

Eleventh Grade (*Première*)

American Section Program

Curriculum information: www.americansection.org/academics/the-upper-school/eleventh-grade-premiere

Bilingual: Full French curriculum with an additional 8 hours in the American Section (Literature and History).

American Section Class Size: three classes of 18-20 students each.

Placement

Estimated number of places available next year: 0-2 places, **bilingual only**.

Campus Placement: All students in *Première* are enrolled full-time on the Lycée International campus.

Eligibility

Age: 16 years old (Candidates should be born in 2011 to enroll in this class)

Level of English: Applicants must possess native-level English (spoken, written, comprehension) to be considered for the program. We do not have a "*classe d'accueil*" for local French students.

Level of French: Applicants must possess native-level French (spoken, written, comprehension) to be considered for the program. We do not have a French-immersion program at this grade level.

In addition, candidates must currently be enrolled in *Seconde* in an accredited French school, preferably with a **BFI** track (*Baccalauréat Français International*).

Applications

Applications should be submitted online via the American Section website from December 1 to January 8 for the following school year at: www.americansection.org/admissions/your-application

Required documents: Birth certificate, photo, English grade reports for all candidates (three years including the current year), French grade reports for all candidates (three years including the current year), two writing samples, curriculum information, and a teacher recommendation (form provided). Complete instructions will be available online once you log in.

Testing

A written test is required for all candidates. An individual interview may be scheduled at a later date for selected candidates as part of a second round of assessments.

Local candidates: A written test will take place on-site **Wednesday afternoon, January 27, 2027**. Details will be communicated to families in mid-January. Based upon the written results, selected candidates will receive an interview date for some time in March.

Overseas candidates: A written test will take place online **Saturday, January 23, 2027**. Details will be communicated to families in mid-January. Based upon the written results, selected candidates will receive an interview date for some time in March.

Spécialités

Due to the recent French *baccalauréat* reforms, students must now choose three *spécialités* among eight possibilities in eleventh grade (*Première*). The Lycée International offers the following choices:

- *Histoire-Géographie-Géopolitique et Sciences Politiques (HGGSP)*
- *Humanités-Littérature-Philosophie (HLP)*
- *Maths*
- *Science Numérique et Science Informatiques (NSI)*
- *Science de la Vie et de la Terre (SVT)*
- *Physique/Chimie (PC)*
- *Science Economiques et Sociales (SES)*
- *Arts Plastiques*

French Immersion/Français Spécial (FS) program

Our French immersion program is not available at this grade level. Candidates must be fully bilingual - English/French - in order to apply.

Timeline

December 1 - January 8	Application file submitted
January- April	Testing
June	Acceptances sent

Diploma: Baccalauréat Français International (BFI):

<https://www.americansection.org/academics/fostering-intellectual-curiosity/oib-to-bfi>

The **Baccalauréat Français International (BFI)** was created by the French government to offer a genuinely bilingual education to its citizens living abroad or returning from overseas, as well as to foreigners studying in French schools around the world or residing in France for a significant period of time. It is a particularly demanding version of the French Baccalaureate.

After following a fully bilingual curriculum during their last two years of Upper School, students take oral and written exams in English and French, each language having to be at a standard enabling them to work at ease in any subject at university level.

Baccalaureate Results: <https://www.americansection.org/about-us/our-program/academic-record>

University Placements: <https://www.americansection.org/academics/the-upper-school/university-placement>

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