



# ACADEMIC PROFILE 2022-2023



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## MISSION STATEMENT

The American School in Switzerland (TASIS) 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.

TASIS is a family of international schools with additional campuses in England, Puerto Rico, and Portugal.

## 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. English is the primary language of instruction in the High School.

## FACULTY

Of the 68 High School faculty members, 82 percent hold advanced degrees and 52 percent hail from the United States. TASIS actively encourages professional development, supports faculty graduate study, and requires teachers to participate in a professional growth and evaluation program.

## STUDENT BODY

The High School is composed of 246 boarding students and 157 day students, with 49\* nations represented. The majority of students (60%) come from Europe, with the remainder hailing from the United States and Canada (13%), Latin America (9%), the Middle East and Africa (9%), and Asia (9%). The Class of 2023 comprises 114 students, and the High School retention rate is 83%.

*\* 46 countries of residency, 56 different nationalities, and 49 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
- 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 • AP Calculus BC (with Multivariable Calculus)
- IB Mathematics Analysis and Approaches (SL/HL)
- IB Mathematics Applications and Interpretations (SL/HL)

### History

- Ancient & Medieval History • Modern History
- United States History • Art History
- EAL Ancient & Medieval History • EAL Modern History
- AP European History • AP United States History • AP Art History
- AP Psychology • 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 Physics C\*\* • 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 • Ceramics & Sculpture
- Instrumental Ensemble • Choir • Theater Arts
- AP Drawing • AP 2-D Art and Design • IB Visual Arts (SL/HL)

### Physical Education

- Health and Physical Education (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.



## STATEMENT ABOUT TESIS TRANSCRIPTS

Beginning with the 2021–2022 academic year, TESIS 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

## RECENT TEST SCORES

### IB EXAMS

	TESIS 2022	TESIS 2021	Worldwide 2022
<b>Number of diploma candidates</b>	39	44	173,882
<b>Percentage earning diplomas</b>	100%	100%	86%
<b>Mean diploma score</b>	35	35	32
<b>Highest IB score</b>	45	44	45
<b>Percentage earning Bilingual Diplomas</b>	28%	50%	28%

In 2022, 65 students took a total of 345 IB subject exams (scored 1-7): 96% of scores were 4 and above, 80% were 5 and above, and 48% were 6 and above.

### AP EXAMS

In 2022, 119 TESIS students combined to take a total of 264 AP exams: 75% of scores were 3 or above, 50% were 4 or above, and 102 students recorded a 3 or higher on at least one exam, which The College Board defines as a school success rate of 86%. A record 46 students were named AP Scholars for demonstrating exemplary college-level achievement on their exams.

### STANDARDIZED TESTS

SAT	Evidence Based Reading and Writing	Mathematics	Total
<b>Class of 2022</b> (59 took the SAT)	587	615	1207

## 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 TESIS 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.

### Academic and Independent Travel

Travel is an integral part of a TESIS 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 2018–2022 **Boldface type indicates schools where TASIS students matriculated**

## USA and Canada

Abilene Christian University  
American University  
Appalachian State University  
Arizona State University  
Auburn University  
Augsburg University  
**Babson College**  
Bard College  
Barnard College  
Barry University  
Bates College  
Baylor University  
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 William & Mary  
College of Wooster  
**Colorado State University**  
Columbia College Chicago  
Columbia University  
Concordia University - Montreal  
Cornell University  
Dalhousie University  
Dartmouth College  
Davidson College  
Dean College  
DePaul University  
DePauw University  
Drew University  
Drexel University  
**Duke University**  
**Elon University**  
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University - Daytona Beach  
**Emerson College**  
Emmanuel College (MA)  
**Emory University**  
**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  
**Fordham University**  
George Mason University  
**George Washington University**  
**Georgetown 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**  
Indiana University - Purdue University IUPUI  
Indiana University Bloomington  
James Madison University  
Johnson & Wales University-Providence  
**Kennesaw State University**  
Kenyon College  
La Salle University  
**Lafayette College**  
**Lawrence University**  
Lehigh University  
LIM College Laboratory Institute of Merchandising  
Louisiana State University  
**Loyola Marymount University**  
Loyola University Chicago  
**Lynn University**  
**Marist College**  
Maryland Institute College of Art  
Marymount California University  
Marymount Manhattan College  
Massachusetts College  
of Pharmacy and Health Sciences  
**McGill University**  
**McMaster University**  
Merrimack College  
Miami University, Oxford  
Michigan State University  
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  
**OCAD University**  
Occidental College  
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 College of Art and Design  
Rochester Institute of Technology  
Roger Williams University  
Rollins College  
**Rutgers University - New Brunswick**  
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  
Sewanee, University of the South  
Sienna 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  
Stony Brook University (SUNY)  
**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**  
Toronto Metropolitan University  
Trent University  
**Trinity University**  
**Tulane 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, Riverside  
University of California, San Diego  
University of California, Santa Barbara  
University of California, Santa Cruz  
University of Central Florida  
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, Amherst  
**University of Miami**  
University of Michigan  
University of Mississippi  
University of Missouri Columbia  
University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV)  
University of North Carolina at Charlotte  
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 Texas at Dallas**  
**University of Texas at San Antonio**  
University of Texas at Tyler  
University of Texas Rio Grande Valley  
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  
Villanova University  
**Virginia Polytechnic Institute (Virginia Tech)**  
Wake Forest University  
Washington State University  
**Weber State University**  
Webster University  
**Wentworth Institute of Technology**  
Western University  
Whittier College  
Whitworth University  
Willamette University  
Williams College  
Worcester Polytechnic Institute  
**Yale University**  
York University  
York University Glendon Campus

## UNITED KINGDOM

Anglia Ruskin University  
**Architectural Association School of Architecture**  
Arts University Bournemouth  
Bangor University  
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**  
**Ravensbourne**  
Regent's University London  
**Richmond, The American International**  
**University in London**  
Royal Holloway, University of London  
**Royal Northern College of Music**  
SAE Institute London  
**School of Oriental and African Studies**  
Southampton Solent University  
St George's, University of London  
Staffordshire University  
Swansea University  
**Teesside University**  
The University of Law  
**The University of Nottingham**  
**The University of South Wales**  
University Centre Hartpur  
**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 Cumbria  
University of Derby  
**University of East Anglia**  
**University of Edinburgh**  
University of Essex  
**University of Exeter**  
University of Glasgow  
**University of Greenwich**  
University of Hertfordshire  
University of Huddersfield  
**University of Kent**  
**University of Law**  
**University of Leeds**  
**University of Leicester**  
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 Stirling**  
**University of Strathclyde**  
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 and Hotel Management School - BHMS  
**Ecole Hoteliere de Lausanne**  
**ETH Zurich**  
**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**  
**United International Business Schools - Zurich**  
University of Basel  
University of Bern  
University of Geneva  
**University of Lausanne**  
**University of Lucerne**  
**University of Lugano**  
**University of Zurich**  
**University St. Gallen**  
**Webster University (Geneva)**

## REST OF THE WORLD

**University of New South Wales, Australia**  
MODUL University Vienna, Austria  
**WU Vienna University**  
**of Economics and Business, Austria**  
**FGV, Brazil**  
**Inspira, Brazil**  
**Duke Kunshan University, China**  
**Peking University, China**  
University of Nicosia, Cyprus  
**Charles University, Czech Republic**  
**Danish Technical University, Denmark**  
ESCP Business School, Paris, France  
**ESDES - Lyon, France**  
ESRA International Film School, France  
**Grenoble School of Management, France**  
International Fashion Academy - Paris, France  
**Istituto Marangoni, Paris, France**  
NEOMA Business School, France  
**The American University of Paris, France**  
**Bard College Berlin, Germany**  
EU Business School - Munich, Germany  
Jacobs University, Germany  
**New European College, Germany**  
Hong Kong University of Science  
and Technology, Hong Kong  
The University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong  
American University of Rome, Italy  
**Bocconi University, Italy**  
**Cattolica International, Italy**  
**Humanitas University, Italy**  
Istituto Europeo di Design - Madrid Campus, Italy  
**Istituto Marangoni, Milano, Italy**  
John Cabot University, Rome, Italy  
Luiss University, Italy  
Marist-LdM, Italy  
Nuova Accademia di Belle Arti Milano, Italy  
**Politecnico di Milano, Italy**  
**University of Bologna, Italy**  
**University of Parma, Italy**  
**Vita-Salute San Raffaele University, Italy**  
**Waseda University, Japan**  
**Tecnologico de Monterrey (ITESM), Mexico**  
**Universidad de Monterrey, Mexico**  
**Universidad Iberoamericana, Mexico**  
Universidad Panamericana, Mexico  
**Amsterdam University College, Netherlands**  
Amsterdam University of Applied Sciences,  
Netherlands  
**Eindhoven University of Technology, Netherlands**  
Erasmus University Rotterdam, Netherlands  
**Maastricht University, Netherlands**  
Rijksuniversiteit Groningen, Netherlands  
**Rotterdam University**  
**of Applied Sciences, Netherlands**  
**Technical University (TU) Delft, Netherlands**  
University of Amsterdam, Netherlands  
University of Applied Sciences Utrecht, Netherlands  
University of Groningen, Netherlands  
Utrecht University, Netherlands  
**Medical University of Warsaw, Poland**  
**Moscow State Institute**  
**of International Relations, Russia**  
Singapore Management University, Singapore  
**CEU San Pablo University, Spain**  
EADA Business School Barcelona, Spain  
**Escuela Superior de Administracion**  
**y Direccion de Empresas ESADE, Spain**  
**EU Business School Barcelona, Spain**  
**IE University - Madrid, Spain**  
**IE University - Segovia, Spain**  
Les Roches Marbella, Spain  
**Saint Louis University, Madrid, Spain**  
**The College For International Studies, Spain**  
Toulouse Business School Barcelona, Spain  
University of Navarra, Spain  
**Stockholm University, Sweden**  
Koc University, Turkey  
Heriot Watt University - Dubai, United Arab Emirates  
**Middlesex University, Dubai, United Arab Emirates**