

# TAIPEI EUROPEAN SCHOOL Lycée Français de Taipei

## Academic Profile 2025-2026



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### Our School

Lycée Française de Taipei (LFT) 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 LFT 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.

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

### Accreditation

LFT 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).

### 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 LFT.

### Cultural and Linguistic Diversity

98% of LFT 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 (6<sup>th</sup> grade), students also have the option to study Latin. From 5ème (7<sup>th</sup> grade), they may choose an additional modern language: Spanish or German.

## ► Curriculum

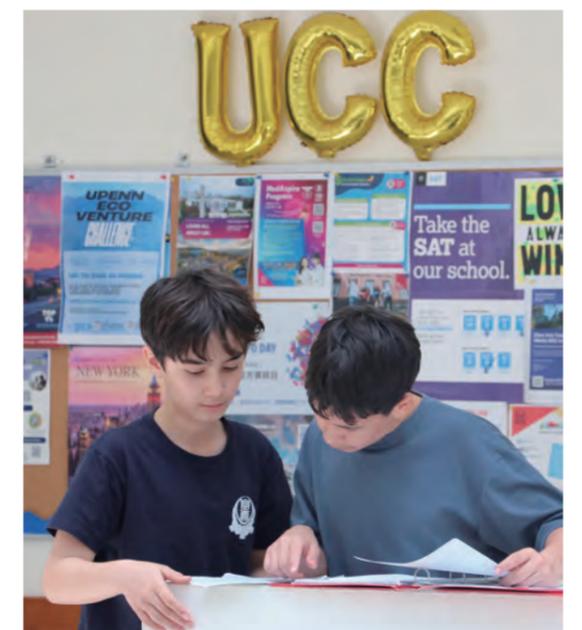
LFT classes follow the French national curriculum from Petite Section (nursery) to Terminale (12<sup>th</sup> grade). A cycle covers more than one grade and within each cycle there is a coherent set of learning goals and skills to be achieved. The curriculum is cyclical rather than linear which allows students to delve more deeply into each subject with each succeeding year. At LFT, 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 <sup>th</sup> grade)	French, maths, history-geography, civics and science	Art English Music	Chinese Latin (optional)
5ème & 4ème (7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> grade)	French, maths, history-geography, civics, biology, physics, chemistry and technology	Physical Education Social Studies	Chinese Latin (optional) Spanish or German
3ème (9 <sup>th</sup> grade)	French, maths, history-geography, civics, biology, physics, chemistry, technology, art history, music and physical education	English (IGCSE)	Chinese Latin (optional) Spanish or German
2nde (10 <sup>th</sup> grade)	French, physics-chemistry, history-geography, biology, physical education, economics and social science, maths, civics, digital and computer science		
1ère & Tle (11 <sup>th</sup> & 12 <sup>th</sup> grade)	<p>Common subjects :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>French (in 1ère)</li> <li>philosophy (in Tle)</li> <li>history-geography</li> <li>civics</li> <li>physical education</li> <li>science</li> </ul> <p>3 speciality subjects in 1ère, 2 in Tle :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>maths</li> <li>physics-chemistry</li> <li>biology</li> <li>economics and social science</li> <li>history, geography, geopolitics and political science</li> <li>foreign languages, literature and culture</li> <li>humanities, philosophy and literature</li> </ul>	<p>English BFI (Baccalauréat Français International) American track:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* History-Geography</li> <li>* Literature, Language and culture (ACL)</li> <li>* Global Studies (Connaissance du Monde)</li> </ul>	Chinese 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 (9<sup>th</sup> grade), LFT students take the French National Diploma Brevet (DNB) exams to validate the end of their middle school studies.

### 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 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

In addition, the rigorous nature of the French Baccalaureate program entails students extended hours of study. Students may spend up to 35 hours a week in class, with some lessons extending until 6 p.m., depending on the schedule. As a result, students often have limited time for extracurricular activities, with most of their focus dedicated to academic achievement and preparation for final exams. This demanding schedule, combined with substantial independent study, ensures that students are well-equipped for the academic demands of higher education.

### 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.

## ► The BFI (Baccalauréat Français International):

In addition to the French Baccalaureate, students have the option to complete the International French Baccalaureate, or BFI. The Baccalauréat Français International (BFI) is an advanced and globally recognized qualification within the French education system, tailored for students who are pursuing a rigorous bilingual or trilingual academic program. The BFI is an international version of the French Baccalauréat Général, offering a curriculum that integrates in-depth studies in multiple languages alongside the core subjects required by the French Baccalauréat. In this school, selected ambitious students will pursue the American track of this program, with the U.S being the focus of study.

The BFI is particularly well-suited for students aiming for higher education in international settings, including American and British universities. It includes specialized subjects, known as Spécialités, which provide a deeper focus in key areas such as Mathematics, Sciences, Humanities, and Languages. In addition to these core subjects, students also study "BFI Subjects" like Literature, Language & Culture, History-Geography, and Global Issues, often taught in a foreign language to foster a comprehensive international perspective.

This qualification is equivalent in rigor and scope to programs like the International Baccalaureate (IB) and A Levels, making it highly valued by universities in the U.S. and the U.K. BFI graduates are recognized for their strong linguistic abilities, critical thinking skills, and their ability to perform at a high academic level in multiple languages. Furthermore, the BFI is often accepted as proof of English language proficiency, with students typically achieving levels comparable to C1/C2 on the CEFR scale.

In sum, the BFI prepares students for the demands of higher education in an international context, equipping them with the skills and knowledge needed to succeed at prestigious universities worldwide.

## ► 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).

### The BFI:

In Terminale (12<sup>th</sup> grade), some Section French students will complete the BFI exams in English.

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.

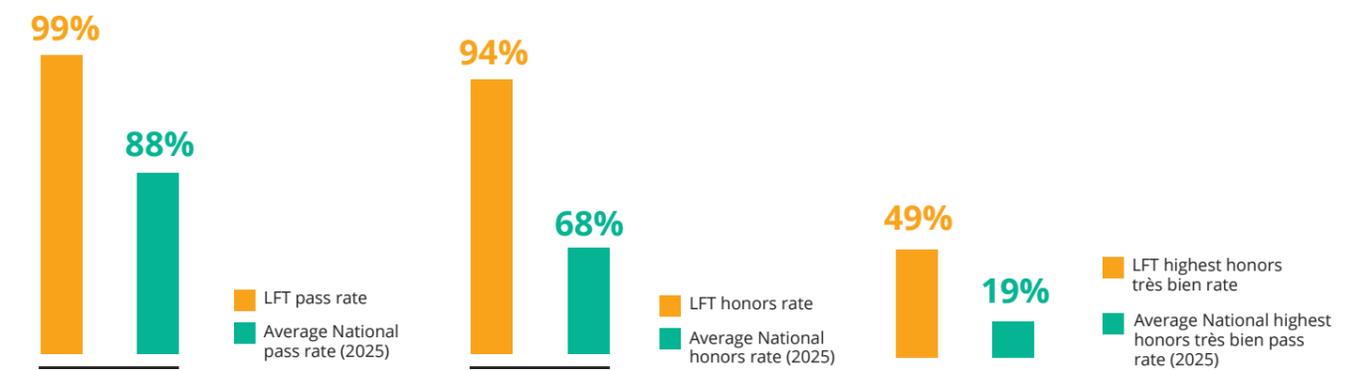
## ► Examination Results

The students at the Lycée Français de Taipei have done consistently well in their examinations. From 2017-2024, 99% of the students have passed the Brevet, which is a national diploma awarded to French students at the end of middle school (collège). Furthermore, 94% of the students received honors, and 49% received Très bien highest honors, which is the highest distinction awarded to students in France.

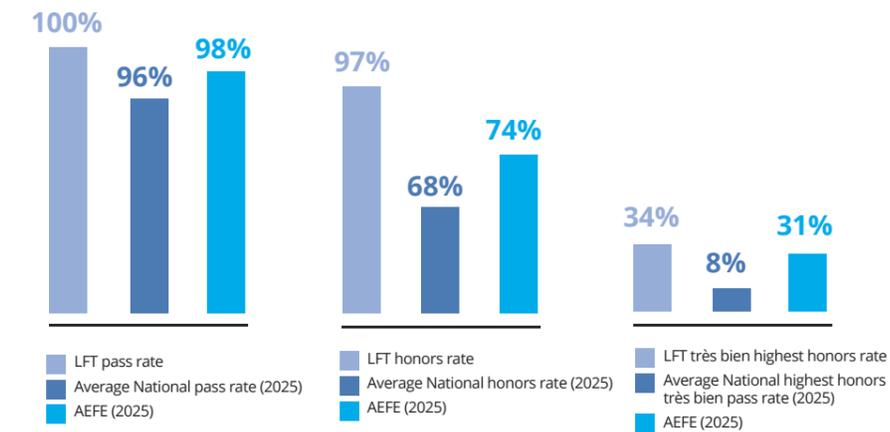
The Lycée Français de Taipei opened its first 1ère (11th grade) class in 2016 and its first Terminale (12th grade) class in 2017. From 2017-2025, students consistently received high results of their Baccalaureate exams, with 100% passing rate and honors, and 28% très bien highest honors, the highest distinction.

For the BFI results, students received 100% passing rate with 33% students receiving highest honors with distinction.

### Brevet examination results 2017-2025



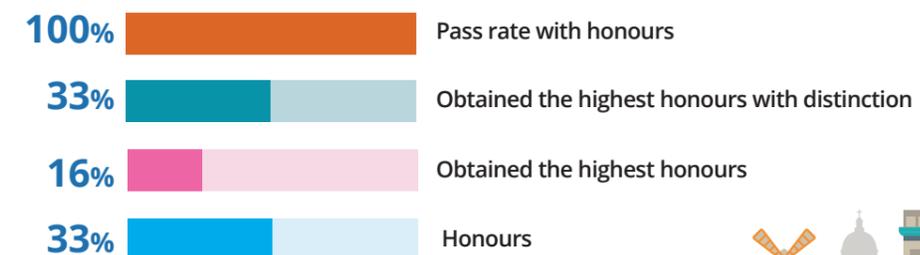
### French Baccalauréat examination results 2017-2025



### BFI



### BFI examination results 2025



## LFT Post-Bac Offers 2017-2025

### France

#### Arts

- Ecole de design Nantes atlantique
- Ecole nationale supérieure d'architecture de Paris-Malaquais

#### Ecole de commerce-Business school

- EDHEC
- ESCP Europe
- ESSCA
- ESSEC
- IESEG
- KEDGE
- EM Lyon

#### Ecole d'ingénieur

- INSA -Toulouse
- IUT informatique Toulouse
- UTC Compiègne
- Groupe INP
- HEI Lille

#### CPGE (classes préparatoires aux grandes écoles)- CPES (cycle pluridisciplinaire d'études supérieures)

##### Paris

- Lycée Blaise Pascal (Paris)
- Lycée Saint-Louis (Paris)
- Lycée Henri IV (Paris)

##### Province

- Ecole normale supérieure Lyon
- Lycée du Parc (Lyon)
  - Lycée François René De Chateaubriand (Rennes)
  - Lycée général Clemenceau (Nantes)
  - Lycée Militaire de Saint-Cyr
- Lycée Pierre de Fermat (Toulouse)
- Lycée Stanislas (Nice)
- Lycée Faidherbe (Lille)

#### Communication

- ISIT (Institut supérieur d'interprétation et de traduction)

#### Sciences Politiques

- SciencesPo Paris (campus du Havre)
- Espol (European School of Political and Social Sciences) Lille

#### Universités (parcours sélectif ou double licence)

##### Paris

- Sorbonne Université
- Université Gustave Eiffel
- Université Paris 8
- Université Paris 13
- Université Paris Dauphine
- Université Paris Descartes 5
- Université Paris Diderot 7
- Université Paris Saclay
- Université Paris Sud (Orsay)

##### Province

- Université Aix Marseille
- Université Claude Bernard Lyon 1
- Université Jean Moulin Lyon 3
- Université Lumière-Lyon 2
- Université catholique de Lille
- Université de Montpellier
- Université Paul Sabatier Toulouse 1
- Université de Strasbourg

### United Kingdom

- Durham University
- King's College London
- London College of Fashion
- SOAS London
- University College London
- University of Edinburgh
- University of Exeter
- University of Glasgow
- University of Manchester
- University of St Andrews
- University of Warwick

### Europe

- Ecole hôtelière de Lausanne, Switzerland
- EFPL Lausanne, Switzerland
- Eindhoven University of Technology, The Netherlands
- Istituto Marangoni, Milan (Fashion Management)
- Université catholique de Louvain, Belgium
- University College Maastricht (Liberal Arts)
- University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- Vatel Hotel and Tourism Business School, Switzerland

### North America

- Northwestern University
- UC Davis
- UC Irvine
- University of Southern California
- University of Michigan

### Canada

- Concordia University
- HEC Montréal
- McGill University
- Simon Fraser University
- University of British Columbia
- Université de Montréal
- Université de Québec à Trois-Rivières
- University of Toronto (Business)
- University of Waterloo (Biology)

### Asia and the Middle East

- Chinese University of Hong Kong
- Hong Kong Polytechnic
- National Taiwan Normal University NTNU (Global Studies)
- National Chengchi University NCCU (Economics)
- Northwestern University in Qatar



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