700 students enrolled in its four Sections, representing 57 different nationalities and cultures. Almost 400 of those students are enrolled in the French Section.

Cultural and Linguistic Diversity

98% of TES French Section students follow the French-English bilingual pathway in primary school and attend daily Chinese language classes – giving our students the opportunity to master French, English and Chinese by the time they complete primary school. From 6ème (6th grade), students also have the option to study Latin. From 5ème (7th grade), they may choose an additional modern language: Spanish or German. In middle and high school, French Section students study English and Chinese alongside their German and British Section classmates following the British national, IGCSE and International Baccalaureate curricula.

Curriculum

TES French Section classes follow the French national curriculum from Petite Section (nursery) to Terminale (12th grade). A cycle covers more than one grade and within each cycle there is a coherent set of learning goals and skills to be achieved. The curriculum is cyclical rather than linear which allows students to delve more deeply into each subject with each succeeding year. At TES French Section, the French curriculum is augmented by immersive linguistic pathways, which begin in primary school and continue through to Terminale, giving our students unrivalled language and intercultural skills and a unique learner profile, preparing them for university anywhere in the world.

| Year Group | Subjects Taught in French | Subjects Taught in English | Other Languages |
|--|--|---|--|
| 6ème (6 th grade) | French, maths, history-geography, civics and science | Art English Music Physical Education | Chinese Latin (optional) |
| 5ème & 4ème (7 th & 8 th grade) | French, maths, history-geography, civics, biology, physics, chemistry and technology | | Chinese Latin (optional) Spanish or German |
| 3ème (9 th grade) | French, maths, history-geography, civics, biology, physics, chemistry, technology, art history, music and physical education | English (IGCSE) | Chinese (IGSCSE or as a foreign language) Latin (optional) Spanish or German |
| 2nde (10 th grade) | French, physics-chemistry, history-geography, biology, physical education, economic and socialscience, maths, civics, digital and computer science | | |
| 1ère & Tle (11 th & 12 th grade) | Common subjects : French (in 1ère) philosophy (in Tle) history-geography civics physical education science 3 speciality subjects in 1ère, 2 in Tle : maths physics-chemistry biology economic and social science history, geography, geopolitics and political science foreign languages, literature and culture humanities, philosophy and literature | English (IB) | Chinese (IB or as a foreign language) Spanish or German |

Assessment

In the French system grades are determined on a numerical scale of 1 to 20.

| French grading | Letter grading |
|----------------|----------------|
| 15.5+ | A+ |
| 13.5+ | A |
| 12+ | A- |
| 11+ | B+ |
| 10+ | B |
| 9+ | B- |
| 8.5+ | C+ |
| 8 | C |
| 7.5+ | C- |
| 7 | D |
| 6 | F |



► Examinations

The Brevet:

At the end of 3ème (9th grade), French Section students take the French National Diploma Brevet (DNB) exams to validate the end of their middle school studies.

The IGCSE:

At the end of 2nde (10th grade), French Section students sit the IGCSE exams in English. They may also sit the IGCSE in Chinese.

The IB:

In Terminale (12th grade), Section French students sit the IB exams in English. They may also sit the IB in Chinese.

The French Baccalauréat:

Widely considered to be the international gold standard in measuring depth and breadth of knowledge, critical thinking, and overall academic achievement, the French baccalaureate is an extended exam period taking place at the end of 11th and 12th grades. The French baccalaureate comprises essay exams and oral exams, requiring students to summon not just “what they know” but to test their polemic, persuasive, and organizational skills.

Introducing a new version of the French Baccalauréat

Beginning with the Class of 2021, our school will offer the newest form of the French Baccalauréat (Bac). The new Bac features fewer final exams and allows a student to choose three “major” subjects (spécialités) in Classe de Première (Y11) and two in Terminale (Y12). Students will be able to create new subject combinations while maintaining the tradition of a very rigorous diploma program.

Taipei European school offers a large list of specialties

- * History-geography, geopolitics and political sciences
- * Humanities, literature and philosophy
- * Foreign language, literature and culture : ENGLISH
- * Mathematics
- * Chemistry and Physics
- * Life and earth sciences
- Economics and social sciences

All students will follow a common curriculum including three foreign languages, French Literature, Philosophy, History and Geography, a subject called enseignement scientifique and numérique, and Physical Education classes. Added to their “major” choices, these classes will constitute approximately half of all their studies.

At the end of Y11, students will take a French literature exam (written and oral), and at the conclusion of Y12, a final exam in the two specialties of their choice, plus a philosophy test and a new form of exam, Le Grand Oral. This exam, taken before a three-person- jury, is an oral defense of a two-year research project that links with at least one of their chosen specialties. In addition to these final examinations, the new Bac grade will reflect marks and test results earned throughout the two final years of school in all subjects.

► Grading System and Transcripts

Grading within the French system is unique in its philosophy and structure. While most American grades are calculated on a percentage basis, the French hold to a numerical scale that is based on the philosophical ideal of 20 as perfection. In the French system, a score of 20/20 is extremely rare, an 18/20 is excellent, and a 12/20 is good (B).

Essays are the preferred means of evaluation in all subjects. All aspects of the students’ responses are considered in assigning grades: reasoning, form and presentation of proofs, and written expression. Transcripts sent to colleges in the United States reflect the American letter grade equivalents of the original numerical grades. Taipei European School follows the grade equivalents adapted from the Franco-American Fulbright Commission for the Exchange of Scholars by French lycées in the United States. Taipei European School neither computes nor publishes class rankings.

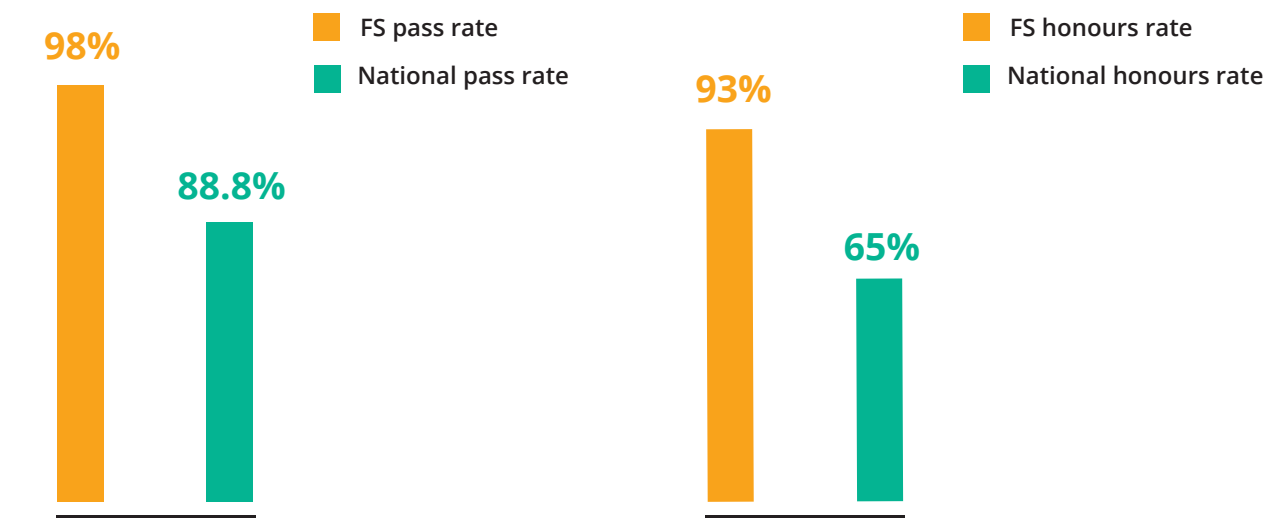


► Examination Results

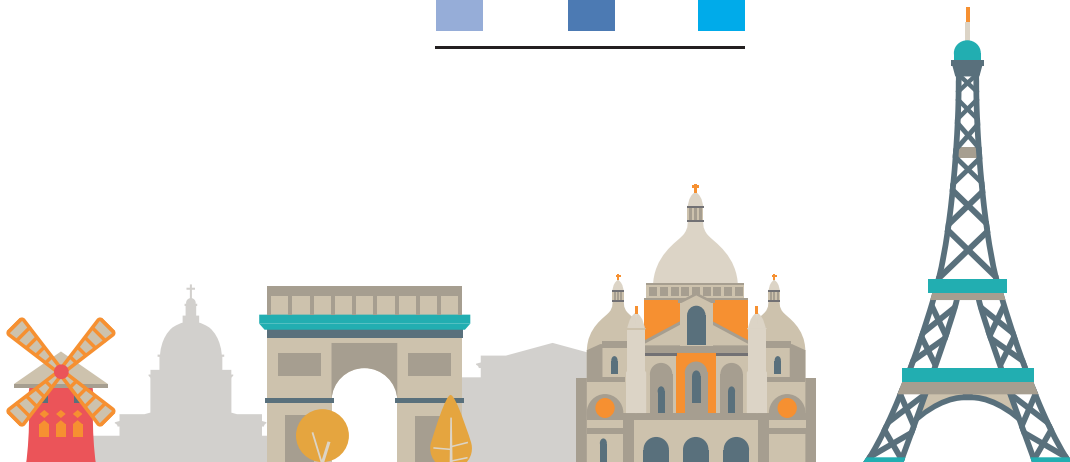
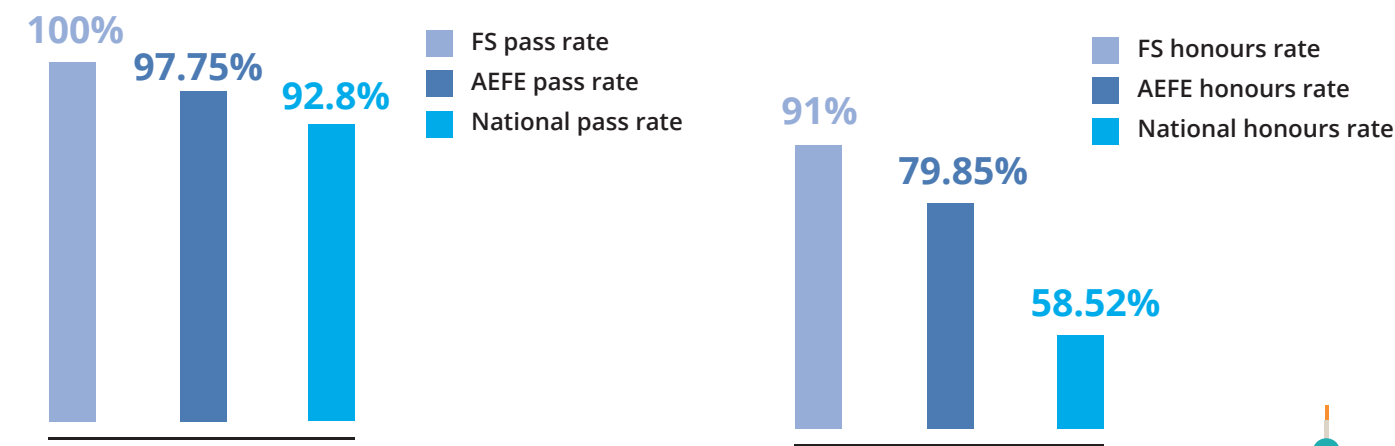
French Section students do consistently well in the English and Chinese IGCSE and IB exams. Our students have achieved a 98.9% pass rate, with a 93.5% honours rate in the Brevet for the past seven years.

The French Section opened its first 1ère (11th grade) class in 2016 and its first Terminale (12th grade) class in 2017. In the four years that FS students have sat the Bac exams, they have achieved a 100% pass rate, 90.3% of students achieving honours.

Brevet examination results 2014-2023



French Baccalauréat examination results 2017-2023



► French Section Post-Bac Offers 2017-2023

France

- Aix-Marseille Université
- Ecole de design Nantes atlantique
- Ecole de management de Normandie
- Ecole normale supérieure Lyon
- Ecole des Pupilles de l'Air - Lycée de la défense
- Ecole nationale supérieure d'architecture de Paris-Malaquais
- Ecole privée de Management Léonard De Vinci
- EDC Paris Business School
- EDHEC
- EM Lyon Business School
- ENSIL-ENSCI
- ENSISA
- ESCE
- ESC Rennes
- ESCP Europe
- ESSCA School of Management
- Essec Business School
- European Business School Paris
- HEI Lille
- IESEG School of Management
- INSA
- INSEEC
- Institut Catholique de Lille
- IPAG Business School
- ISIT
- IUT informatique Toulouse
- KEDGE BUSINESS SCHOOL
- Lycée Blaise Pascal
- Lycée du Parc
- Lycée Francois René De Chateaubriand
- Lycée général Clemenceau
- Lycée Militaire d'Aix-en-Provence
- Lycée Militaire Prytanée National
- Lycée Militaire de Saint-Cyr
- Lycée Saint-Louis
- NEOMA Business School
- PSB Paris School of Business
- Sorbonne Université
- Sciences Po
- Université Aix Marseille
- Université d'Amiens
- Université d'Angers
- Université de Bordeaux
- Université de Bretagne Sud
- Université Claude Bernard Lyon 1
- Université Clermont-Auvergne
- Université de Franche Comté
- Université Grenoble Alpes
- Université Gustave Eiffel
- Université Jean Moulin Lyon 3
- Université de Lille
- Université Lumière-Lyon 2
- Université de Nantes
- Université de Montpellier
- Université Paris 8
- Université Paris 13

- Université Paris Dauphine
- Université Paris Descartes 5
- Université Paris Diderot 7
- Université Paris Est
- Université Paris Nanterre
- Université Paris Saclay
- Université Paris Sud (Orsay)
- Université Paul Sabatier Toulouse 1
- Université de Rouen-Normandie
- Université de Strasbourg
- Université Toulouse 1 Capitole
- Université de Versailles
- UTT Université de Technologie de Troyes

United Kingdom

- King's College
- Lancaster University
- London College of Fashion
- Loughborough University
- SOAS London
- University of Bath
- University of Exeter
- University of Manchester
- University of St Andrews
- University of Warwick

Europe

- Université catholique de Louvain, Belgium
- Ecole hôtelière de Lausanne, Switzerland
- EFPL Lausanne, Switzerland
- Vatel Hotel and Tourism Business School, Switzerland
- Eindhoven University of Technology, The Netherlands
- University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands

North America

- University of South California
- University of Michigan

Canada

- Carleton University
- Concordia University
- McGill University
- McMaster University
- Simon Fraser University
- University of British Columbia
- University of the Fraser Valley
- University of Toronto
- Université de Montreal
- Université de Québec à Trois-Rivières

Asia and the Middle East

- Chinese University of Hong Kong
- Hong Kong Polytechnic
- Northwestern University in Qatar



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