TASIS
VERUM BONUM PULCHRUM
SWITZERLAND

Academic Profile 2023-2024

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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.
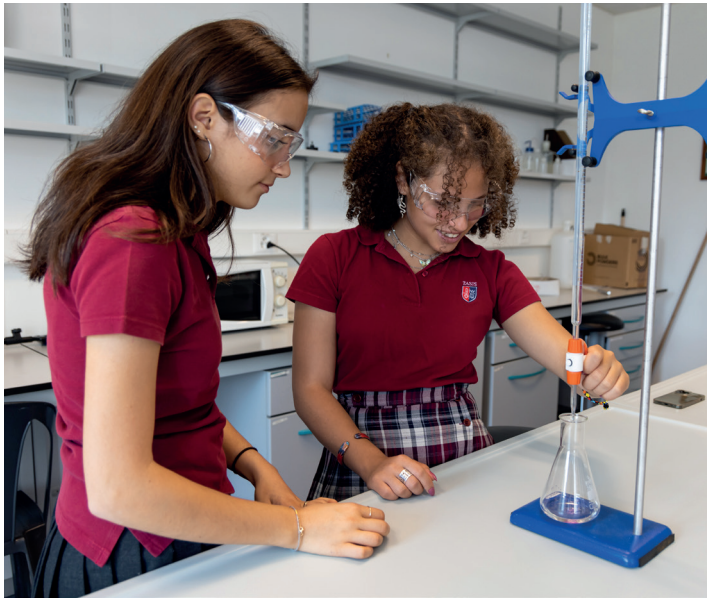
Faculty

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 173 day students, with 49* nations represented. The majority of students (59%) come from Europe, with the remainder hailing from Latin America (14%), the United States and Canada (12%), Asia (9%), and the Middle East and Africa (9%). The Class of 2024 comprises 121 students, and the High School retention rate is 83%.

* 45 countries of residency, 59 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 grade 12 students must pass either a grade 12 English course offered by the English Department or IB English B HL (Year 2, and IB Diploma candidates only). Non-IB EAL students must pass English, Grammar, Composition, and British Literature.
- Third-year proficiency (equivalent to completion of a level 3 language at TASIS or B1 proficiency as defined by the Common European Framework of Reference) in a modern language other than English that is offered at TASIS
- Three credits of History, including Modern History and either US History or an IB Group 3 course (IB Diploma candidates only), and successful completion of the Civic Literacy Exam (typically during grade 11 or 12)
- Three credits of Laboratory Science
- Three credits of Mathematics, completing Mathematics 3 Core at a minimum
- One credit in Performing Arts or Visual Arts
- All students in grades 9 and 10 are required to take and earn credit in Health and Physical Education.
- Senior Humanities is fulfilled by AP US History, Art History, AP Art History, IB Art History, or, for IB Diploma candidates, Theory of Knowledge.
- Earn a passing grade in the Opsahl Global Service Program each semester enrolled through grade 11 and participate in at least one service trip or local service experience. New grade 12 and PG students must also earn passing grades both semesters and participate in a global service trip or local service experience.
- Fulfillment of the Sports and Activities requirement each semester
- Completion of all Academic Travel assignments and obligations

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 Language and Literature (SL/HL)
- IB English A 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 • AP 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
- EAL United States 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
- Biology • Chemistry • Ecology • Physics • Computer Science 1 and 2
- AP Biology • AP Physics • AP Physics C • AP Chemistry
- AP Computer Science • IB Biology (SL/HL) • IB Chemistry (SL/HL)
- IB Environmental Systems and Societies (SL) • IB Physics (SL/HL)

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

Fine Arts
- Drawing & Painting • Honors Drawing & Painting
- Photography • Architecture • Ceramics & Sculpture
- Music 1 • Performing Arts • 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.

**   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 December 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 GPAs to universities because the majority of TASIS seniors have been at TASIS for fewer than four semesters at the time of university application.

Statement About TASIS Transcripts

Beginning with the 2021–2022 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 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

	TASIS 2023	TASIS 2022	Worldwide 2023
Number of diploma candidates	40	41	179,919
Percentage earning diplomas	100%	100%	80%
Mean diploma score	34	35	30.2
Highest IB score	43	45	45
Percentage earning Bilingual Diplomas	28%	28%	27%

In 2023, 73 TASIS students took a total of 361 IB subject exams (scored 1-7): 93% of scores were 4 and above, 80% were 5 and above, and 55% were 6 and above.

AP EXAMS

In 2023, 149 TASIS students combined to take a total of 339 AP exams: 83% of scores were 3 or above, 49% were 4 or above, and 124 students recorded a 3 or higher on at least one exam, which The College Board defines as a school success rate of 83%. A record 48 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 2023 (37 took the SAT)	624	642	1266

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.

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 2019–2023

USA and Canada

American University
Appalachian State University
Arizona State University
Auburn University
Babson College
Bard College
Barnard College
Bates College
Baylor University
Belmont University
Bentley University
Berklee College of Music
Bishop's University
Boston College
Boston University
Bowdoin College
Brandeis University
Brown University
Bryant University
California College of the Arts
California Lutheran University
California Polytechnic State University
California State Polytechnic University-Pomona
California State University-Bakersfield
California State University-Fresno
California State University-Northridge
California State University-San Bernardino
Case Western Reserve University
Chapman University
Colby College
Colgate University
College of Charleston
Columbia College Chicago
Columbia University
Concordia University
Dalhousie University
Dean College
DePaul University
Drew University
Drexel University
Duke University
Emerson College
Emmanuel College
Emory University
Fashion Institute of Technology
Florida Institute of Technology
Florida International University
Fordham University
Franklin and Marshall College
George Mason University
George Washington University
Georgetown University
Hawai'i Pacific University
High Point University
Hult International Business School
Indiana University - Purdue University IUPUI
Indiana University Bloomington
Lafayette College
Lesley University
LIM College Laboratory Institute of Merchandising
Louisiana State University
Loyola Marymount University
Loyola University Chicago
Lynn University
Manhattanville College
Marist College
McGill University
McMaster University
Merrimack College
Michigan State University
Mississippi State University
Mount St. Mary's University
Neumann University
New York Institute of Technology (NYIT)
New York School of Interior Design
New York University
North Carolina State University
Northeastern University
Northern Arizona University
OCAD University
Occidental College
Otis College of Art and Design
Pace University
Pacific University
Pepperdine University
Pratt Institute-Main
Presbyterian College
Purdue University
Quinnipiac University
Reed College

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rhodes College
Rice University
Ringling College of Art and Design
Rollins College
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
Rutgers University - New Brunswick
Saint Edward's University
Saint Leo 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
Scripps College
Simon Fraser University
Southern Methodist University
St. Edward's University
St. John's University
Stephen F. Austin State University
Stetson University
Stony Brook University (SUNY)
Suffolk University
SUNY University at Buffalo
Syracuse University
Temple University
Texas A&M University - College Station
Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi
Texas A&M University
Texas A&M University - San Antonio
Texas Christian University
Texas Tech University
The New School
The Pennsylvania State University
The University of Alabama
The University of Tampa
The University of Texas at Arlington
The University of Texas at Austin
The University of Texas at Dallas
The University of Texas at San Antonio
Toronto Metropolitan University
Trent University - Peterborough Campus
Trinity University
Tulane University
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, Riverside
University of California, San Diego
University of California, Santa Cruz
University of Central Florida
University of Colorado at Colorado Springs
University of Colorado Boulder
University of Denver
University of Detroit Mercy
University of Florida
University of Guelph
University of Houston
University of Illinois at Chicago
University of Illinois Urbana - Champaign
University of La Verne
University of Massachusetts - Amherst
University of Melbourne
University of Miami
University of Michigan
University of Michigan - Ann Arbor
University of Mississippi
University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV)
University of New Mexico
University of North Carolina at Charlotte
University of North Texas
University of Oregon
University of Portland
University of Puget Sound
University of San Diego
University of San Francisco
University of South Carolina - Columbia
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 Toronto
University of Utah
University of Virginia
University of Waterloo
University of Wisconsin, Madison
Villanova University
Virginia Commonwealth University
Virginia Polytechnic Institute (Virginia Tech)
Webster University
Wentworth Institute of Technology
Western University
Whittier College
Wilfrid Laurier University
Willamette University
Williams College
Yale University
York University
York University Glendon Campus

UNITED KINGDOM

Aberystwyth University
Anglia Ruskin University
Architectural Association School of Architecture
Bangor University
BIMM Institute London
Birkbeck, University of London
Brunel University London
Cardiff University
City & Guilds of London Art School
City, University of London
DLD
Durham University
ESCP Business School, London
Goldsmiths, University of London
Heriot Watt University - Dubai
Hult International Business School
Imperial College London
INTO City London
INTO London
Istituto Marangoni London
King's College London
Kings Education - Art and Design
Kingston University
Liverpool Hope 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
Middlesex University
New College of the Humanities
Newcastle University
Northeastern University London
Northumbria 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
SOAS University of London
Southampton Solent University
Staffordshire University
The University of Edinburgh
The University of Law
The University of Nottingham
UCL (University College London)
University for the Creative Arts
University of Aberdeen
University of Bath
University of Brighton
University of Bristol
University of Cumbria
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 Huddersfield
University of Kent

University of Leeds
University of Leicester
University of Lincoln
University of Liverpool
University of London - Birkbeck
University of Manchester
University of Nottingham
University of Portsmouth
University of Reading
University of Sheffield
University of Southampton
University of St Andrews
University of Stirling
University of Strathclyde
University of Sussex
University of the Arts London
University of Warwick
University of West London
University of Westminster

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EHL Hospitality Business School
EU Business School - Geneva
EU Business School - Montreux
Franklin University Switzerland
Geneva Business School
Glion Institute of Higher Education
IFM University
Les Roches
United International Business Schools - Zurich
Universität St. Gallen
University of Applied Sciences and Arts of
  Southern Switzerland
University of Basel
University of Bern
University of Geneva
University of Lausanne
University of Lucerne
University of Lugano
University of Zurich
Webster University Geneva

REST OF THE WORLD

Bard College Berlin, Germany
Bocconi University, Italy
Cattolica International, Italy
Charles University, Czech Republic
EADA Business School Barcelona, Spain
EDHEC Business School, France
Eindhoven University of Technology,
  Netherlands
Erasmus University Rotterdam, Netherlands
ESADE Business School, Spain
ESCP Business School, France
ESDES - Lyon, France
EU Business School - Munich, Germany
EU Business School Barcelona, Spain
Fundação Getulio Vargas, Brazil
Grenoble School of Management, France
Humanitas University, Italy
IE University - Madrid Campus, Spain
IE University - Segovia Campus, Spain
IED Barcelona, Spain
Istituto Europeo di Design, Italy
Istituto Marangoni, Milano, Italy
John Cabot University, Italy
Les Roches Marbella, Spain
Luiss University, Italy
Maastricht University, Netherlands
Marbella International University Centre, Spain
Marist-Florence, Italy
MGIMO, Russia
Nuova Accademia di Belle Arti (NABA), Italy
Open Studio, Netherlands
Politecnico di Milano, Italy
Saint Louis University Madrid, Spain
Tecnológico de Monterrey (ITESM), Mexico
The American University of Paris, France
The College For International Studies, Spain
Trinity College Dublin, Ireland
Universidad de Monterrey, Mexico
Universidad Iberoamericana, Mexico
Universidad Panamericana, Mexico
University College Tilburg, Netherlands
University of Amsterdam, Netherlands
University of Melbourne, Australia
University of Navarra, Spain
University of Nicosia, Cyprus
Utrecht University, Netherlands