LFC French International School

**40+** nationalities **30+** languages
**REPRESENTED**

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**Independent School Association of the Central States (ISACS)**

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# School Profile 2025-2026

**The Lycée Français de Chicago, driven by our core values of respect, responsibility and the joy of learning, empowers students to grow into active global citizens.**

Through our inclusive, multilingual and pluricultural learning environment and our true immersion-based curricula—offering both French Baccalaureate and International Baccalaureate programs—we give students from pre-K through grade 12 an outstanding, unique experience.

The LFC's educational excellence enables our students to thrive around the world, in college and throughout their academic, professional and personal lives.

## Active Global Citizens

The LFC empowers students to become well-rounded, active global citizens ready to take on tomorrow's challenges.

We educate our students to be responsible citizens of the world who employ critical thinking, problem-solving, creativity, adaptability and who act with the utmost integrity. To accomplish this, we instill each student with a global perspective that includes awareness, respect and empathy for others. We teach them to understand diverse cultural nuances, to communicate in multiple languages and to navigate the world with confidence.

## CLASS OF 2026

## Core Courses

- Civics
- French Literature
- Modern Language B
- (German, Mandarin or Spanish)
- Philosophy
- Physical Education
- Sciences

## BFI-Specific Courses

- English Literature
- Global Issues
- History-Geography (In English)
- History-Geography (In French)

## Specialty Courses

- Biology
- Computer Science
- Economics
- Geopolitics
- Humanities, Literature and Philosophy
- Mathematics
  (Gr. 11: Precalculus, Gr. 12: Calculus)
- Physics - Chemistry

## Electives Grades 9-12

- Additional Foreign Language
- Latin
- Visual Arts

## Electives Grade 12 Only

- **Complex Number Theory** - most advanced Mathematics course, only for students enrolled in the Mathematics specialty
- **Applied Mathematics** - only for students not enrolled in Mathematics specialty

## Graduation Standards and Requirements

LFC students in the French Baccalaureate program usually graduate with two diplomas: a US high school diploma and the French Baccalaureate. French Baccalaureate coursework prepares students for a series of French national qualifying examinations known as the Baccalaureate (Bac). **Final exams, both written and oral, are evaluated by external examiners.** One of the hallmarks of the Bac is the Grand Oral, an oral defense of a one-year research project related to one or both of their grade 12 specialty courses.

# French Baccalaureate

LFC students in the French Baccalaureate program follow the curriculum established by the French Ministry of Education. Instruction is primarily in French with the exception of English and BFI courses. This program, which culminates in rigorous examinations over the course of grades 11 and 12, fosters self-discipline and organization while encouraging the development of critical thinking and analytical skills.

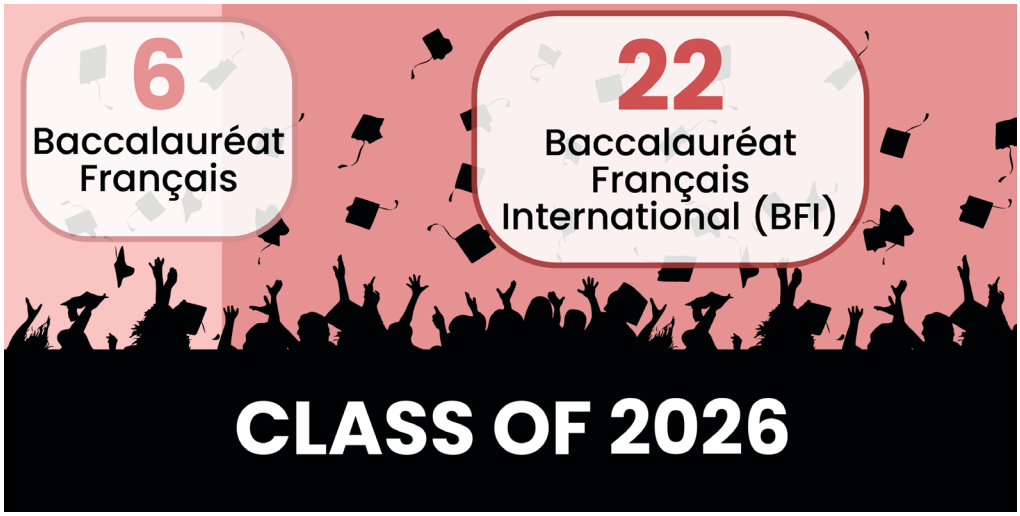
In grades 9-12, students take courses from the **core**. Students choose three **specialty** courses in grade 11. These courses are the equivalent of **high honors-level** courses and meet four hours per week. Students continue with two of these specialty courses in grade 12, meeting six hours per week. (See tables to the left.) All specialty coursework in grade 12 is on par with **college level** courses. Students may also take additional courses not offered at LFC through CNED, an accredited online provider of French Baccalaureate courses.

## American Section - Baccalauréat Français International (BFI)

The American section of the French Baccalaureate - the Baccalauréat Français International (BFI) - is a bilingual and bicultural program developed by the French Ministry of Education in partnership with the College Board.

The BFI is a demanding two-year diploma program chosen by academically minded global citizens, equally at ease in French and in English and determined to make a difference in the world. The BFI diploma brings together the best of two distinct perspectives on education. It combines the rigor and breadth of the French national curriculum - anchored in liberal arts, culture, and critical thinking - with the American tradition of inquiry-based experimental learning, initiative, and creativity.

The BFI-specific **college level** courses make academic and linguistic demands on an equal level in English and French, providing students with a university entrance qualification valid in both the US and France. **For non-native English speakers, enrollment in the BFI serves as proof of English proficiency** (in lieu of the TOEFL, IELTS, etc.).




## Baccalauréat Examination Results

| Year | Students | Passed | % Honors at LFC | % Honors in N. America |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2021 | 32 | 100% | 94% | 89% |
| 2022 | 25 | 100% | 96% | 94% |
| 2023 | 26 | 100% | 100% | 93% |
| 2024 | 29 | 100% | 100% | 94% |
| 2025 | 27 | 100% | 97% | 91 % |

# International Baccalaureate

LFC is an International Baccalaureate World School that offers both the IB Diploma Programme in grades 11 and 12 and the IB Middle Years Programme in grades 9 and 10.

## IB in Grades 9–10
### Middle Years Programme (MYP)

In grades 9 and 10, students take at least one course from the six different MYP subject groups (see list). In addition, students create and implement a research-based service project called the **Community Project** (grade 9) and a **Personal Project** (grade 10), which is a student-centered practical exploration of an area of interest through a cycle of inquiry, action and reflection.

**LANGUAGES** (2 classes req., up to 4 opt.)

**-Language & Literature** (1-2 req.)

- English Language & Literature (req.)
- French Language & Literature
- German Language & Literature
- Spanish Language & Literature

**-Language Acquisition**

(French req. if Fr. Lang & Lit. class is not taken, other languages are optional)

- French
- German
- Mandarin
- Spanish

**Individuals & Societies** (3 req.)

- Business & Management (req.)
- Global Politics (in French only)
- History (req.)
- Psychology (req.)

**Sciences** (req.)

- Sciences (Integrated Biology, Physics & Chemistry)

**MATHEMATICS**

**-Grade 9** (req.)

- Mathematics

**-Grade 10** (1 req.)

- Standard Mathematics
- Extended Mathematics

**The Arts** (req.)

- Visual Arts

## IB in Grades 11–12
### Diploma Programme (DP)

In grades 11 and 12, students pursuing the IB Diploma choose three subjects to study at **Higher Level (HL)** and three at **Standard Level (SL)**. In addition, students must also complete several IB **Core** requirements: Theory of Knowledge (TOK), a course about critical thinking and inquiry; Creativity, Activity and Service (CAS), a continuation of the Community Project culminating in a portfolio; and the Extended Essay (EE), a 4000 word externally assessed independent research paper on a subject of the student's choosing. Students may also take additional courses not offered at LFC through Pamoja, an accredited online provider of IB courses.

**Language & Literature** (1-2 req.)

- English A: Language & Literature (SL/HL)
- French A: Language & Literature (SL/HL)
- German A: Language & Literature (SL/HL)

**Language Acquisition** (1 req. if only 1 Lang & Lit. class is taken)

- French ab initio (SL) - beginner
- French B (SL) - intermediate

**Individuals & Societies** (1 req. + 1 opt.)

- Business (SL/HL)
- Global Politics (SL - in French)
- History (SL/HL)
- Psychology (SL/HL)

**Sciences** (1 req. + 1 opt.)

- Biology (SL/HL)
- Chemistry (SL/HL)
- Physics (SL/HL)

**Mathematics** (1 req.)

- Analysis & Approaches (SL/HL)
- Applications & Interpretation (SL)

**The Arts** (Students may opt to take a 2nd science, 2nd Indiv. & Soc., or 3rd language class instead of Visual Arts.)

- Visual Arts (SL/HL)

## The LFC offers 3 distinct IB Diplomas

### IB Diploma

The majority of LFC IB students graduate with two diplomas: a US high school diploma and the IB Diploma. The IB Diploma Programme culminates in **six final exams, evaluated by external examiners**, in the student's chosen HL and SL courses. Students must receive a minimum of 24 points total on their exams - each subject is graded on a scale of 1-7 - in order to receive the IB Diploma. At least 12 points must come from HL subjects and 9 from SL subjects. In addition, students must successfully complete the IB Core (TOK, CAS and EE). The maximum number of points awarded is 45 (7 per subject + 3 additional points for TOK and EE).

### Bilingual Diploma (BD)

An IB Bilingual Diploma will be awarded to a candidate who successfully earns a 3 or higher in two different Language & Literature courses.

### Advanced Bilingual Diploma (ABD)

At LFC, an IB Advanced Bilingual Diploma will be awarded to a candidate who earns a 4 or higher in all three of the following courses:

- French A: Language & Literature
- English A: Language & Literature
- Global Politics (in French)

### International Baccalaureate Diploma Examination Results

| Year | Students | LFC Pass Rate | World Avg. Pass Rate | Bilingual Diploma | Advanced Bilingual Diploma* |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2021 | 16 | 100 | 89% | 12 | * |
| 2022 | 14 | 93% | 86% | 11 | * |
| 2023 | 16 | 88% | 79% | 4 | * |
| 2024 | 24 | 100% | 80% | 16 | 8 |
| 2025 | 25 | 92% | 81% | 16 | 3 |

**Adv. Bilingual Diploma offered beginning in 2024.*

## Community Service & Cultural Exchanges

LFC is committed to educating students to become well-rounded members and leaders in a global community. All high school students must complete ten hours of community service each year in grades 9-12. Additionally, students are encouraged to participate in international student exchange programs in grade 10. Many language courses also take students on international field trips throughout their high school experience.

## Grading & Ranking

The French Bac and IB grading systems are different than those used in traditional US high schools. Official LFC transcripts sent to US universities reflect the American letter grade equivalents as established in the Grade Conversion Table below. All courses are unweighted on a 4.0 scale. LFC does not calculate nor publish class rankings.

### Grade Conversion Table

| US | French BAC | IBDP | IBMYP |
|---|---|---|---|
| **A+** | 15-20 | 7 | 8 |
| **A** | 14 | 6 | 7 |
| **A-** | 13 | 5 | 6 |
| **B+** | 12 | - | - |
| **B** | 11 | 4 | 5 |
| **B-** | 10 | - | 4 |
| **C+** | 9 | - | - |
| **C** | 8 | 3 | 3 |
| **C-** | 7 | - | - |
| **D+** | 6 | - | 2 |
| **D** | 5 | 2 | 1 |
| **D-** | 4 | - | - |
| **F** | 3 | 1 | 0 |

## 2021–2025 University Matriculation

100% of LFC students go on to attend institutions of higher education after graduation, most frequently in the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, and France. **Names in bold represent class of 2025 matriculation.**

### United States

Arizona State University
Barnard College
Bates College
Boston College
Boston Conservatory at Berklee
**Boston University**
Case Western Reserve University
Chapman University
Colgate University
Columbia College Chicago
Columbia University - Sciences Po*
DePaul University
Drake University
Drew University
**Drexel University**
Eckerd College
Embry-Riddle Aeronautica l University
Emerson University
Georgetown University
Grove City College
Harvard University
**Harvey Mudd College**
Hope College
Howard University
**Illinois Institute of Technology**
Illinois State University
Kenyon College
Louisiana State University
Loyola University Chicago
Miami University
**Michigan State University**
Mount Holyoke College
**New York University**
**Northeastern University**
**Northwestern University**
Parsons School of Design
**Purdue University**
San Diego State University
Santa Clara University
Savannah College of Art and Design
Scripps College
Smith College
**Southern Methodist University**
Syracuse University
Temple University
Texas Christian University
**Tulane University**
University of California, Berkeley
University of California, Berkeley - Sciences Po*
University of California, Irvine
**University of California, Los Angeles**
University of California, San Diego
University of Chicago
University of Colorado
University of Florida
University of Georgia
University of Illinois at Chicago
**University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign**
University of Miami
University of Michigan
University of Minnesota
**USC, Hong Kong University of Science & Technology, & Bocconi University****
University of Vermont
**University of Virginia**
**University of Wisconsin**
Vanderbilt University
Vassar College
**Virginia Tech**
Warren Wilson College
**Washington University in St. Louis**
**Williams College**
**Worcester Polytechnic Institute**
**Yale University**

### France

**Atelier de Sèvres**
**CentraleSupélec - McGill University***
**École Nationale Supérieure de Technologie des Biomolécules de Bordeaux**
**EDHEC Business School**
EFREI Paris
**EM Lyon Business School**
EM Normandie
ESCP Business School
ESSCA School of Management à Angers
**HEC Paris-Bocconi***
Institut Catholique d'Arts et Métiers
**Institut Catholique de Lille**
Institut Catholique de Paris
IPAG Business School
KEDGE Business School
Lycée Chaptal
**Lycée Louis le Grand**
**Lycée Paul Valery**
Lycée Sainte-Marie
Lycée Thiers à Marseille
**Nantes Université**
**Sciences Po Paris**
Sciences Po - Columbia University*
Sciences Po - Univ. of British Columbia*
Sciences Po - UC Berkeley*
Sciences Po Paris - Sorbonne
Toulouse Business School
Université Grenoble Alpes
**Université Lumière - Lyon 2**
Université Paris Nanterre
**Université Paris 1 Panthéon Sorbonne**
Université Toulouse 1 - Capitole

### United Kingdom

Durham University
**King's College London**
London School of Economics
University College London
University of Edinburgh
University of Essex
**University of Hertfordshire**
University of Manchester
University of Oxford

### Canada

Concordia University
**McGill University**
**McGill University - CentraleSupélec***
Queen's University Canada
University of British Columbia
University of British Columbia - Sciences Po*
University of Ottawa
University of Toronto
Western University

### Other

**Amsterdam University College - Netherlands**
Amsterdam Fashion Academy - Netherlands
Bocconi University - Italy
**École Hotelièr de Lausanne - Switzerland**
École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne - Switzerland
**Eindhoven University of Technology - Netherlands**
**Erasmus University Rotterdam - Netherlands**
Glion Institute of Higher Education - Switzerland
**HEC Paris-Bocconi***
HEC Lausanne - Switzerland
**IE University - Spain**
**New York University Shanghai - China**
**Trinity College Dublin - Ireland**
**University of Amsterdam - Netherlands**
**University of Europe for Applied Sciences - Germany**
Universidad CEU Cardenal Herrera - Spain
**USC, Hong Kong University of Science & Technology, & Bocconi University****
Webster University - Austria

*Dual Degree Programs
**Triple Degree Programs