



School introduction

The International School of Los Angeles is an international preschool through 12th grade school committed to academic excellence in a nurturing and intimate environment that encourages personal initiative, creativity, and curiosity. All students study a common bilingual program from preschool through 8th grade after which they have a choice between the rigorous and well-balanced French *baccalauréat* (FB) and International Baccalaureate® Diploma programs. With five Los Angeles-area campuses (Burbank, Los Feliz, Orange County, Pasadena, and West Valley), the School welcomes over 1,100 students. Approximately 10% of our students receive financial aid from the French Government and 23% of our total student population receives school-funded financial aid.

Since 1978, the School has been instilling the love of learning in all its students through small classes and low student-to-teacher ratios. With over 65 nationalities and 40 spoken languages represented on the campuses, students study and live in a diverse global community every day. **Our goal is to develop confident, caring, and open-minded critical thinkers who will thrive in a diverse competitive world.**

Key figures

328

secondary students

38

secondary teachers

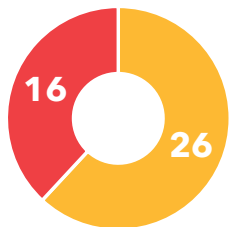
42

students in class of 2019

27

students in class of 2020

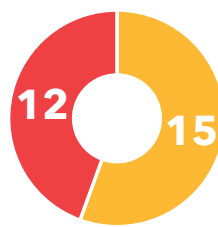
Class of 2019



■ IB Students

■ FB Students

Class of 2020



Accreditations

The School holds triple accreditation from the French Ministry of Education, the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), the California Association of Independent Schools (CAIS), and the International Baccalaureate (IB) and is a member of the NAIS and the National Honor Society (NHS).



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Distinctive curricular features

9th grade:

Students choose either the “international” or “pre-French bac” section for 9th grade. The French bac program allows all students to take the French national *diplôme national du brevet* or *diplôme national du brevet - international*, the latter of which tests students in three-hour exams in both French and English preparing them well for later international options in the French *baccalauréat*.

11th & 12th grade:

Students formally apply to, and enroll in, either the **International Baccalaureate® Diploma Programme** or the **French baccalauréat** program including the **OIB** (*option internationale du baccalauréat*). All choices provide rigorous, academically demanding, and well-balanced courses of study. Shared elements include multiple-language study, a minimum of one advanced laboratory science class, challenging philosophy courses, and the completion of university-level research work and writing.

International Baccalaureate® Diploma Programme (IB®)

All IB® students are entered as Diploma candidates when they begin the program and many ultimately receive the **Bilingual IB® Diploma** for studying in two languages at a literature (not language-acquisition) level. Students who join us in 11th grade to begin the two-year program do not need to know French but must possess a degree of bilingualism in a second language by the time they graduate (see Subjects table below). Our Standard Level (SL) courses are timetabled for three-four hours per week, while Higher Level (HL) courses are timetabled for five-six. Some of our students choose to, but must be approved to, enroll in four Higher Level subjects. The IB® scheduling allows for two hours of Theory of Knowledge, a certain number of CAS (Creativity, Action, Service) hours as well as several Independent Learning Center hours per week, allowing students to balance their homework and extracurricular life. Higher Level subjects as well as some Standard Level subjects are given Honors acknowledgement by the UC A-G system.

IB® course offerings:

All courses for the Diploma are taken in 11th and 12th grades, and other than languages are taught in English and are offered at Higher Level (HL) or Standard Level (SL).

Theory of Knowledge is taken two hours a week for two years.

Group 1: Language A Literature in English and Language A Literature & Language in French (HL & SL)

Group 2: Language B (Language Acquisition) in French, Spanish, Mandarin, English (HL & SL).

Many students select Language A Literature & Language in French in Group 2 resulting in a bilingual diploma

Group 3: Individuals and Societies: History (HL & SL)

Group 4: Experimental Sciences: Biology (HL & SL), Physics (HL & SL), Chemistry (SL), Environmental Systems (SL)

Group 5: Mathematics Analysis & Approaches (HL & SL), Mathematics Applications & Interpretations (HL & SL)

Group 6: Arts & Electives: Visual Arts (HL & SL), Music (HL & SL), Film (SL)

Other courses available on Pamoja (online learning platform): Economics (HL & SL), Business & Management (HL & SL), Psychology (HL & SL), Philosophy (HL & SL), ITGS (HL & SL), Film (SL)

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French *baccalauréat* (FB) - Class of 2020

We offer 2 sections: **Scientific** and **Economics/Social Sciences**. All French *baccalauréat* students are in class 32 hours per week in 11th grade and 34 hours per week in 12th grade.

The program offers two concentrations:

- > The **Scientific (S)** section aims to develop both the apprenticeship of fundamental scientific knowledge and the conscience of the future citizen. All science courses and the math course in this section are given Honors-level acknowledgment by the UC A-G course approval system.
- > The **Economics and Social Sciences (ES)** section is multidisciplinary in nature, integrating the socio-economic environment with contemporary issues, in a historical, geographical, mathematical, linguistic and cultural context. All social sciences courses in this section are given Honors-level acknowledgment by the UC A-G course approval system.

French *baccalauréat* course offerings:

The S and ES sections of the French *baccalauréat* have different requirements and very different emphases: while the ES section is for students who wish to focus on economics, social sciences and languages, the S section is for students who prefer to focus on mathematics and the sciences.

S section:

Bac S Honors Mathematics, Bac S Honors Biology, Bac S Honors Physics, Bac S Honors Chemistry, Bac S French (end-examined in 11th grade) Bac S Philosophy (only in 12th grade), History-Geography, FB English or AP English Lit & Comp in 11th grade, Spanish, Group Scientific Work (TPE), Physical Education, World Literature (in English) in 12th grade

ES section:

Bac ES Honors Mathematics, Bac ES Honors Economics/Social Sciences, Bac ES Honors History/Geography, Bac ES Biology, Bac ES Physics, Bac ES French (end-examined in 11th grade), Bac ES Philosophy (only in 12th grade), FB English or AP English Lit & Comp in 11th grade, Spanish, Group Scientific Work (TPE), Physical Education, World Literature (in English) in 12th grade

Spécialité (higher weighted course):

All 12th grade FB students must select a higher weighted course. For ES, students must choose between economics/social sciences or political science; S students must choose from the following list: mathematics, biology, physics/chemistry. This course adds two hours to the students' schedules.

OIB - option internationale du baccalauréat

A two-year curriculum option that exists within the framework of the French *baccalauréat*, the OIB was new to the School in 2018-19. Both Honors/AP English and Honors History/Geography are taught in English, in conjunction with the other French *baccalauréat* subjects.

Students may also choose the *cinéma audio visuel* (film and film theory) option as an arts course, which is scheduled after school.

All students also fulfill the UC A-G requirements for high school graduation and university entrance.

Academic results

100% Pass rate for French *baccalauréat* students

88% Pass rate for IB® Diploma students (compared to 77% pass rate for Northern Hemisphere) with **67%** obtaining the **bilingual diploma** (compared to 23% for Northern Hemisphere)

Ranking, assessment, and GPA calculation:

The School does not rank its students, because of small cohorts that are separated out by Diploma choices (in 2018 we had 18 IB® students, and 16 FB students who in turn were separated by their choice of S or ES section). In classes as small as these, GPAs do not exhibit significant differences. FB students are traditionally graded on a 20-point scale, while IB® students are graded on the IB® 7-point scale; these two systems are then translated into an American A-F scale as well as a GPA as per the table below. Students are considered to be failing if they have reached a D+ equivalency. Higher Level and Honors-level courses are given additional weight:

French grade 20-point scale	14.8-20	13.8-14.7	12.8-13.7	11.8-12.7	10.8-11.7	9.8-10.7	8.8-9.7	7.8-8.7	6.8-7.7	5.8-6.7
IB® grade 7-point scale	6.2-7	5.5-6.1	5.1-5.4	4.7-5.0	4.3-4.6	4.0-4.2	3.6-3.9	3.3-3.5	3.0-3.2	2.6-2.9
Transcript Value	A+/4.3	A/4	A-/3.7	B+/3.3	B/3	B-/2.7	C+/2.3	C/2	C-/1.7	D+/1.3
Weighted Value	A+/5.3	A/5	A-/4.7	B+/4.3	B/4	B-/3.7	C+/3.3	C/3	C-/2.7	D+/2.3

Standardized and other test scores (Class of 2019)

SAT average: 1380 English: 700 Math: 680 SAT subject test average: 700 ACT average: 29
 Highest SAT Score: 1540 Highest ACT score: 35
 AP exams: In May 2019, 39 students took 55 exams; 4.6 (over 5) was the average score for AP French Language & Culture.

Student life

Clubs:

Despite residing in widespread areas of the city, our students are active in many meaningful extra-curricular involvements, including the National Honor Society (NHS), a Girl-Up Club, a competitive high-school Model United Nations (MUN) Club, a high-school Debate Team, a Robotics Club, a Math Team, a Political Awareness Club as well as the UNICEF and Key Club.

Community service & travel:

Community service trips include a Costa Rica environmental service trip, and various departments participate in academically-linked trips every year including one to Washington, DC and one to the Ashland, Oregon Shakespeare Festival. Tenth graders now have an opportunity to join an academic exchange with a school in Paris.

Performance:

Students are musically active, participating in one of two choirs and/or bands as well as French Contemporary Theatre.

Athletics:

Students are active in basketball, volleyball, and soccer, competing other schools in the California Interscholastic Federation Southern Section (CIF-SS) International League.

Class of 2019

42 students formed the Class of 2019.

Post high school placement:

37 students (88%) attending university including 25 in the USA, 7 in Canada, 3 in France, 1 in the UK, and 1 in Switzerland. 3 are attending community college with a transfer plan. 2 students are taking a gap year.

Matriculations 2015-2019:

USA

ArtCenter College of Design

Bennington College

Boston University

California State Polytechnic University, Pomona

California State University, Northridge

Chapman University

Claremont-McKenna College

Emerson College

Georgetown University

Grand Canyon University

Los Angeles Recording School

Loyola Marymount University

Massachusetts Institute of Technology (1)

Michigan State University

New York University (1)

Pace University

Pepperdine University

Portland State University

Reed College

Rochester Institute of Technology (1)

San Diego State University

San Francisco Conservatory of Music

Sarah Lawrence College

Smith College (1)

Sonoma State University (1)

St. John's University

Stanford University

State University of New York, Oswego

Syracuse University

The New School, Eugene Lang

The New School, Parsons School of Design

University of California, Berkeley (8)

University of California, Davis (2)

University of California, Irvine (1)

University of California, Los Angeles (1)

University of California, Merced

University of California, Riverside

University of California, San Diego

University of California, Santa Barbara

University of California, Santa Cruz (2)

University of Colorado Boulder (1)

University of Pittsburgh (1)

University of San Diego (1)

University of Southern California (2)

University of Washington (1)

Community Colleges:

Pierce College (1)

Santa Monica College (2)

CANADA

Concordia University (2)

HEC Montreal

McGill University (4)

Sciences Po / University of British Columbia

Université de Montréal (1)

Université du Québec à Montréal

University of British Columbia

University of Toronto

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Cap'TSA - Lyon, France

Delft University of Technology - Delft, Netherlands

Ecole polytechnique fédérale de Lausanne - Lausanne, Switzerland

École Préparatoire Stanislas - Paris, France (1)

Ecole Supérieure d'Ingénieurs Léonard de Vinci - Paris, France

École Supérieure de Commerce - Paris, France (1)

Freie Universitaet Berlin - Berlin, Germany

IE University - Madrid, Spain

Institut de Touraine - Tours, France

Institut Universitaire de Technologie de Nantes - Nantes, France

King's College London - London, UK

Les Roches - Global Hospitality Education, Switzerland (1)

Prépa Lycée Hoche - Versailles, France

Prépa Université Grenoble-Alpes - Grenoble, France

Regent's University London - London, UK

Sciences Po - Reims, France

Technische Universitat Munchen - Munich, Germany

Universitaet zu Koeln - Cologne, Germany

Université de Lille - Lille, France (1)

Université Paris Descartes - Paris, France

University of Bristol - Bristol, UK (1)

University of Exeter - Exeter, UK

University of Manchester - Manchester, UK

Webster University Thailand - Thailand

blue (#): 2019 matriculations & number of students in the class of 2019

bold: top global 100 universities - US News & World Report