



academic profile

2017-2018

quick info

- ▶ **Type:** Coeducational boarding university-preparatory school
- ▶ **Grades:** 7-13, Post Graduate Year
- ▶ **Enrollment:** 320
- ▶ **Accreditation:** NEASC, European Council of Independent Schools, ISO 9001(First boarding school worldwide)
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school and community

Leysin American School (LAS), established in 1961 and managed by the 3rd generation of the founding family, is a coeducational university-preparatory boarding school, grades 7-13, and post-graduate year. It serves 320 students from around the world. The senior class consists of 76 students. The school is located in the Alpine village of Leysin in the French-speaking region of Switzerland, about 2 hours from Geneva. English is the language of instruction. LAS is majority 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 12% of our study body are from the US. Other major groups include students from Brazil (7%), China (12%), European Union (10%), Japan (4%), Kazakhstan (3%), Mexico (13%), Russia (12%), Saudi Arabia (2%), Iran (2%), and Ukraine (3%). Students represent more than 50 countries.

The four-year US high school diploma and the International Baccalaureate (IB) Program give students eligibility to study at universities worldwide. LAS offers an extensive summer school, a pre-high school for grades 7 and 8 and an ESL program. Students live in 6 single-sex dormitories on the 14-building campus. In October 2010, the school celebrated its fiftieth anniversary and inaugurated the opening of the newly renovated Belle Époque which was originally built in 1892. It is now home to the predominantly-IB 11th and 12th grades. LAS facilities include classrooms with various layouts, a media center, libraries, blackbox theater, performance hall, computer lab, a new art center, a new gymnasium, and access to horseback riding, ice skating, tennis, soccer, hockey, and swimming.

faculty information

The faculty to student ratio at LAS is 1:8 and the average class size is 14. LAS offers 210 classes/sections. Faculty live on campus; 95% are native English speakers and 70% hold advanced degrees.

graduation requirements

The school year consists of two semesters, beginning in mid-August and concluding in early June. All students follow a university-preparatory program and are enrolled in seven courses, with each course meeting for 50 or 90 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.

** In addition, two grades per year based on European cultural excursions are required. These grades are transcribed, but not included in the GPA. A minimum TOEFL score of 525 (pbt), 195 (cbt), 70 (ibt), or IELTS score of 5.5 is required for graduation.*

Required Credits

- 4 English
- 3 Modern Language } or 7 English as a Second Language (ESL) credits
- 3 Social Studies
- 3 Mathematics
- 3 Science
- 1 Fine Arts
- 1 Theory of Knowledge
- 6 Electives

international baccalaureate (IB)

IB courses are offered in Grades 11 and 12 and extend over the two years. Successful completion of these courses, in appropriate combination, result in either the award of the IB Diploma or the award of IB course certificates. The IB Diploma facilitates university admission worldwide while credit from completed course certificates may enable students to receive advanced standing at university. IB courses require a variety of internal assessments that complement externally graded examinations administered at the completion of the course. All LAS students participate in the Theory of Knowledge portion of the IB Programme.

IB results

	2015/2016	2016/2017
No. of students registered for exams	67	85
No. of Full Diploma Candidates	58	71
Av. points by student passing	33/45	31/45
Highest Diploma points awarded	44/45	38/45

2016-17 selected subject results

	LAS AVG.	WORLD AVG.
English Language & Literature A HL	5.08	4.95
English B HL	5.23	5.72
French B HL	6.22	5.17
Hist. Americas HL	4.71	4.18
Economics HL	4.29	5.15
Physics HL	4.42	4.65
Math HL	4.56	4.72
Visual Arts HL	4.00	4.65

class rank

Class rankings are not provided 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.

IB courses offered 2016/2017

Group 1: Studies in Language and Literature

English A: Literature HL/SL
English A: Language & Literature HL
Russian A: Literature SL
Self-Taught A: Literature SL

Group 2: Language Acquisition (Second Language)

English B HL/SL
French B HL/SL
French ab initio
Spanish B SL
Spanish ab initio SL

Group 3: Individuals and Societies

Economics HL
Geography SL
History HL/SL
Psychology HL
Environmental Systems & Societies SL

Group 4: Experimental Sciences

Biology HL/SL
Chemistry HL
Astronomy SL
Physics HL/SL
Environmental Systems & Societies SL

Group 5: Mathematics

Mathematics HL/SL
Math Studies SL

Group 6: Arts and Electives

Visual Arts HL

tests offered

Most juniors take the PSAT in preparation for future SAT testing. Students may take the SAT Reasoning and Subject Tests and/or the ACT during their junior and senior years at LAS, a standardized testing center. The BMAT is also offered on campus for students intending to apply to certain UK medical programs. Students can take the IELTS on campus twice a school year and have opportunities to take the TOEFL off campus. A minimum IELTS score of 5.5 or TOEFL score of 525 (pbt), 195 (cbt), 70 (ibt) is required for graduation. SAT results shown below include students from over 50 nations, many of whom are ESL students.

standardized testing

SAT*	Reading & Writing	Math
Mean Scores	620	640
Middle 50%	600-650	560-710

*For the 19 members of the Class of 2018 who took the SAT in grade 11

ACT*

Mean Scores 28

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course levels

Highest level available in course offerings:

English	IB HL English A Literature
Mathematics	IB HL Math
Social Studies	IB HL Economics IB HL History IB HL Geography IB SL Psychology
Sciences	IB HL Biology IB HL Chemistry IB HL Physics
Foreign Languages	IB HL French B IB SL Spanish B
Arts	IB HL Visual Art

grading system

The grading system is based on a 4.0 scale with a passing mark of D. 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.

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

distribution of 11th grade gpas class of 2018

Grade Average	# students
4.0+	16
3.5 - 3.99	26
3.0 - 3.49	16
2.5 - 2.99	6
2.0 - 2.49	5
1.5 - 1.99	0
Less than 1.5	0

Seven members of the Class of 2018 are new 12th grade students and do not have an LAS grade point average.

curriculum features

ESL

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

theory of knowledge (TOK)

This is a required course for all seniors, examining Western philosophy. It includes trips to European centers such as Florence, Venice, or Rome. ESL seniors are required to take the ESL Humanities class.

culturals

These 4-5 day required school trips take place twice each year within Switzerland and Europe. In small groups, students study and explore the history and culture of a city or region. Study and writing times are provided 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.

LASER (LAS educational research)

LASER provides student-organized Hot-Spots with the opportunity to explore robotics, drone technology, 3-D printing, app design and astronomy at the LAS observatory.

co - curricular activities

The mandatory after-school sports & activities program is carefully monitored to provide physical education. Students must participate in at least two activities per week. In the winter, most students participate in full afternoon ski or snowboarding activities. The winter academic schedule is adjusted during non-ski days to allow appropriate class contact hours.

STUCO (Student Council)
Model United Nations
Digital Video Production
Yearbook
Jazz Ensemble
Choir
Multiple Sports Teams
Horseback Riding

National Honor Society
Event Planning
Gardening
Alliance Club
Environmental Club
Theater
Village Tutoring
Astronomy Club

International Award
School Newspaper
Climbing Wall
Habitat for Humanity
Rock School (Musical Performance)
Honor Council
Yoga
Art Portfolio

college acceptance history (2012-2017)

99% of LAS students attended college or university worldwide
(bold indicates Class of 2017 enrollment)

UNITED STATES

Adelphi University (NY)
American Academy of Dramatic Arts (NY)
American University (DC)
Amherst College (MA)
Babson College (MA)
Barnard College (NY)
Bates College (ME)
Berklee College of Music (MA)
Bennington College (VT)
Bentley University (MA)
Boston College (MA)
Boston University (MA)
Bradley University (IL)
Brandeis University (MA)
Brown University (RI)
Bryn Mawr College (PA)
Bucknell University (PA)
California Institute of Technology (CA)
California Polytechnic State University,
San Luis Obispo (CA)
California State University, Northridge (CA)
Carleton College (MN)
Case Western Reserve University (OH)
Chapman University (CA)
Clark University (MA)
Colgate University (NY)
College of William and Mary (VA)
Colorado College (CO)
Colorado School of Mines (CO)
Colorado State University (CO)
Columbia University (NY)
Connecticut College (CT)
Cornell University (NY)
Dartmouth College (NH)
Denison University (OH)
Dickinson College (PA)
Drake University (IA)
Drew University (NJ)
Drexel University (PA)
Earlham College (IN)
Endicott College (MA)
Emerson College (MA)
Eugene Lang College,
The New School for Liberal Arts (NY)
Florida Institute of Technology (FL)
Florida International University (FL)
Fordham University (NY)
Franklin and Marshall College (PA)
George Mason University (VA)
George Washington University (DC)
Georgetown University (DC)
Georgia Institute of Technology (GA)
Goucher College (MD)
Hamilton College (NY)
Harvey Mudd College (CA)
Indiana University – Bloomington (IN)
Iowa State University (IA)
Ithaca College (NY)
James Madison University (VA)
Johns Hopkins University (PA)
Kalamazoo College (MI)
Knox College (IL)
Lawrence University (WI)
Lehigh University (PA)
Lewis & Clark College (WA)
Loyola Marymount University (CA)
Loyola University Chicago (IL)
Lynn University (FL)
Macalester College (MN)
Manhattan Marymount College (NY)
Marist College (NY)
Marymount California University
Massachusetts College of Art
and Design (MA)
Miami University (OH)
Michigan State University (MI)
Michigan Tech University (MI)
Middlebury College (VT)
Montclair State University
Mount Holyoke College (MA)
New York Film Academy (NY)

New York University (NY)
Northeastern University (MA)
Oberlin College (OH)
Occidental College (CA)
Otis College of Art and Design (CA)
Pace University, New York City (NY)
Pacific Lutheran University (WA)
Parsons School of Design, New School
University (NY)
Pennsylvania State University,
University Park (PA)
Pepperdine University (CA)
Pitzer College (CA)
Pomona College (CA)
Pratt Institute (NY)
Princeton University (NJ)
Purdue University (IN)
Reed College (OR)
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (NY)
Rice University (TX)
Ringling College of Art and Design (FL)
Roger Williams University (RI)
Rochester Institute of Technology (NY)
Rollins College (FL)
Rutgers University (NJ)
The State University of New Jersey (NJ)
Saint Mary's College of California (CA)
Saint Michael's College (VT)
Salve Regina University (RI)
Santa Clara University (CA)
Savannah College of Art and Design (GA)
School of the Art Institute Chicago (IL)
School of the Museum of Fine Arts (MA)
School of Visual Arts (NY)
Skidmore College (NY)
Smith College (MA)
Southern Methodist University (TX)
Stanford University (CA)
State University of New York at Albany (NY)
Stephen F Austin State University (TX)
Stetson University (FL)
Stevenson University (MD)
Suffolk University (MA)
Swarthmore College (PA)
Syracuse University (NY)
Temple University (PA)
Texas A & M University (TX)
Texas Christian University (TX)
Texas Tech University (TX)
The College of New Jersey (NJ)
The University of Arizona (AZ)
The University of Tampa (FL)
The University of Texas, Austin (TX)
The University of Texas, San Antonio (TX)
Thomas Aquinas College (CA)
Trinity College (CT)
Trinity University (TX)
Tufts University (MA)
Tulane University (LA)
UC-Berkeley (CA)
University of California at Irvine (CA)
University of California at Davis (CA)
University of California at Los Angeles (CA)
University of California at Riverside CA)
University of California at San Diego (CA)
University of California at Santa Cruz (CA)
University of California Santa Barbara (CA)
University of Chicago (IL)
University of Colorado at Boulder (CO)
University of Colorado, Denver (CO)
University of Denver (CO)
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (IL)
University of Maryland, Baltimore (MD)
University of Massachusetts, Amherst (MA)
University of Miami (FL)
University of Michigan (MI)
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities (MI)
University of Notre Dame (IN)
University of Oregon (OR)
University of Pennsylvania (PA)
University of Pittsburgh (PA)
University of Richmond (VA)
University of Rochester (NY)

University of San Diego (CA)
University of San Francisco (CA)
University of South Carolina (SC)
University of Southern California (CA)
University of Tampa (FL)
University of Texas, Austin (TX)
University of Vermont (VT)
University of Virginia (VA)
University of Washington (WA)
University of Wisconsin, Madison (WI)
Vanderbilt University (TN)
Vassar College (NY)
Villanova University (PA)
Virginia Polytechnic Institute
and State University (VA)
Wake Forest University (NC)
Washington and Jefferson College (NC)
Washington State University (WA)
Wellesley College (MA)
Wesleyan University (CT)
Wheaton College (MA)
Whitman College (WA)
Williams College (MA)
Worcester Polytechnic Institute (MA)
Xavier University (OH)

CANADA

Brock University
Concordia University, Montreal
Emily Carr University of Art & Design
Guelph University
McGill University
McMaster University
Mount Allison University
Nova Scotia College of Art & Design
Queen's University
Ryerson University
Simon Fraser University
University of Alberta
University of British Columbia, Vancouver
University of Calgary
University of Toronto
University of Victoria
University of Western Ontario
University of Waterloo

UNITED KINGDOM

Brunel University
Camberwell College of Arts
Central St. Martin's College of Art & Design
City University
Chelsea College of Art and Design
Durham University
European Business School, London
Hult International Business School
Imperial College London
Instituto Maragoni London
King's College London
Lancaster University
London College of Communication
London School of Economics
Middlesex University
Oxford Brookes University
Queen Mary, University of London
Regents University London
Royal Holloway University of London
St. Mary's University Twickenham
School of Oriental and
African Studies London
Staffordshire University
University of St. Andrews
The American International
University in London (Richmond)
University of Aberdeen (Scotland)
University of the Arts London
University of Bath
University of Brighton
University of Cambridge
University College London
University of East Anglia
University of East London
University of Edinburgh (Scotland)

University of Glasgow (Scotland)
University of Greenwich
University of Kent
University of Liverpool
University of Manchester
University of Newcastle London
University of Oxford
University of Surrey
University of Surrey Roehampton
University of Sussex
University of Warwick
University of Westminster

CONTINENTAL EUROPE

American University of Paris, France
Amsterdam University College -
Netherlands
Bocconi University - Italy
BES – La Salle - Spain
**Business School of Lausanne,
Switzerland**
Caesar Ritz Colleges, Switzerland
Copenhagen Business School, Denmark
Czech Tech University Prague (CZ)
**Ecole Hoteliere de Lausanne,
Switzerland**
Ecole Polytechnique Federale de
Lausanne (EPFL)
ESADE (SP)
European University, Barcelona, Spain
European University, Geneva, Switzerland
FAMU (CZ)
Franklin University, Switzerland
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IE University – Spain
Jacobs University Bremen, Germany
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Karlsruhe Institute of Technology Germany
Leiden University College the
Hague - Netherlands
Universidad de Navarra – Spain
Parsons School of Design, Paris, France
Polimoda International Institute - Italy
Suffolk University - Madrid
Swiss Hotel Management School
Les Roches, Switzerland
University of Amsterdam (NL)
University of Geneva
University of Lausanne
University of St. Gallen
Utrecht University College - Netherlands
Webster University, Geneva, Switzerland

WORLDWIDE

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Instituto Tecnológico Autonomo De
Mexico (ITAM)
La Salle College of the Arts - Singapore
New York University - Abu Dhabi
Ritsumeikan University - Japan
Sophia University, Japan
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