Lycée Chicago





220
High School Students

40+ nationalities **30+** languages
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International Baccalaureate

Independent School Association of the Central States (ISACS)

Illinois State Board of Education

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The French International School

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School Profile 2026-2027

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.

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



Active Global Citizens

Lycée Chicago 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 and 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 div erse cultural nuances, communicate in multiple languages and navigate the world with confidence.

CLASS OF 2027



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

- Additional Foreign Language
- Latin
- Visual Arts
- **Introduction to Law** (Grade 12 only)
- **Applied Mathematics I** (Grade 11)
- **Applied Mathematics II** (Grade 12)

For students enrolled in Mathematics specialty

- **Complex Number Theory** - (Grade 12, most advanced Mathematics course)

Baccalauréat Examination Results

Year	Students	Passed	% Honors at Lycée
2022	25	100%	96%
2023	26	100%	100%
2024	29	100%	100%
2025	27	100%	97%
2026	28	100%	89%

French Baccalaureate

Lycée Chicago 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 Lycée Chicago 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.

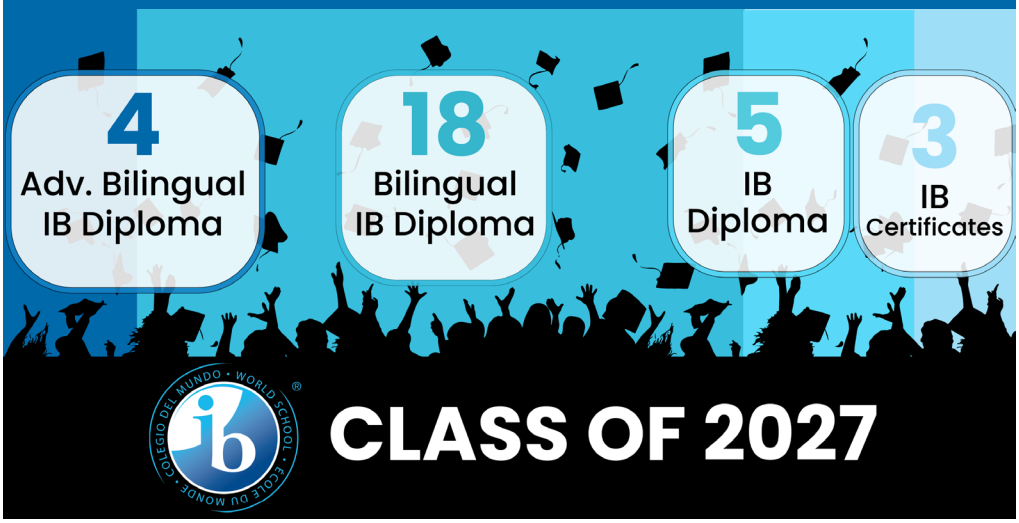
The BFI-specific **college-level** courses make academic and linguistic demands on an equal level in English and French, providing students with a university entrance qualification valid in both the US and France. **For non-native English speakers, enrollment in the BFI serves as proof of English proficiency**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



Graduation Standards and Requirements

Lycée 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.

International Baccalaureate



Lycée Chicago 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 Lycée 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)

Lycée Chicago offers 3 distinct IB Diplomas

IB Diploma

The majority of Lycée 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 Lycée, 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	Lycée Pass Rate	World Avg. Pass Rate	Bilingual Diploma	Advanced Bilingual Diploma *
2022	14	93	86%	11	*
2023	16	88%	79%	4	*
2024	24	100%	80%	16	8
2025	25	92%	81%	16	3
2026	16	88%	83%	8	3

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





Community Service & Cultural Exchanges

Lycée Chicago 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 Lycée Chicago 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. Lycée Chicago does not calculate or 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

2022–2026 University Matriculation

United States

Barnard College
Boston College
Boston Conservatory at Berklee
Boston Univ.
Case Western Reserve Univ.
Chapman Univ.
Colgate Univ.
College of the Holy Cross
Columbia Univ.**
DePaul Univ.
Drew Univ.
Drexel Univ.
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical Univ.
Emerson Univ.
Fordham Univ.
Georgetown Univ.
Grove City College
Harvey Mudd College
Hope College
Howard Univ.
Illinois Institute of Technology
Illinois State Univ.
Indiana Univ.
Louisiana State Univ.
Loyola Univ. Chicago
Miami Univ.
Michigan State Univ.
Mount Holyoke College
New York Univ.
Northeastern Univ.
Northwestern Univ.
North Carolina State Univ.**
Pennsylvania State Univ., Behrend
Pomona College
Purdue Univ.
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
Santa Clara Univ.
Sarah Lawrence College
Savannah College of Art and Design
Scripps College
Smith College
Southern Methodist Univ.
Syracuse Univ.
Tulane Univ.
Univ. of California, Berkeley
Univ. of California, Berkeley**
Univ. of California, Los Angeles
Univ. of California, San Diego
Univ. of California, Santa Barbara
Univ. of Chicago
Univ. of Colorado
Univ. of Florida
Univ. of Georgia
Univ. of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Univ. of Maine
Univ. of Miami
Univ. of Michigan
Univ. of Minnesota
Univ. of Southern California**
Univ. of Vermont
Univ. of Virginia
Univ. of Washington
Univ. of Wisconsin
Vanderbilt Univ.
Virginia Tech
Washington Univ. in St. Louis
Williams College
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Yale Univ.

France

Atelier de Sèvres
CentraleSupélec**
École Nationale Supérieure de Technologie des Biomolécules de Bordeaux
École Polytechnique**
EDHEC Business School
EM Lyon Business School
EM Normandie
ESCP Business School
ESSEC Business School
Institut Catholique d'Arts et Métiers
Institut Catholique de Lille
KEDGE Business School
Lycée Chaptal
Lycée Louis le Grand
Lycée Paul Valery
Lycée Sainte-Marie
Nantes Université
Sciences Po Paris
Sciences Po**
SKEMA Business School
Toulouse Business School
Université Claude Bernard, Lyon 1
Université de Bordeaux
Université Lumière - Lyon 2
Université Paris Nanterre
Université Paris 1 Panthéon Sorbonne
Université Toulouse 1 - Capitole

United Kingdom

King's College London
London School of Economics
Univ. College London
Univ. of Edinburgh
Univ. of Essex
Univ. of Hertfordshire
Univ. of Manchester
Univ. of Oxford

Canada

Concordia Univ.
McGill Univ.**
Queen's Univ. Canada
Univ. of British Columbia
Univ. of British Columbia**
Univ. of Ottawa
Univ. of Toronto
Western Univ.

Other

Austria
Webster Univ.

China
Hong Kong Univ. of Science and Technology***
New York Univ. Shanghai

Germany
Univ. of Europe for Applied Sciences

Netherlands
Amsterdam Univ. College
Amsterdam Fashion Academy
Eindhoven Univ. of Technology
Erasmus Univ. Rotterdam
Maastricht Univ.

Ireland
Trinity College Dublin**
Univ. of Amsterdam

Italy
Bocconi Univ.*
Humanitas Univ.

Switzerland
École Hotelièr de Lausanne
Glion Institute of Higher Education
HEC Lausanne

Spain
IE Univ.
Universidad CEU San Pablo

Names **in bold** represent class of 2026 matriculation.

*Some Lycée students go on to pursue dual degree programs (**) or triple degree programs (***) at these schools.