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ACADEMIC PROFILE 2008-2009

Type: Coeducational boarding college-preparatory school

Grades: 9-13, Post Graduate Year

Enrollment: 380

Accreditation: Middle States Association, European Council of Independent Schools, ISO 9001 (First boarding school worldwide)

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SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY

Leysin American School (LAS), founded in 1961, is a co-educational college prep boarding school, grade 9-13, and post-grad, serving 380 students from around the world. The senior class consists of 120 students. The school is located in the alpine village of Leysin, in the French speaking region of Switzerland. It is located about 2 hours from Geneva. English is the language of instruction. LAS is owned by the Foundation for the Advancement of International Education, a non-profit organization overseen by the Swiss government.

The parents of LAS students come from a variety of business, government, and other professional backgrounds. Approximately 29% of our student body consists of students from the U.S. Other major groups include students from Asia (12%), Latin America (10%), Kazakhstan (8%), and Russia (8%). Students represent 58 countries.

All students have wireless access to a computer system, and mandatory cell phones. The facilities include a media center/library, blackbox theater, computer lab, dance, arts, and ceramics studios, and access to horseback riding, ice skating, tennis, hockey, and swimming. Students are expected to participate in our winter skiing/snowboarding program or an alternative winter sport. LAS offers a comprehensive IB program, while maintaining an ESL program and one AP AB/BC Calculus class.

FACULTY INFORMATION

The faculty to student ratio at LAS is 1:8 and the average class size is 14. LAS employs 70 full-time faculty, of which almost all live on campus. 95% are native English speakers. 70% hold advanced degrees.

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE

Most of the IB courses offered in grades 11 and 12 extend over two years. All students participate to varying degrees in the IB program. Full IB diploma candidates follow an intensive prescribed two-year curriculum that, upon completion, is equivalent to a thirteenth year of high school. Most IB courses require a variety of assessments that complement externally graded examinations administered at the completion of the course. Students who study one or more IB classes can earn certificates that may enable them to receive advanced standing credit at college.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

The school year consists of two semesters, beginning in mid-August and concluding in early June. All students follow a college prep program and are enrolled in seven courses, with each course meeting for 50 minutes per day. One half credit is awarded for the successful completion of each semester course. There is a minimum of 24 total credits required to graduate.

- 4 English credits
- 3 Modern Language } or 7 ESL credits
- 3 Social Studies, including U.S. History
- 3 Mathematics, including Algebra 2/ Trigonometry
- 3 Science, including Biology
- 2 Fine Arts
- 1 Theory of Knowledge
- 1 Physical Education/Health
- 3 Electives

1 Computer (or demonstrated proficiency)

* In addition, we require 2 graded reports per year based on European cultural excursions. This grade is transcribed, but not included in the GPA. A minimum TOEFL score of 525 (pbt), 195(cbt), or 70 (ibt) is required for graduation.

IB COURSES OFFERED 2008/2009

Group I Language A1

(Literature: mother tongue) English SL, HL;

Group II Languages A2 or B (second language)

French Ab Initio, B SL, HL; German Ab Initio, B SL; Spanish B SL;

English B SL, HL or A2 HL (for ESL students)

Group III Individuals and Society

History SL, HL; Psychology SL, HL; Economics SL, HL;

Geography SL, HL

Group IV Experimental Sciences

Biology SL, HL; Chemistry SL, HL; Physics SL, HL;

Environmental Systems

Group V Mathematics

Mathematics HL, Math SL, Math Studies SL; Further Math

Group VI Sixth Subject

Visual Arts SL, HL

Another subject from Groups I-IV

IB RESULTS

	2006/07	2007/08
No. of students registered for exams	127	133
No. of Full Diploma Candidates	35	33
Av. points by student passing Diploma	31/45	31/45
Highest Diploma points awarded	40/45	39/45

Selected Subject results:	LAS Avg.	World Avg.
English B HL	5.73	5.56
English A2 HL	5.38	5.77
French B HL	6.43	5.37
Spanish B SL	6.8	4.96
History Americas HL	5.43	4.47
Biology HL	5.11	4.14
Physics HL	3.83	4.48
Chemistry SL	4.00	4.03
Visual Arts SL	5.25	4.46
Math SL	4.94	4.53

TESTS OFFERED

All juniors take the PSAT. Students take the SAT Reasoning Test and Subject Tests, and ACT during their junior and senior years at LAS, which is a testing center. The TOEFL is taken throughout the school year. A minimum TOEFL score of 525 (pbt), 195 (cbt), 70 (ibt) is required for graduation. Test results include ESL students and students from 54 different nations. Nearly 60% of LAS graduates come from a home where the primary language is not English.

SAT REASONING RESULTS

	Critical Reading	Math	Writing
Class of 2008	487	544	507
Class of 2007	474	534	478
Class of 2006	460	531	

1 National Merit Semi-Finalist 2006-2007

2 National Merit Scholar Commendations 2006-2007

3 National Merit Scholar Commendations 2007-2008

Scores reflect varied linguistic backgrounds.

GRADING SYSTEM

The grading system is based on a 4.0 scale, with a passing mark of D. AP and IB courses are weighted by .5 before averaging them with other grades. GPA is calculated based on subjects taken only at LAS. Cultural trips and activities are not included in the GPA.

Students are eligible for academic recognition as follows:

Deans' List	3.7 and above
Honors List	3.40 - 3.669

Induction into the National Honor Society is based upon the demonstration of academic excellence, leadership, service, and character.

DISTRIBUTION OF GPA'S CLASS OF 2008-2009

Grade Average	# students
4.0+	9
3.5-3.99	22
3.0-3.49	23
2.5-2.99	20
2.0-2.49	15
1.5-1.99	6
Less than 1.5	0



GRADING SYSTEM contd.

Highest level available in course offerings:

English	IB HL A1 English
Mathematics	IB Further Math IB HL Math AP Calculus
Social Studies	IB HL Economics IB HL History IB HL Geography IB HL Psychology
Sciences	IB HL Biology IB HL Chemistry IB HL Physics
Foreign Languages	IB HL French IB SL Spanish B IB SL German B



CLASS RANK

We do not provide class rankings for seniors. There is no appropriate ranking system that would adequately account for highly transitory international students, many of whom come here from schools in countries with different grading systems.

CURRICULUM FEATURES

ESL

All non-native English speakers coming from a school which is not English speaking are tested upon admission, and are placed in either ESL 1 (beginning level), 2 or 3 and mainstreamed according to their progress. Currently about 60% of our student body are non-native English speakers, and about 34% are enrolled in the ESL program.

THEORY OF KNOWLEDGE (TOK)

This is a required course for all seniors. It examines western philosophy, artistic and cultural traditions, and includes trips to European centers of western culture – such as Florence or Rome. If a senior is still enrolled in ESL classes, he/she is required to take the ESL Humanities Class.

CULTURALS

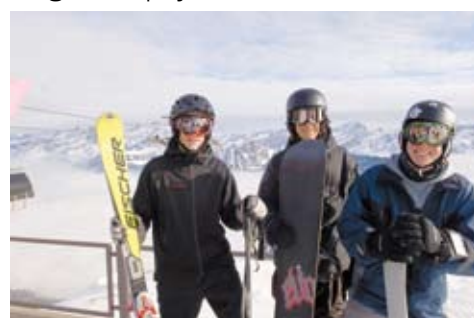
These 4-5 day required school trips are taken twice each year, within Switzerland and around Europe. In small groups, students study and explore the history and culture of a city or region. Study and writing time are given during the evenings, and a student report is required following the excursion. Cultural reports are graded and transcribed, but no credit is given and grades are not calculated in the GPA.

SPORTS ACTIVITY PROGRAM

The mandatory after-school sports program is carefully monitored to provide a physical education equivalent. Students must participate in at least two activities per week, one of which is a college preparation class during first semester for seniors only. In the winter, all students are expected to participate in full afternoon ski or snowboarding groups, or an alternative winter sport offering. The winter academic schedule is adjusted and hours extended during non-ski days to allow appropriate class contact hours. There is also a graded physical education elective course offered during the school day.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

STUCO (Student Council)	Honor Band/Choir
Model United Nations	School Newspaper
ACN (Assisting Children in Need)	Drama/Music Productions
Yearbook	Habitat for Humanity
Peer Tutoring	Open Mic (Musical Performance)
National Honor Society	Multiple Sports





COLLEGE MATRICULATION HISTORY (2005-2008)

99% of LAS students attended college or university worldwide
(bold indicates matriculation)

UNITED STATES

Albright College (PA)
Aldelphi University (NY)
American University (DC)
Arizona State University (AZ)
Auburn University (AL)
Augsburg College (MN)
Babson College (MA)
Bates College (ME)
Baylor University (TX)
Bennington College (VT)
Bentley College (MA)
Boston College (MA)
Boston University (MA)
Brown University (RI)
Bryant University (RI)
Bryn Mawr College (PA)
Bucknell University (PA)
California Institute of Technology
California State University, East Bay
California State Univ., Monterey Bay
California State Univ., San Bernardino
Carnegie Mellon University (PA)
Chapman University (CA)
Claremont McKenna College (CA)
Clark University (MA)
Clarkson University (NY)
Colgate University (NY)
College of William and Mary (VA)
College of Wooster (OH)
Colorado College
Colorado School of Mines
Colorado State University
Columbia University (NY)
Connecticut College
Cornell University (NY)
Culinary Institute of America (NY)
Dartmouth University (NH)
Dean College (MA)
Denison University (OH)
DePaul University (IL)
Dickinson College (PA)
Drexel University (PA)
Duke University (NC)
Dusquesne University (PA)
Eckerd College (FL)
Elizabethtown College (PA)
Elon University (NC)
Emerson College (MA)
Emory University (GA)
Evergreen State College (WA)
Florida Institute of Technology
Fordham University (NY)
Franklin and Marshall (PA)
George Washington University (DC)
Gettysburg College (PA)
Gonzaga University (WA)
Grinnell College (IA)
Guilford College (NC)
Gustavus Adolphus College (MN)
Hamilton College (NY)
Harvard University (MA)
Hawaii Pacific University
Hobart and William Smith (NY)
Howard University (DC)
Illinois Institute of Technology
Ithaca College (NY)
James Madison University (VA)

Johns Hopkins University (MD)
Kalamazoo College (MI)
Kenyon College (OH)
Knox College (IL)
Lafayette College (PA)
Lake Forest College (IL)
Lawrence University (WI)
Lewis and Clark College (OR)
Linfield College (OR)
Loyola Marymount College (CA)
Lynn University (FL)
Macalester College (MN)
Manhattanville College (NY)
Marist College (NY)
Mary Baldwin College (VA)
Marymount College (CA)
Marymount Manhattant College (NY)
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Menlo College (CA)
Miami University (OH)
Middlebury College (VT)
Morehouse College (GA)
Mt. Holyoke College (MA)
Muhlenberg College (PA)
New York Film Academy
New York University
Northeastern University (MA)
Occidental College (CA)
Ohio Wesleyan University
Otis College of Art and Design (CA)
Pace Univ., Pleasantville-Briarcliff (NY)
Pacific Lutheran University (WA)
Pennsylvania State University (PA)
Pepperdine University (CA)
Pitzer College (CA)
Portland State University (OR)
Princeton University (NJ)
Providence College (RI)
Purdue University (IN)
Quinnipiac University (CT)
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (NY)
Rhode Island School of Art & Design
Ringling School of Art and Design (FL)
Rochester Institute of Technology (NY)
Roger Williams University (RI)
Rollins College (FL)
Saint Leo University (FL)
Saint Mary's College of California
San Diego State University (CA)
Savannah College of Art and Design (GA)
Seattle University (WA)
Sefton Hall University (NJ)
Skidmore College (NY)
Smith College (MA)
Southern Methodist University (TX)
St. Mary's College of California
St. Mary's University of San Antonio (TX)
St. Olaf University (MN)
Stanford University (CA)
Stetson University (FL)
Suffolk University (MA)
SUNY College at Old Westbury (NY)
Susquehanna University (PA)
Syracuse University (NY)
Texas A&M University
Texas Christian University
Trinity College (CT)
Trinity University (TX)
Tufts University (MA)

Tulane University (LA)
Tuskegee University (AL)
Union College (NY)
United States Airforce Academy (CO)
University of Arizona
University of California, Davis
University of California, Los Angeles
Univ. of California, Santa Barbara
University of California, Santa Cruz
University of Colorado, Boulder
Univ. of Colorado, Colorado Springs
University of Connecticut
University of Delaware
University of Denver (CO)
University of Florida
University of Georgia
University of Hawaii
Univ. of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
University of Mary Washington (VA)
University of Maryland, College Park
University of Massachusetts, Amherst
University of Miami (FL)
University of Michigan
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
Univ. of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
University of Notre Dame (IN)
University of Oregon
University of Pennsylvania
University of Puget Sound (WA)
University of Rhode Island
University of Richmond (VA)
University of Rochester (NY)
University of San Diego (CA)
University of San Francisco (CA)
University of Southern California
University of St. Thomas (TX)
University of Tampa (FL)
University of Texas, Austin
University of Texas, San Antonio
University of the Pacific (CA)
University of the South (TN)
University of Vermont
University of Virginia
University of Washington
University of Wisconsin, Madison
University of Colorado, Denver
Univ. of North Carolina, Asheville
Vanderbilt University (TN)
Vassar College (NY)
Virginia Military Institute
Wake Forest University (NC)
Washington University (MO)
Western Washington University
Wheaton College (MA)
Whitman College (WA)
Willamette University (OR)
Woodbury University (CA)
Worcester Polytechnic Institute (MA)
Yale University (CT)

CANADA

Acadia University
Bishops University
Carleton University
Concordia University
McGill University
Queen's University
Ryerson University

Simon Fraser
St. Francis Xavier College
St. Mary's University
University of Alberta
University of British Columbia
University of Calgary
University of Northern British Columbia
University of Ottawa
University of Saskatchewan
University of Toronto
Vancouver Film School
York University

UNITED KINGDOM

British American College London
Brunel University
Cardiff University
Chelsea College of Art and Design
City University
European Business School London
King's College London
London College of Communication
London College of Fashion
London Metropolitan University
Middlesex University
Oxford Brookes University
Queen Mary, University of London
Regents College
Richmond University
Royal Holloway, University of London
Southampton Solent University
University College London
University of Aberdeen
University of Bath
University of Brighton
University of Bristol
University of Buckingham
University of Edinburgh
University of Exeter
University of Greenwich
University of Leeds
University of Manchester
University of Nottingham
University of Sheffield
University of St. Andrews
University of Sussex
University of the Arts London
University of Warwick
University of Westminster

CONTINENTAL EUROPE

American University, Paris, France
Jacobs University Bremen, Germany
New York University, Florence, Italy
Turiba School of Business Administration, Latvia
European University Barcelona, Spain
Cesar Ritz College, Switzerland
Ecole Hoteliere de Lausanne, Switzerland
Franklin College, Switzerland
Gilon Institute of Higher Education, Switzerland
Webster University, Switzerland