



ACADEMIC PROFILE 2021-2022



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MISSION STATEMENT

The American School in Switzerland (TASIS) is part of a family of international schools that welcomes young people from all nationalities to an educational community that fosters a passion for excellence along with mutual respect and understanding. Consistent with the vision of its founder, M. Crist Fleming, TASIS is committed to transmitting the heritage of Western civilization and world cultures: the creations, achievements, traditions, and ideals from the past that offer purpose in the present and hope for the future. Seeking to balance the pursuit of knowledge with the love of wisdom, and promoting the skills of lifelong learning, an appreciation for beauty, and the development of character, each school combines a challenging academic program with opportunities for artistic endeavor, physical activity, and service to others. Believing in the worth of each individual and the importance of enduring relationships, TASIS seeks to embody and instill the values of personal responsibility, civility, compassion, justice, and truth.

THE SCHOOL

TASIS Switzerland is the first of several TASIS Schools founded by M. Crist Fleming. Founded in 1956 as a private, co-educational boarding and day school, it is the

oldest American boarding school in Europe. Now serving students from Pre-Kindergarten to Postgraduate, TASIS is accredited by the New England Association of Schools & Colleges and the European Council of International Schools.

FACULTY

Of the 68 High School faculty members, 82 percent hold advanced degrees and 54 percent hail from the United States. TASIS actively encourages professional development, supports faculty graduate study, and requires peer observation and dialogue about teaching and learning.

STUDENT BODY

The High School is composed of 242 boarding students and 157 day students, with 43* nations represented. The majority of students (61%) come from Europe, with the remainder hailing from the United States and Canada (12%), Latin America (10%), the Middle East and Africa (9%), and Asia (8%). The Class of 2022 comprises 104 students, and the High School retention rate is 88%.

** 43 countries of residency, 54 different nationalities, and 50 different primary nationalities*



CURRICULUM

TASIS offers an American college preparatory program with International Baccalaureate and Advanced Placement programs, emphasizing a strong liberal arts education and requiring components of community service and project-based academic travel experiences at all grade levels. Students are expected to complete a minimum of 19 credits and to enroll in a minimum of five full-credit courses each semester. (An alternative program of studies may be designed for students with special talents, interests, or needs. Such a program must follow established guidelines and requires the approval of the Academic Committee.)

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

The minimum requirements for graduation are 19 credits, including the following:

- Four years of English. All seniors must pass either a 12th-grade English course offered by the English Department or IB English B 2 HL (IB Diploma candidates only).
- Three years of Mathematics, completing through Mathematics 3 at a minimum
- Three years of History, including Modern World History and either US History or an IB Group 3 course, and successful completion of the Civic Literacy Exam
- Three years of Laboratory Science
- Third-year proficiency in a modern language other than English that is offered at TASIS. Native English speakers arriving in grade 11 are required to demonstrate second-year proficiency in a modern language that is taught at TASIS from the introductory level or continue on to third-year proficiency if they have a background in French, German, Italian, or Spanish. Native English speakers arriving in grade 12 or for a postgraduate year are expected to continue their study of a modern language or complete one year of French, German, Italian, or Spanish.
- One credit in Performing Arts or Visual Arts
- All students in grades 9-10 are required to take Physical Education.
- One Senior Humanities credit, fulfilled by AP US History, Art History, AP Art History, IB Art History, or, for IB Diploma candidates, Theory of Knowledge
- Participation in the Global Service Program each semester for grades 9-11
- Completion of all Academic Travel assignments and obligations
- Fulfillment of the Sports and Activities requirement each semester

COURSE OFFERINGS

English

- Introduction to Literature • Honors Introduction to Literature
- World Literature • Honors World Literature
- American Literature • British Literature
- AP English Language and Composition
- AP English Literature and Composition
- IB English A Literature (SL/HL)
- IB English A Language and Literature (SL/HL)

English as an Additional Language (EAL)

- English Grammar & Composition 1 and 2
- English Grammar, Composition & Literature 1
- English Grammar, Composition, & American Literature
- English Grammar, Composition, & British Literature
- IB English B (HL)

Mathematics

- Mathematics 1 Core • Mathematics 2 Core
- Mathematics 3 Core • Mathematics 4 Core
- Mathematics 1 Extended • Honors Mathematics 1
- Mathematics 2 Extended (includes second-year Algebra topics)
- Precalculus • Honors Precalculus • Calculus
- AP Statistics • AP Calculus AB and BC
- IB Mathematics Analysis and Approaches (SL/HL)
- IB Mathematics Applications and Interpretations (SL/HL)

History

- Ancient History • Modern History
- United States History • Art History
- EAL Ancient History • EAL Modern History
- AP European History • AP United States History • AP Art History
- AP Economics* • IB History (SL/HL) • IB Art History (SL)
- IB Business Management (SL/HL) • IB Economics (SL/HL)

Theory of Knowledge

- IB Theory of Knowledge 1 and 2

Science

- Biological and Physical Sciences • EAL Biological and Physical Sciences
- Physics • Biology • Chemistry • Ecology
- Computer Science 1 and 2 • AP Biology** • AP Physics**
- AP Chemistry** • AP Computer Science
- IB Physics (SL/HL) • IB Chemistry (SL/HL) • IB Biology (SL/HL)
- IB Environmental Systems and Societies (SL)

Modern Languages

- Level 1: French, German, Italian, Spanish
- Level 2: French, German, Italian, Spanish
- Level 3: French, German, Italian, Spanish; IB Language ab initio
- Level 4: French, German, Italian, Spanish; IB Language B SL
- Level 5: French, German, Italian, Spanish; IB Language B HL
- IB Italian A Language & Literature (SL/HL)
- IB Russian A Language & Literature (SL/HL)
- IB Native Language A Literature (SL: SSST)
- German Culture and People

9° Grado - Sezione Italiana / 9th Grade Italian Section***

- Lingua Pre-IB Italian • Letteratura e Lingua Italiana 9
- Italian Culture and People • Storia Italiana 9 • Storia dell'Arte 9

Fine Arts

- Drawing & Painting • Honors Drawing & Painting
- Photography 1 • Architecture 1 • Ceramics & Sculpture
- Instrumental Ensemble • Choir • Theater Arts 1 and 2
- AP Drawing • AP 2-D Art and Design • IB Visual Arts (SL/HL)

Physical Education

- Physical Education and Health (Grade 9 and 10)

* AP Microeconomics/Macroeconomics are offered in alternating years.

** AP Biology/Physics alternate years with AP Chemistry.

*** Required for local residents according to cantonal law.

TASIS POLICY ON REPORTING GPA AND CLASS RANK

The school year is divided into two semesters, ending in January and June. The year-end grade is cumulative, covering the full work in a year's course and reflecting a 50%/50% weighting for the first and second semesters, respectively. The Academic Honor Roll is calculated each midterm and end-of-semester grading period. Students with a GPA of 3.8 or higher in a given semester receive Highest Honors while those with a 3.5 or higher receive High Honors and those with a 3.2 or higher receive Honors. TASIS does not rank students or report *cumulative* GPA because the majority of TASIS seniors have been at TASIS for fewer than four semesters at the time of university application.

RECENT TEST SCORES

IB EXAMS

| | TASIS 2021 | TASIS 2020 | Worldwide 2021 |
|---------------------------------------|------------|------------|----------------|
| Number of diploma candidates | 44 | 49 | 165,857 |
| Percentage earning diplomas | 100% | 98% | 89% |
| Mean diploma score | 35 | 34.1 | 33.0 |
| Highest IB score | 44 | 43 | 45 |
| Percentage earning Bilingual Diplomas | 50% | 25% | 27% |

In 2021, 68 students took a total of 377 IB subject exams (scored 1-7): 99% of scores were 4 and above, 85% were 5 and above, and 52% were 6 and above.

AP EXAMS

In 2021, 96 TASIS students combined to take a total of 196 AP exams: 80% of scores were 3 or above, 64% were 4 or above, and 81 students recorded a 3 or higher on at least one exam, which The College Board defines as a school success rate of 84%. Thirty-seven students were named AP Scholars for demonstrating exemplary college-level achievement on their exams.

STANDARDIZED TESTS

| SAT | Evidence Based Reading and Writing | Mathematics | Total |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------|-------|
| Class of 2021 (39 took the SAT) | 590 | 610 | 1190 |

| ACT | English | Math | Reading | Science | Composite |
|--------------------------------|---------|------|---------|---------|-----------|
| Class of 2021 (9 took the ACT) | 23 | 25 | 23 | 24 | 24 |

ADDITIONAL PROGRAM STRENGTHS

Opsahl Global Service Program

The Opsahl Global Service Program was envisioned by Jan Opsahl '68, the School's first international student, who believes that the experience of serving those in need should be required for every TASIS student. Global Service groups partner with an array of organizations, from international nonprofits to country-specific institutions to local charities, and students attend weekly service meetings throughout the year to prepare for service trips throughout Europe, Africa, and Asia.

STATEMENT ABOUT COVID-19

TASIS offered live classes—and hybrid instruction, as needed—throughout the entire 2020–2021 academic year. Extracurricular activities were offered in a limited capacity, but travel was very restricted. Students demonstrated tremendous resilience and motivation, working extremely hard in their courses and building a strong community in this new Covid environment. If we are aware of a personal impact, this will be shared in the student's recommendation.

STATEMENT ABOUT TASIS TRANSCRIPTS

Beginning with the 2021–22 academic year, TASIS has changed the grading scale for all IB Diploma course students from an A–F scale to a 1–7 scale. Students in AP or non-IB Diploma courses will continue to be assessed with an A–F grade scale. The equivalency scale we would recommend using is as follows:

6/7 = A | 5 = B | 4 = C | 3 = D

Academic and Independent Travel

Travel is an integral part of a TASIS education. Whether academic or independent travel, students have an exceptional opportunity to take advantage of their location in the middle of Europe. Academic Travel is part of the Middle and High School curriculum and is a graduation requirement for all students. Some travel assignments are related to courses of study, some are related to particular student interests, and others are assigned by grade level.

UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCES FOR THE CLASSES OF 2017–2021 **Boldface type indicates schools where TASIS students matriculated**

USA AND CANADA

American University
Arizona State University
Auburn University
Augsburg University
Babson College
Bard College
Barnard College
Barry University
Bates College
Baylor University
Bennington College
Bentley University
Berklee College of Music
Bishop's University
Boston Architectural College
Boston College
Boston University
Brandeis University
Brock University
Bryant University
Bucknell University
California College of the Arts
California Institute of the Arts
California Lutheran University
California Polytechnic State University
California State Polytechnic University, Pomona
Carleton University
Case Western Reserve University
Chapman University
Claremont McKenna College
Clark University
Colby College
Colgate University
College of Charleston
College of the Holy Cross
College of William & Mary
College of Wooster
Colorado State University
Columbia College Chicago
Columbia University
Concordia University - Montreal
Cornell University
Dalhousie University
Dartmouth College
Davidson College
DePaul University
DePauw University
Drew University
Drexel University
Elon University
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University-Daytona Beach
Emerson College
Emmanuel College (MA)
Emory University - Oxford College
Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising, Los Angeles
Fashion Institute of Technology
Florida Atlantic University
Florida Gulf Coast University
Florida Institute of Technology
Florida International University
Florida Polytechnic University
Florida Southern College
Fordham University
Franklin and Marshall College
George Mason University
George Washington University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Georgia State University
Hawaii Pacific University
High Point University
Hofstra University
Hult International Business School - San Francisco
Hult International Business School-Boston
James Madison University
Johnson & Wales University-Providence
Kennesaw State University
Kenyon College
La Salle University
Lawrence University
Lehigh University
Lewis & Clark College
LIM College Laboratory Institute of Merchandising
Louisiana State University
Loyola Marymount University
Loyola University Chicago
Loyola University New Orleans
Lynn University
Marist College
Maryland Institute college of art
Marymount California University
Marymount Manhattan College
McGill University
McMaster University
MCPHS University
Merrimack College
Miami University, Oxford
Michigan State University
Millsaps College
Mount Holyoke College
Mount St. Mary's University
New York Institute of Technology (NYIT)
New York School of Interior Design
New York University
North Carolina State University
Northeastern University
Nova Southeastern University
Occidental College
Ontario College of Art & Design
Oregon State University
Otis College of Art and Design

Pace University
Pennsylvania State University - University Park
Pepperdine University
Pratt Institute
Purdue University
Queen's University
Quest University
Reed College
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rochester Institute of Technology
Roger Williams University
Rollins College
Rutgers University - New Brunswick
Ryerson University
Salve Regina University
Sam Houston State University
San Diego State University
San Francisco State University
Santa Barbara City College
Santa Clara University
Sarah Lawrence College
Savannah College of Art and Design
School of the Art Institute of Chicago
School of Visual Arts
Seattle University
Seton Hall University
Sewanee, University of the South
Siena College
Simon Fraser University
Skidmore College
Smith College
Southern California Institute of Architecture
Southern Methodist University
St. Edward's University
St. John's University
St. Lawrence University
Stanford University
Stephen F. Austin State University
Stetson University
Stonehill College
Suffolk University
SUNY Binghamton University
SUNY University at Buffalo
Syracuse University
Temple University
Texas A&M University
Texas A&M University - San Antonio
Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi
Texas Christian University
Texas State University
Texas Tech University
The City University of New York Brooklyn College
The City University of New York College of Staten Island
The City University of New York Hunter College
The New School
The Ohio State University
Trent University
Trinity College
Trinity University
Tulane University
University College at Western University
University of Alabama
University of Arizona
University of British Columbia
University of British Columbia - Okanagan Campus
University of California, Berkeley
University of California, Davis
University of California, Irvine
University of California, Los Angeles
University of California, Merced
University of California, San Diego
University of California, Santa Barbara
University of California, Santa Cruz
University of Cincinnati
University of Colorado at Colorado Springs
University of Colorado Boulder
University of Connecticut
University of Dayton
University of Delaware
University of Denver
University of Detroit Mercy
University of Florida
University of Guelph
University of Hawaii at Manoa
University of Houston
University of Illinois at Chicago
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
University of Kentucky
University of Massachusetts Dartmouth
University of Massachusetts, Amherst
University of Miami
University of Michigan
University of Mississippi
University of Missouri Columbia
University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV)
University of North Carolina School of the Arts
University of North Carolina Wilmington
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
University of North Texas
University of Oklahoma
University of Oregon
University of Ottawa
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh
University of Puget Sound
University of Redlands
University of Rhode Island
University of Rochester
University of San Diego
University of San Francisco
University of South Florida
University of Southern California

University of Tampa
University of Tennessee, Knoxville
University of Texas at Dallas
University of Texas at San Antonio
University of Texas at Tyler
University of Texas, Arlington
University of Texas, Austin
University of Toronto
University of Victoria
University of Virginia
University of Washington
University of Waterloo
University of Western Ontario
University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point
University of Wisconsin, Madison
Vanderbilt University
Vassar College
Virginia Polytechnic Institute (Virginia Tech)
Wake Forest University
Washington State University
Weber State University
Webster University
Wentworth Institute of Technology
Whitworth University
Williams College
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Wright State University
Yale University
York University
York University Glendon Campus

UNITED KINGDOM

Anglia Ruskin University
Arts University Bournemouth
Bath Spa University
BIMM Institute London
British and Irish Modern Music Institute
Brunel University London
Cardiff University
Cass Business School, City University, London
Central Saint Martins College of Art & Design
City University of London
Coventry University
Durham University
ESCP Business School, London
Exeter College
Goldsmiths, University of London
Hult International Business School
Imperial College London
INTO City, University of London
INTO Manchester
INTO University of Exeter
Istituto Marangoni, London
Keele University
King's College London
Kingston College
Kingston University
Lancaster University
Leeds Beckett University
Liverpool John Moores University
London College of Fashion
London Metropolitan University
London School of Economics and Political Science
London South Bank University
Loughborough University
Manchester Metropolitan University
Middlesex University
New College of the Humanities
Newcastle University
Northumbria University
Nottingham Trent University
Oxford Brookes University
Queen Mary University of London
Regent's University London
Richmond, The American International University in London
Royal Holloway, University of London
SAE Institute London
School of Oriental and African Studies
Southampton Solent University
St George's, University of London
St. Mary's University Twickenham
Staffordshire University
Swansea University
Teesside University
The University of Law
The University of Nottingham
The University of South Wales
University Centre Hartpury
University College London
University for the Creative Arts
University of Aberdeen
University of Bath
University of Birmingham
University of Brighton
University of Bristol
University of Buckingham
University of Cambridge
University of Central Lancashire
University of Chester
University of Derby
University of East Anglia
University of East London
University of Edinburgh
University of Essex
University of Exeter
University of Glasgow
University of Greenwich
University of Hertfordshire
University of Kent
University of Law
University of Leeds
University of Leicester

University of Lincoln
University of Liverpool
University of London - Birkbeck
University of London - The Courtauld Institute of Art
University of Manchester
University of Oxford
University of Reading
University of Roehampton
University of Sheffield
University of Southampton
University of St. Andrews
University of Surrey
University of Sussex
University of the Arts London
University of Warwick
University of West London
University of Westminster
University of York

SWITZERLAND

Business & Hotel Management School
École **Hôtelière de Lausanne (EHL)**
Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule Zürich (ETHZ)
EU Business School, Geneva
EU Business School - Montreux
Franklin University Switzerland
Geneva Business School
Geneva School of Diplomacy
Glion Institute of Higher Education
International Management Institute Switzerland
International University in Geneva
Les Roches International School of Hotel Management
Università della Svizzera italiana (USI)
Universität St. Gallen
University of Basel
University of Bern
University of Lausanne
University of Lucerne
Universität Zürich
Webster University

REST OF THE WORLD

American University of Rome
Amsterdam University College
Amsterdam University of Applied Sciences
Artez University of the Arts (Arnhem)
Bard College Berlin
Bocconi University
Cattolica International
CEU San Pablo University
Danish Technical University
Duke Kunshan University
Eindhoven University of Technology
Erasmus University Rotterdam
Escuela Superior de Admisitracion y Direccion de Empresas ESADE
ESRA International Film School
EU Business School Barcelona
Fundação Getulio Vargas
Grenoble School of Management
Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
Humanitas University
IE University - Madrid
IE University - Segovia
Inspire
Istituto Europeo di Design - Madrid Campus
International Fashion Academy - Paris
Istituto Marangoni, Milano
Istituto Marangoni, Paris
Jacobs University
John Cabot University, Rome
Koc University
Les Roches Marbella
Luiss University
Maastricht University
Medical University of Warsaw
MODUL University Vienna
Moscow State Institute of International Relations
National University of Ireland, University College Dublin
NEOMA Business School
New European College
Nuova Accademia di Belle Arti Milano
Peking University
Politecnico di Milano
Rijksuniversiteit Groningen
Rotterdam University of Applied Sciences
Saint Louis University, Madrid
Singapore Management University
Stockholm University
Technical University (TU) Delft
The American University of Paris
The College For International Studies
The University of Hong Kong
Tilburg University
Toulouse Business School Barcelona
Universidad de Monterrey
University of Amsterdam
University of Applied Sciences Utrecht
University of Bologna
University of Groningen
University of Navarra
University of New South Wales
University of Parma
Utrecht University
Vita-Salute San Raffaele University
Waseda University
WU Vienna University of Economics and Business