



Academic Profile

2021-2022 | CEEB: 796570 | IB School Code: 000642

LAS responded to the COVID-19 pandemic by putting the safety of our community first and concluding in-person classes on March 12, 2020. Students continued to learn remotely until the end of the school year and were assessed using the Standards-Based During the Grading scale. During the 2020-21 academic year, students were in person in Leysin with some periods of synchronous remote learning.

ABOUT LEYSIN AMERICAN SCHOOL IN SWITZERLAND (LAS)

Established in 1961, LAS is majority owned by the Foundation for the Advancement of International Education, a non-profit organization overseen by the Swiss government. It is managed by the 3rd generation of the founding family. LAS is a coeducational boarding school located in the Alpine village of Leysin in the French-speaking region of Switzerland.

ENROLLMENT

301 students, grades 7-12 + post graduate year, senior class of 91 students.

ACCREDITATION

NEASC, European Council of Independent Schools, IB Organization, Memberships in International and National Associations for College Admission Counseling, including the Association of College Counselors in Independent Schools.

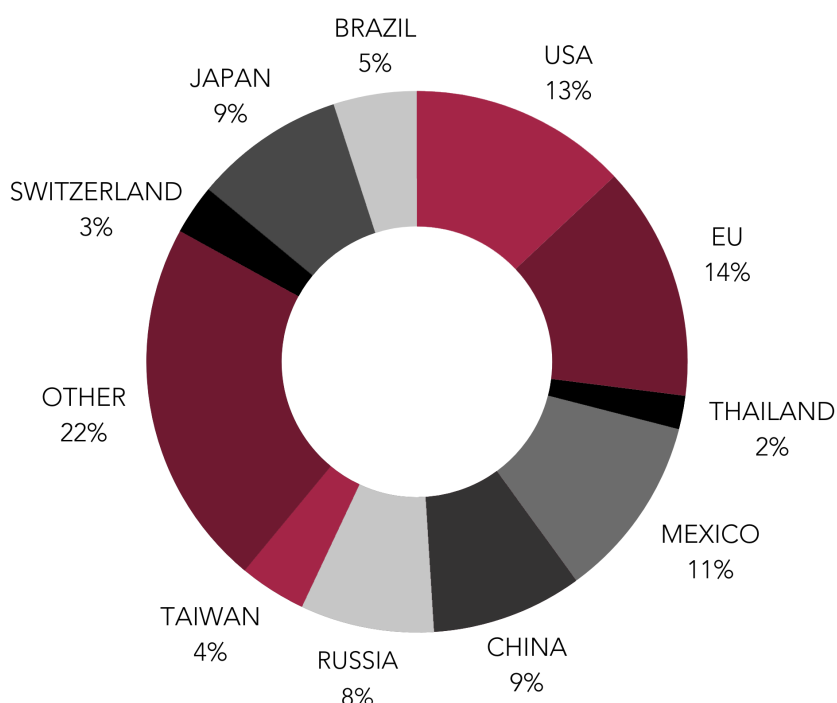
ACADEMICS

Four-year LAS diploma (US high school credential), AP courses, the International Baccalaureate (IB) Programme, a pre-high school for grades 7 and 8, and an ELA program.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

The school year consists of two semesters. The year begins in late August and concludes in early June. All students follow a university preparatory program and are enrolled in a minimum of seven courses. One half credit is awarded for the successful completion of each semester course. Students need a minimum of 24 total credits to graduate.

OUR STUDENT BODY:



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1:4 Faculty to student ratio

10 Average class size

212 Classes/sections

96% Faculty who are native English speakers

76% Faculty who hold advanced degrees

Required Credits & Grading System

4 English Language

3 Modern Language

or 7 English Language Acquisition (ELA) credits

3 Science

3 Mathematics

3 Social Studies

1 Theory of Knowledge

1 Fine Arts

6 Electives

GRADING

The grading system is based on a 1 to 7 scale with a passing mark of 3.

CLASS RANK

LAS does **not** rank. 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.

ACADEMIC HONESTY

LAS encourages students to strive for excellence and to conduct themselves with academic honesty. Personal integrity and mutual trust are of the utmost importance. Therefore, if a student has two or more instances of academic dishonesty, university advisors are required to report these infractions on student college or university applications.

SAT Scores

Class of 2021, Middle 50%

EBRW	Math	Total
560-670	570-710	1210-1400

Due to Covid-19 and the fact that many universities waived their SAT requirement, the SAT was taken by 25 students from the Class of 2021. All scores, including those from non-native English speakers, are included.

International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme

IBDP 2021

2021

2020

48

Full IB Diplomas Earned

Number of Graduates

84

62

Diploma Candidates

49

38

Candidates Earning Diploma

48

35

% DP Passing at LAS

98%

92.1%

% DP Passing World

88.96%

85%

% Passing with Bilingual Diploma

33%

24%

Average Score

34

34

Highest Score

44

44

34

Average Points by Students Passing

44

Highest Diploma Points Awarded

Curriculum Features

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ENGLISH LANGUAGE ACQUISITION (ELA)

All non-native speakers are tested upon admission to be placed in the appropriate level of ELA 1, 2, 3, or mainstream courses. Approximately 60% of the students are non-native English speakers and 30% are enrolled in the ELA program.

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THEORY OF KNOWLEDGE (TOK)

This is a required course for all seniors that examines Western philosophy. TOK typically includes a trip to European centers, however this aspect of the class may be modified or cancelled for the 2021/2022 school year due to the Coronavirus pandemic. In the past students have visited cities such as Florence, Venice, or Rome. ELA seniors are required to take the ELA TOK class.

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CULTURAL TRIPS

These school trips typically take place each year within Switzerland and Europe, however for the 2021/2022 school year they may be modified or canceled due to the Coronavirus pandemic. In past years, students on these trips have studied and explored the history and culture of a city or region. Studying time is provided during the evenings and a student report is required following the excursion.

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LAS EDGE CLASSES

These cutting-edge classes emphasize progressive education, soft skill development, creative expression, and exploration. These electives transcend subject areas, giving students ample time to practice personal agency and engage in creative personal exploration. These classes prioritize creativity, self-awareness, and self-motivation, giving students the freedom to pursue topics deeper, collaborate with each other effectively, and take charge of their own learning.

List of Courses (Grades 11-PG)

STUDIES IN LANGUAGE & LITERATURE

IB English A: Language &
Literature HL/SL
IB Self-Taught A: Literature SL
English 3
English 4
Literature and Reading

INDIVIDUALS & SOCIETIES

IB Business Management HL/SL
IB Economics HL/SL
IB Environmental Systems &
Societies SL
IB Geography HL/SL
IB Global Politics HL/SL
IB History HL/SL
IB Psychology HL/SL
IB Theory of Knowledge
AP European History
AP Macroeconomics
AP Microeconomics
Economics
Foundations of Learning and Knowledge
Geography
History

LANGUAGE ACQUISITION (SECOND LANGUAGE)

IB English B HL/SL
IB French Ab Initio SL
IB French B HL/SL
IB German Ab Initio SL
IB Spanish Ab Initio SL
IB Spanish B SL
Beginner French
Intermediate French
Beginner German

MATHEMATICS

IB Mathematics Analysis &
Approaches HL/SL
IB Mathematics Applications &
Interpretations HL/SL
AP Calculus AB
Applied Mathematics
Pre IB/AP Math
Statistics

ARTS & ELECTIVES

IB Visual Arts HL/SL
Studio Art

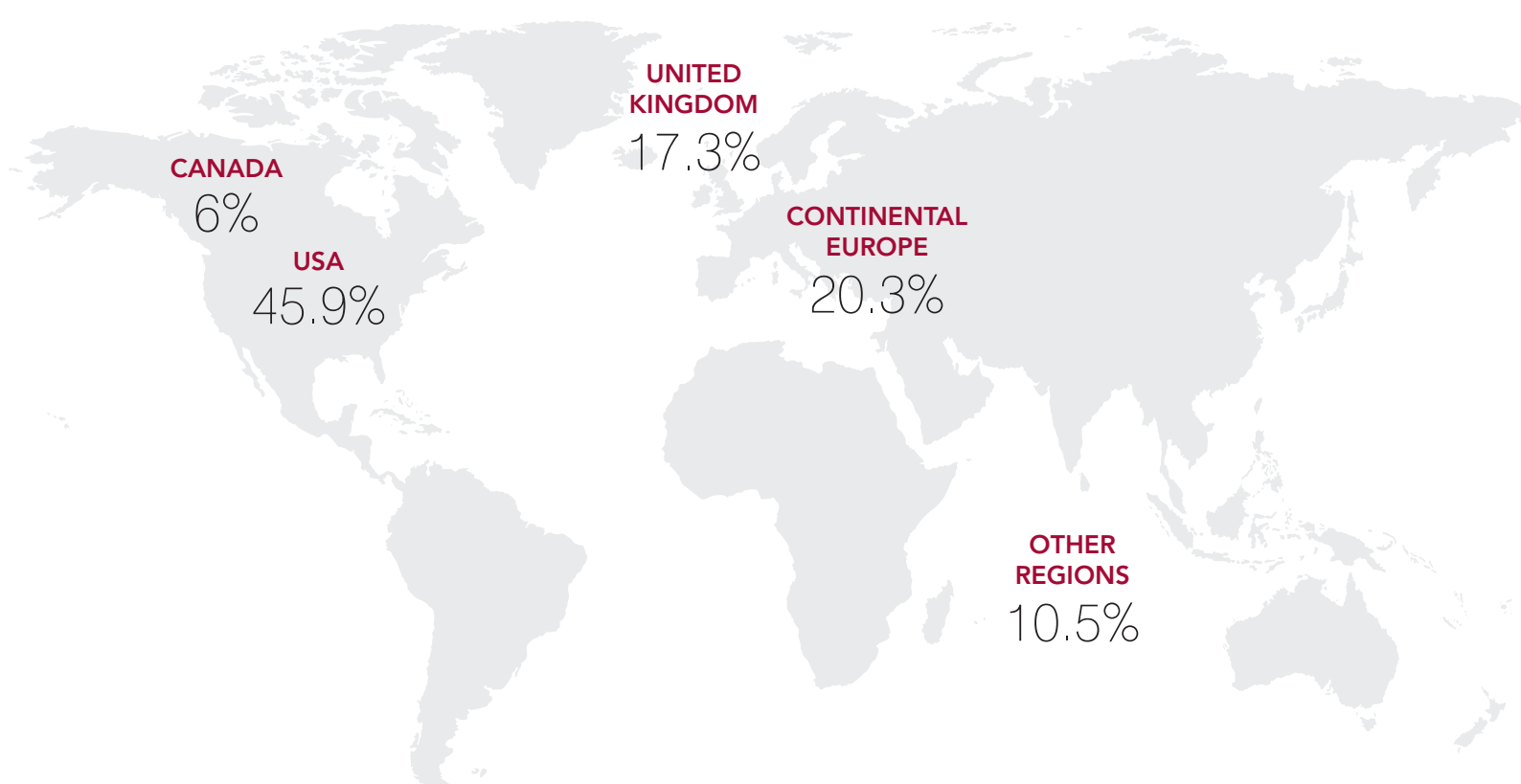
EXPERIMENTAL SCIENCES

IB Astronomy SL
IB Biology HL/SL
IB Chemistry HL/SL
IB Environmental Systems &
Societies SL
IB Physics HL/SL
AP Biology
AP Chemistry
AP Physics 1
Biology
Integrated Lab Science

LAS EDGE ELECTIVES (UNGRADED)

Engineering
Entrepreneurship
Global Issues Network
Music Events Management

University Matriculation 2019-2021



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CANADA

Acadia University
Concordia University
Huron University College at Western
McMaster University
University of British Columbia
University of Prince Edward Island
University of Toronto
Vancouver Film School

CONTINENTAL EUROPE

American Graduate School of Business
American University of Paris
Business School Lausanne
Cesar Ritz Colleges Switzerland
Ecole cantonale d'art de Lausanne
Ecole Hôtelière de Lausanne (EHL)
Erasmus Universiteit Rotterdam
ESADE
EU Business School - Geneva
Franklin University Switzerland
Glon Institute of Higher Education
IE University - Madrid
Institut Quimic de Sarria
Istituto Marangoni
Les Roches
Parsons Paris - The New School
Toulouse Business School
Universitat Ramon Llull - Blaquerna
Universitat Ramon Llull - La Salle Bonanova
Université Libre de Bruxelles
University of Amsterdam
University of Gastronomic Sciences
University of Strasbourg
Utrecht University
Vienna University of Economics and Business
Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam
Webster University - Vienna

UNITED KINGDOM

Bishop Grosseteste University
Brunel University London
City, University of London
Hult International Business School - London
Imperial College London

King's College London
New College of the Humanities
Queen Mary, University of London
Regent's University London
Royal Holloway, University of London
SOAS, University of London
University College London
University of Cambridge
University of East Anglia
University of Edinburgh
University of Leicester
University of Manchester
University of St Andrews
University of Sussex
University of the Arts London
University of Warwick
University of Westminster

UNITED STATES

Adelphi University
American University
Babson College
Bentley University
Berklee College of Music
Blinn College
Boston University
Bryant University
California College of the Arts
Colorado College
Colorado School of Mines
Columbia University
Drexel University
Duke University
Emerson College
Emory University
Fashion Institute of Technology
Fordham University
George Washington University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Hult International Business School - San Francisco
Indiana University-Bloomington
Kenyon College
Loyola Marymount University
Loyola University Chicago
Michigan State University
Middlebury College
Minerva Schools At Keck Graduate Institute
New York University
Northeastern University
Pace University - NYC
Pennsylvania State University
Pitzer College

Purdue University
Purdue University - Northwest
Santa Monica Community College
Simmons University
Southern Methodist University
Stevenson University
Suffolk University
Syracuse University
Texas Tech University
The New School
Tulane University of Louisiana
University of California - Berkeley
-Davis
-Irvine
-Riverside
-Santa Cruz
United States Coast Guard Academy
University at Buffalo
University of Arizona
University of Delaware
University of Hawaii at Manoa
University of Miami
University of Minnesota - Twin Cities
University of North Texas
University of Notre Dame
University of Southern California
University of Washington
Washington University in St Louis
Whittier College

WORLDWIDE

Bond University
Faap - Fundação Armando Alvares Penteado
Griffith College
Higher School of Economics
IBMEC Sao Paulo
Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology
Macquarie University
Monash University
TEC de Monterrey
Thammasat University
Universidad Anahuac
Universidad del Valle de Mexico - Monterrey
Universidad Iberoamericana
University of Auckland