School Profile 2026-2027

The Lycée offers a unique learning experience, delivering a French-American curriculum that integrates intellectual rigor and breadth with creativity, collaboration, and ingenuity. Culminating in the internationally renowned French Baccalauréat, our bilingual, bicultural program opens students to new perspectives and ways of thinking—inspiring them to be at home in the world and prepared to lead in the 21st century.

About the Lycée

Founded in 1935

Follows the French national curriculum

Bilingual, coeducational day school, Nursery through Grade 12

Total student enrollment: 1209

Upper East Side of Manhattan campus

364 students in Grades 9 through 12

49.7% girls, 50% boys

0.3% non-binary

30.4% French/US dual citizens

27.2% US citizens

19% French citizens

7.3% countries other than US and France

48.5% Dual and triple Citizenships

6.1% Dual or more Citizenships

Average class size: 21 students

Accredited by the New York State Association of Independent Schools, the New York State Board of Regents, and the French Ministry of National Education.

Our Mission: Citizens of Culture and Courage

Committed to bilingual French and American education of the highest standard, the Lycée prepares students of many origins to be thinkers, innovators and leaders, at home in the world. The Lycée inspires its students to excel and seek academic and personal challenges, to discover interests and fulfi ll talents, to embrace diversity and build community, to uphold integrity, and to contribute to making a difference.

Introducing the Baccalauréat Français International: BFI

The Class of 2027 is the fourth to graduate with the Baccalauréat Français International (BFI) diploma. Adapted from the standard French Baccaulauréat, BFI represents a new bilingual, bicultural version of the world-renowned course of study developed in bilateral partnerships with countries around the world. The BFI American Section followed by our students brings together the two distinct perspectives on education, combining the rigor and breadth of the French national curriculum, anchored in liberal arts, culture, and critical thinking, with the American tradition of inquiry-based experiential learning, initiative, and creativity.

Over the two-year program, BFI students follow a core curriculum, including three concentrations (spécialités) and three BFI college-level courses. This academic schedule adds up to 36 to 41 periods of instruction per week, with up to 50% of them taught in English.

The BFI requires written and oral communication skills in at least two languages, as well as a self-directed, original research project through the two-year Global Studies Research Seminar.

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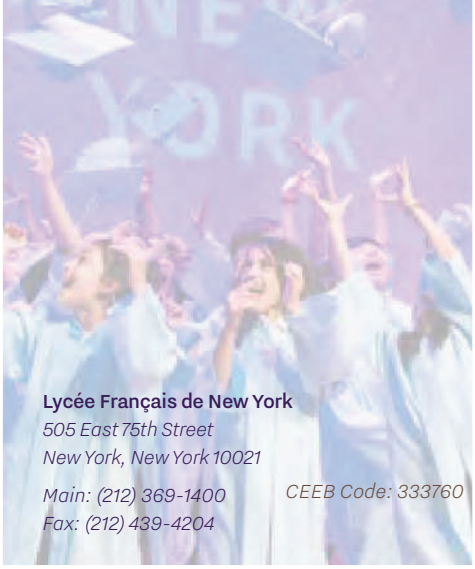
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The American Section of the BFI offers further options that help students customize their academic program:

1. Advanced Placement (AP) Substitutions

In 11th grade, students may substitute two AP courses and required exams for the BFI's History-Geography and Advanced (honors) English literature classes. Choices at the Lycée include AP US History, AP European History, and AP Language and Composition. The AP exams substitute for the corresponding BFI written exams.

In 12th grade, students may take AP English Literature and Composition in lieu of Advanced (honors) English, but the exam does not count towards the Bac diploma.

2. Math electives

France has a proud tradition of excellence in mathematics. This legacy is reflected in two 12th-grade electives: Mathématiques Expertes for students seeking high level math content or Mathématiques Complémentaires for students wishing to continue the study of math without it being a *spécialité*. Alternatively, students may opt for AP Calculus BC as a substitution for Mathématiques Expertes.

Academic Program

Students earn the French Baccalauréat at the end of 12th grade.

Students qualify for a Lycée High School Diploma upon graduation.

Baccalauréat Français International (BFI, American Section) offered along with the Baccalauréat Standard

162 teaching faculty

124 with advanced degrees

24 with doctorates

Semester system

Students graded on French scale (1-20); converted to American system for college applications

Majority of courses taught in French



BFI Courses

All students pursuing the Bac study English, French, and a third language (Arabic, German, Italian, Mandarin, or Spanish), as well as History-Geography, Mathematics, Sciences, and Philosophy. Students also may choose coursework in Latin or Greek and from electives including Art, Music, Film, Theater, and Computer Science.

The BFI also includes three advanced courses enabling students to pursue university-level curricula. These courses, called *spécialité*, are spread across 11th and 12th grade and culminate in papers and oral examinations graded by outside parties.

The signature course of the BFI is the two-year Global Studies Research Seminar taught in English. Its curriculum probes the roots of our social communities, linking the history of ideas and political philosophy to contemporary global issues from cross-cultural American and French perspectives. In parallel, students develop an original research project through a student-initiated partnership with an international institution, scholar, or NGO mentor.

The course aims to consolidate intercultural fluency, helping students to grasp the diversity of perspectives on contemporary global issues and how they shape and impact our modern society. Students further develop their ability to use and evaluate sources, claims, and evidence; they make independent, reasoned, evidence-based judgements, and hone a range of communication skills. The final exam - conducted in English and assessed by a two-person jury - is a 20-minute oral presentation that includes a discussion of the findings from the student's research project.

GRADES & RANKING

Grading within the French system is unique in its philosophy and structure. While most American grades are calculated on a percentage basis, the French hold to a numerical scale that is based on the philosophical ideal of 20 as perfection. In the French system, a score of 20/20 is highly unusual, an 18/20 is rare, and a 12/20 is good. Essays are the preferred means of evaluation in all subjects. All aspects of the students' responses are considered in assigning grades: reasoning, form and presentation of proofs, and oral and written expression.



Transcripts sent to universities and colleges in the United States reflect the American letter grade equivalents of the original numerical grades. The Lycée Français de New York follows the grade equivalents adapted from the Franco-American Fulbright Commission for the Exchange of Scholars by French lycées in the United States. Lycée Français de New York neither computes grade point averages nor publishes class rankings.

French grade												
16+	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4
US equivalent												
A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	D-	F

THE CLASS OF 2027

The Lycée Class of 2027 includes 89 students from 20 countries, including, for example, Canada, Italy, Lebanon, Spain, Turkey, Uruguay, and Japan. Eight students entered the Lycée in Y11, and two others joined in Y12. More than a third of all students are fidèles, having started as students in Maternelle (Nursery).

Standardized Testing

The Lycée does not provide mean and median scores for the SAT and ACT as a significant number of students choose to apply to test-optional colleges and universities or to global universities where testing is not required.

CURRICULUM GUIDE

In addition to a core curriculum, students meet in advisory twice per week and may take advantage of faculty office hours three times a week.

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Lycée Curriculum	French / Philosophie	5	5	5	4
	Mathematics	4.5	4.5	1.5	
	English / AP	4.5	5	4	4.5
	LVB (Foreign Language 2)	3	2.5	2.5	2
	History-Geography / Civics / AP	5	4	4.5	4
	Global Studies Research Seminar (BFI only)			2	2
	SES (Social and Economic Sciences)		1.5		
	Enseignement Scientifique / General Science			1.5	2
	Physics / Chemistry	1.5	3		
	Biology	1.5	2		
	EPS (Physical Education)	2	2	2	2
	Arts Plastiques (Studio Art)	1			
	Music	1			
	Computer Science	1.5			
	Spécialités / AP Substituted Classes			12	12
	Mathematics			4	4
	HLP (Humanities, Literature, Philosophy)			4	4
	NSI (Computer Science)			4	4
	HGGSP (History / Geography / Geopolitics)			4	4
	SES (Social and Economic Sciences)			4	4
	Physics/Chemistry			4	4
	SVT (Biology)			4	4
Electives	Latin / Grec / LV3 Esp (Foreign Language 3)	2	2	1.5	1.5
	Arts (Cinema / Theater / Art / Music)		2		
	Y12 Options (Maths Expertes, Maths Complémentaires)				2.5
	AP Calculus BC**			2.5	3.5
	Min	37.5	34	38.5	36
	Max	39.5	40	40	40
	Max (w /AP Calc)			41	41

Students in Spécialité Maths have 4 hours per week; non-Spé students have 1.5 hours.

***AP Calculus BC is taught as an elective over two years and replaces Maths Expertes in Y12. It concludes both with the AP test and an oral exam that counts towards the Bac.*



Extracurricular Life At The Lycée

Our academic day runs from approximately 8:20 AM to 4:15 PM with very few breaks. All Lycée students, however, are required to complete 10 hours of community service during each academic year of secondary school (for a minimum of 60 hours total by the time they graduate). Furthermore, they benefit from a rich array of extracurricular options in athletics and the arts, and many students devote a significant amount of time outside of school to pursuing their passions and interests.

Lycée varsity and junior varsity student-athletes compete in the New York City Athletic League (NYCAL), training and competing in either of our two full-size gymnasiums or outside of the Lycée. Many practices, matches, and tournaments take place on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday afternoons, and athletic commitments require a significant amount of time traveling around the city and in the Tri-State area.

Varsity Sports
Basketball
Cross Country
Soccer
Swimming
Table Tennis
Tennis
Track (Indoor)
Track (Outdoor)
Volleyball

Faculty-led Clubs/Organizations
Biology
Brain Bee
Chimie (Chemistry)
Chorale (Chorus)
Club Carto
Comédie Musicale (Musical)
The Fridge (Literary Magazine)
Harvard Model Congress
High School Théâtre (Theater)
Le Lynx (School Newspaper)
Math Team
Model UN
Middle School Théâtre (Theater)
Translation Club

NB: The last two years of the Baccalauréat are rigorous and intense. Students, therefore, are less likely to present the full complement of co-curricular activities that many other non-Lycée students may offer as applicants for admission. Please take this into consideration during your evaluation of their candidacy.

Student-led Clubs/Organizations
Art Club
Adventure Book Club
Asian Student Union
Black Student Union
Book Club Lycée
Chess Club
Community and Cultural Literacy Club
Computer Science/Game Design Club
Cookie Club
Creative Writing Club
Diplomacy and Current Affairs Club
Dungeons and Dragons
Environmental Task Force
Gems and Minerals Club
Global Geopolitics Club
Investment Portfolio
Le Salon
Management
Medicine Club
Jewish Community and Culture Club
LP4Y X LFNY
Lycee's Foodies
Middle Eastern Society
Physics Club
Project Kenya
Q&A (Queers and Allies)
Reverse the Trend
Sunrise Environmental Club
Women in Business
Young Progressive Leaders

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Typical Weekly Schedule of a Première (Y11) Student

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:05-8:20	Advisory	Free	Free	Advisory	Free
8:20-9:10	Second Foreign Language	Spécialité 2	French Literature	French Literature	French Literature
9:10-10:00	French Literature	Spécialité 2	Second Foreign Language	French Literature	History & Geography
10:00-10:15	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
10:15-11:05	English Literature	Physical Education	Spécialité 1	Optional Class	Sciences
11:05-11:55	Global Studies Research Seminar	Physical Education	Spécialité 1	History & Geography	Spécialité 3
11:55-12:45	History & Geography	Lunch	Sciences	History & Geography	Spécialité 3
12:45-1:45	Lunch	Spécialité 3	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
1:45-2:35	Spécialité 1	Spécialité 3	English Literature	Global Studies Research Seminar	Spécialité 2
2:35-3:25	Spécialité 1	English Literature	English Literature	Mathematics	Spécialité 2
3:25-4:15	Office Hours**	Mathematics	Office Hours**	Office Hours**	Second Foreign Language
4:15-5:05		Optional Class			

* On average, students spend at least 3 hours per day completing their homework.

** Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday afternoons are dedicated to athletic leagues.



College Matriculations: 2023-2024-2025-2026

Total: 144 Universities, 344 Students

UNITED STATES: 182 students (52.9%)

American University
Amherst College
Babson College
Barnard College (3)
Boston College (5)
Boston University (4)
Bowdoin College (2)
Brown University (2)
Case Western Reserve University
College of Charleston
Colgate University
Columbia University (10)
Cornell University (18)
Culinary Institute of America
CUNY Bernard M Baruch College (2)
CUNY Hunter College
CUNY John Jay College of Criminal Justice
Deep Springs College
Denison University (2)
Duke University
Emerson College
Emory University (2)
Fashion Institute of Technology
Georgetown University (2)
Georgia Institute of Technology-Main Campus
Harvard University (3)
Indiana University (2)
Lafayette College
Loyola Marymount University
Manhattan School of Music
Michigan State University
Middlebury College (4)
Mount Holyoke College
New York Institute of Technology
New York University (17)
Northeastern University (10)
Northwestern University (2)
Oberlin College (2)
Pace University
Parsons School of Design (2)
Pennsylvania State University
Princeton University (4)
Providence College
Rutgers University-New Brunswick
Savannah College of Art and Design
Stanford University (3)
Syracuse University (3)
Tufts University (2)
Tulane University (2)
University of California-Berkeley (3)
University of California-Los Angeles
University of California-San Diego
University of California-Santa Barbara
University of Chicago (9)
University of Colorado Boulder
University of Connecticut
University of Hartford
University of Massachusetts-Amherst
University of Michigan (3)
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
University of Pennsylvania (7)
University of Southern California
Vanderbilt University (2)
Vassar College (4)
Villanova University (2)
Washington & Lee University
Washington University in St. Louis
Wesleyan University
Williams College (3)
Yale University (4)

CANADA: 19 (5.5%)

Concordia University (2)
McGill University (13)
The University of British Columbia
University of Québec at Montreal
University of Toronto (2)

FRANCE: 68 (19.8%)

Atelier de Sèvres (2)
CPA Isep-Stanislas
École d'ingénieurs Paris-La Défense (ESILV)
École Ferrandi
École Normale Supérieure de Cachan
École Polytechnique (4)
Ecole Universitaire de Premier Cycle - Paris-Saclay
EDHEC Business School (7)
Emlyon Business School (3)
ENSA Normandie
ENSA Paris-La Villette
ENSAD - École Nationale Supérieure des Arts Décoratifs
EPITA: L'École des Ingénieurs en Intelligence Informatique
ESCP Business School (13)
ESME Sudria Paris
ESMOD France
ESSEC Business School (4)
ICAM School of Engineering (2)
Institut Catholique de Lyon
La Prépa Autrement
Lycée Ampère Lyon
Lycée Fénelon
Lycée Hoche
Lycée Montesquieu
Lycée Saint-Jean de Douai
Paris 1 Panthéon Sorbonne (2)
Sorbonne Université (3)
Toulouse Business School (2)
Université de Nantes
Université de Rennes
Université Paris Cité (4)
Université Paris-Est Créteil (UPEC)
Université Versailles Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines



UNITED KINGDOM: 46 (13.3%)

Durham University (2)
King's College London (7)
London School of Economics (3)
Northeastern University London (5)
Nottingham Trent University
Oxford Brookes University
Royal Veterinary College
University of the Arts London
University College London
University of the Arts London
University of Edinburgh
University of Exeter (2)
University of Oxford (2)
University of St Andrews (16)
University of Warwick (2)

ITALY: 6 (1.7%)

Politecnico di Milano
Università Bocconi (5)

IRELAND: 1 (0.3%)

University of Galway

SPAIN: 3 (0.9%)

IE University (2)
Universidad Europea de Madrid

SWITZERLAND: 5 (1.5%)

HEC Lausanne
École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (2)
Swiss Hotel Management School
University of Geneva

THE NETHERLANDS: 3 (0.9%)

Universiteit van Amsterdam
University of Twente
Wageningen University

MULTINATIONAL DUAL DEGREE PROGRAMS: 11 (3.2%)

CentraleSupélec - McGill Dual Degree Program
École Polytechnique - Columbia University Dual Degree Program
Sciences Po - UC Berkeley Dual Degree Program (2)
Sciences Po - Columbia Dual Degree Program (2)
Sciences Po - Sorbonne Dual Degree Program
Sciences Po - University of British Columbia Dual Degree Program
Tel Aviv University - Columbia Dual Degree Program
Università Bocconi - HEC Dual Degree Program
Université Paris 1 - Universität zu Köln Dual Degree Program