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FRENCH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF TOKYO – LFIT HIGH SCHOOL PROFILE

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SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY

The French international school of Tokyo – LFIT- was founded in 1967. Today, with a total of 1525 students, it is the largest French school in Japan and one of the largest of the 21 French Schools in Asia. The Lycée is a private school managed by a private Foundation, which serves the Tokyo area, offering only the French National Education System from pre-kindergarten through high school, culminating in the French Baccalauréat.

The secondary school (grades 6-12) accommodates 720 students ; among them, 262 students attend the high school (10th to 12th grades). Many students' families are in Tokyo on temporary assignments with the embassies and other international companies. More and more families are also binational, French and Japanese.

Some students attend the French school from pre-kindergarten through 12th grade.

Enrollment in French School program, 2021-2022

Year in French system	Us equivalent	Classes' size in average
Sixième	6 th grade	24
Cinquième	7 th grade	26
Quatrième	8 th grade	25
Troisième	9 th grade	27
Seconde	10 th grade	32
Première (1 st year of Bac)	11 th grade	27
Terminale (2 nd year of bac)	12 th grade	23

Citizenships, Terminale Class of 2020

Class size	69 students
French citizenship	23
Japanese citizenship	7
Dual French-japanese citizenship	30
Dual French – other citizenship	3
Nationalities presented other than French and Japanese	6

The final year of study at the Lycée (terminale) is devoted to preparing students for the French Baccalauréat examinations, which alone qualifies students for admission to the French University system. Students of any nationality who obtain the French Baccalauréat diploma are automatically eligible to attend university in France.

The final year of study at the Lycée is appropriately regarded as post-secondary study in the U.S although it is an integral part of the secondary education in the French system. Because of this, Canadian and U.S universities often grant credit and/or advanced standing to French Bac recipients.

FRENCH BACCALAUREAT : national curriculum and language of instruction All French lycées follow the academic curriculum established by the French National Ministry of Education. Faculty members are certified by the French Ministry.

All courses are taught in French except foreign language courses, Japanese & US literature (International section), Japanese & US history (International Section), which are taught entirely in Japanese or English and the courses in the *Euro section**** which are taught entirely in English.

Curriculum

The French Bac recently underwent a reform, ending the streams known previously as “S”, “ES” and “L”. Now, students choose their pathways and study fewer subjects in more depth.

Grade 11: Students choose 3 speciality courses from the list below (4 hours a week per subject).

Grade 12: Students continue to study 2 of their speciality courses, for 6 hours a week per subject.

Speciality courses :

History, Geography, Geopolitics and Political Science

Humanities, Literature and Philosophy

Languages, Literature and Foreign Cultures (English)

Mathematics*

Digital Technology and Computer Science

Physics & Chemistry**

Biology (SVT: Earth and Life Science)

Economic and Social Sciences

**Math speciality course is a challenging course, similar in content and difficulty to the former “S” Math course. **The curriculum content and level of difficulty has been likened to AP Physics and Chemistry*

Core courses : Alongside their speciality courses, all students take a Foreign Language, Science, French, Philosophy, and Physical Education. Students who have opted for the American Section OIB take History and Geography as well as literature in English. These subjects replace HG in French and Language A in the Common Core.

Options : Expert Math (an additional 3 hours a week on top of 6 hours for Math specialism) —This course would be the equivalent, or possibly higher level than AP Calculus BC.

Complementary Math (designed for students who want some Math their Senior year—3 hours a week).

In addition to their required concentration courses, all Lycée students must enroll in English and second modern language (Spanish, German, Japanese).

During the final three years of secondary education, Lycée students often carry a course load of 35 to 37 hours per week, with a corresponding amount of homework. School hours are 8:00am to 6:00pm.

INTERNATIONAL JAPANESE SECTION (SIJ -OPTION OF THE FRENCH BACCALAUREAT) *

Among the Baccalauréat's international options (or OIB) the Lycée offers the Japanese option (SIJ). Taught by French, Japanese faculty, the SIJ is an optional three-year program that offers students advanced-level studies in Japanese language and literature and an integrated curriculum in world history and geography. The OIB is not a separate diploma, but rather an additional specialization within the framework of the Baccalauréat. The concept, curriculum and evaluation standards of the OIB Japanese Option were developed by the French Ministry of Education. To meet the requirements of the Lycée's SIJ specialization, students must pass written and oral exams given in Japanese and evaluated by external examiners provided by the French Ministry of Education.

INTERNATIONAL AMERICAN SECTION (SIA -OPTION OF THE FRENCH BACCALAUREAT)

****** Since September 2017 the school offers to the students in 10th grade and 11th grade the american OIB program. In 2020 the students enrolled in this section took the OIB exams.

Taught by French, American faculty, the SIA is an optional three-year program that offers students advanced-level studies in English language and literature and an integrated curriculum in world history and geography. The OIB is not a separate diploma, but rather an additional specialization within the framework of the Baccalauréat. The concept, curriculum and evaluation standards of the OIB American Option were developed by the French Ministry of Education. To meet the requirements of the Lycée's SIA specialization, students must pass written and oral exams given in English and evaluated by external examiners provided by the French Ministry of Education.

EURO SECTION ***

The Euro section is another option offered by the Lycée for the advanced-level students in English.

The option is a five-year program (8th grade to 12th grade) that offers studies in history and geography. The 2-hours course is taught in English.

The Euro série is not a separated diploma, but rather an additional specialization within the framework of the Baccalauréat. The concept and the curriculum are developed by the French Ministry of Education. To meet the requirements of the Lycée's Euro série specialization, students must pass written and oral exams given in English and evaluated by external examiners provided by the French Ministry of Education.

LEAVING EXAMS

Baccalauréat examinations are developed at the French national level, with the same exams given at lycées worldwide in Première and Terminale years. Each section of the Baccalauréat written examination consists of a series of essays requiring in-depth analysis and a well-reasoned response. Students also present several oral examinations. Students must achieve a combined minimum average score of 10/20 points in order to pass the Baccalauréat. Scores of 12/20 are considered honors level scores.

Students who score between 8 and 10 are allowed to re-take two subjects to determine whether they pass the Baccalauréat.

Class Year	Number passing Baccalauréat	Pass rate
2018-19	58	96.67 %
2019-20	63	100 %
2020-21	69	100 %
2021-22	69	100 %

GRADING SYSTEM

The LFIT uses French grading system, which ranges from 0 to 20. Reports cards (bulletins) are issued at the end of each trimester (December, March, June) and are written in French.

The Lycée does not calculate GPAs or assign rank because in the French system courses are not quantified with equal credit units. Because Lycée courses vary in number of contact hours and difficulty, a student's performance in the courses cannot be accurately averaged, nor can a class ranking be accurately determined. Students are best compared within their tracks (specialty courses) not to the entire students in the level.

UNIVERSITIES ACCEPTING LFIT STUDENTS

-France

Universités de Paris La Sorbonne, School of Languages and Cultures, Faculty of Arts and Design, Social Sciences, Computer Sciences, Creative Sciences & Engineering Faculties

Université d'Assas -Paris-II, Faculty of Law and Economics

Université René Descartes -Paris-V, Faculty of Psychology and Biology ; Faculty of Health Sciences

University of Global Business, Paris-Dauphine (London, Paris, Madrid)

Universités de Technologie, Compiègne (UTC), Troyes, Belfort-Montbéliard, engineering

Institut d'Administration des Entreprises (IAE), Université de Lyon

Sciences-Po Paris, Political Studies

CPES Paris Sciences & Lettres + Lycée Henri-IV

Bachelor of the Ecole Polytechnique (Palaiseau)

Penninghen Institute of Art and Design (Paris)

Olivier de Serres, School of Art and Design (Paris)

Ecole du Louvre (Paris)

Vatel International Hospitality Management School (Paris, Nice)

Ferrandi International Hospitality Management School (Paris)

ESSEC School of Management (Cergy)

ESCP Europe, School of Management (London campus)

EDHEC Business School (Paris, Lille, Nice)

EM Lyon, School of Management

IESEG School of Management (Paris)

ENSA School of Architecture (Versailles)

INSA Lyon, School of Engineering

ISIPCA Paris (Chemist school, perfume)

ISTR Lyon (Speech Therapy School)

Classes Préparatoires aux Grandes Ecoles, filière littéraire Lycée Louis-le-Grand, Paris ; Lycée Paul Valéry, Paris ; Janson-de-Sailly, Paris ; Fénelon, Paris)

Classes Préparatoires aux Grandes Ecoles, filière économique et commerciale (Lycée du Parc, Lyon ; Lycée Stanislas, Paris ; Ste Geneviève de Versailles)

Classes Préparatoires aux Grandes Ecoles, filière scientifique (Lycée Ste Geneviève, Versailles ; Lycée Berthelot, St-Maur ; Lycée Saint-Louis, Paris ; Lycée Chaptal, Paris)

-England

Cambridge University (English Literature)

University College of London, Political Studies

Warwick University, Engineering Studies

King's College London, International Affairs Studies ; Faculty of Biomedical Sciences

London School of Economics

Imperial College, London (Mathematics)

-Netherlands

Hospitality Management School of The Hague

University of Amsterdam (Master of Business Administration ; Faculty of social sciences)

University of Gröningen (Media and Culture)

University of Rotterdam (IBA International Commerce)

-Switzerland

Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL)

Ecole hôtelière de Lausanne (EHL)

Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule Zürich (ETH)

-Belgium

Université de Louvain, Faculty of Sciences

Université Libre, Ecole polytechnique (Engineering), Bruxelles

University of Mechelen (Applied Sciences)

-Italy

Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore Medicine and Surgery program (Roma)

LUISS Guido Carli (Roma)

Bocconi School of Management (Milano)

-Germany

HTW Berlin (International Business)

München Universität (Double bachelor in Law)

-Japan

Waseda University, International Liberal Studies (Tokyo)

Keio University, Faculty of Environment (Tokyo)

Temple University, International Liberal Studies (Tokyo)

Musashino Art University

-Canada

Mc Gill University, Faculty of Liberal Arts ; Desautels Faculty of Management ; Faculty of Engineering (Montréal)

Concordia University, Business School John Molson (Montréal)

Université de Montréal, Political Studies, School of engineering (UDEM)

University of British Columbia (Vancouver), Business School

University of Toronto, Mathematics and Statistics

-United States of America

University of California, Faculty of Biology (Irvine)

Middlebury College (Vermont)

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