

SCHOOL PROFILE

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I N S T I T U T
FLORIMONT

Overview

- Founded in 1905 by the Congregation of Catholic Missionaries of Saint Francois de Sales.
- Under secular management since 1995.
- A private K-12 day school, co-educational, catholic but open to all religions.
- 1,626 students - 95 different nationalities.
- Our top three student nationalities are Swiss (672), French (539) and Italian (111).
- 464 students are in Kindergarten and Primary, 593 students in Middle School and 557 students in Upper Secondary School.
- Balance between traditional and 21st century learning - technology in the classroom, state-of-the-art science laboratories, sports, arts and cultural facilities.
- Core values outlined in St Francois de Sales' "Orientations." :
 - A moral and spiritual education which "draws inspiration from our christian heritage, and subscribes to a vision of a church open to a diversity of cultures and religions" (*Orientations* 3.3).
 - Guidance for the future: "educating the young with an emphasis on their human and christian responsibilities" (*Orientations* 3.3).
- Three diploma streams are offered:
 - French Baccalauréat
 - Swiss Maturité
 - International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme.
- A strong focus on language learning and a bilingual curriculum.
- Accredited by the International Baccalaureate Organisation (IBO) & Cambridge International Examinations (CIE).
- Founder member of the Geneva Association of Private Schools. A member of the Swiss Federation of Private Schools.

Challenging the Most Able

- In Grades 11 and 12, our most talented mathematicians are selected by the University of Geneva to participate in "Athena"; a university-level Math programme.
- Students are regularly accepted at the most selective summer programmes in the U.S. e.g. Exeter/Andover, Brown, Harvard, Stanford, UPenn.

International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme

- Launched in 2014.
- 2023 graduation class was the 7th graduating cohort with 36 students receiving the Diploma.
- **Florimont pass rate (2023): 95%.**
- World average pass rate (2023): 79%.
- 69% of the students obtained 32 points or more
- 47% of the students obtained 36 points or more
- 14% of the students obtained 40 points or more.

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Pass rate	95%	97%	100%	96%	95%
Average grade	31	31	38	35	34,5
Bilingual diplomas	62%	65%	89%	87%	90%

Language A1

English A Language & Literature HL & SL*
French A Literature HL & SL*

Language B

English B HL & SL*
French B HL & SL
German B HL & SL*
Mandarin ab initio SL*
Chinese B SL*
Spanish B HL & SL*

Mathematics

Math HL & SL*
Math Studies SL*

Individuals & Societies

Economics HL & SL*
Geography HL & SL*
History HL & SL*

Natural Sciences

Biology HL & SL*
Chemistry HL & SL*
Physics HL & SL*

Arts

Visual Arts HL & SL*
Music SL*

* SL (Standard Level), HL (Higher Level)

Swiss Maturité

- After four years of study, students sit the Maturité administered by the Canton.
- The Pass mark is 4/6 and last year's average for Florimont candidates was 4.9/6.
- Two language tracks: francophone and bilingual French/English.
- Switzerland has its own excellent, highly-ranked universities with very low fees and the Swiss Maturité automatically allows a student to be admitted into any Swiss university.
- An admissions officer from Harvard recently stated that in the past few years, Harvard has admitted a significant number of Maturité students.
- **Florimont boasts a 94% pass rate, with 35% of students obtaining honours.**

Grade allocation over the last three years of high school				
Subjects assessed at <i>Maturité</i> level	Method of Assessment	Year		
		10 th Grade Year 11	11 th Grade Year 12	12 th Grade Year 13
French	End of year examination			X
Mathematics				X
German/Italian				X
English				X
Option				X
Art	Annual Grade, 10 th Grade/Year 11	X		
Chemistry*		X		
Physics*	Annual Grade, 11 th Grade/Year 12		X	
Biology*			X	
History*	Annual Grade in 12 th Grade/Year 13			X
Geography				X
Complementary Option				X
<i>Maturité</i> Project	Combined Grades in 12 th Grade/Year 13			X
Practical Work in Sciences*	Grades are not included in <i>Maturité</i>			
Economics				
Sports				

* The subjects taught in English for students who select the Bilingual *Maturité*.

French Baccalauréat

- Florimont prepares students for the French *Baccalauréat*.
- The French *Baccalauréat* has been reformed and the new structure is as follows :
 - Students study 13 subjects in Grade 10 including Social Sciences as well as ICT. They take 2 optional subjects.
 - In Grade 11 they choose 3 “specialist” subjects (spécialités) of which they continue 2 in Grade 12 (for example, literature, advanced math, geopolitics and political science, biology and geology, economics, physics-chemistry, ICT)
 - There is an option called “Expert Maths” which is the most advanced math course possible including complex numbers, arithmetic (Euclid, Bezout, Gauss, Fermat) and Graph theory (e.g. Markoy)
- To pass the French *Baccalauréat*, you must obtain a minimum overall mark of 10.
- Further distinctions of achievement (Honours) are awarded as follows:
 - 12/20 “Fair”
 - 14/20 “Good”
 - 16/20 “Very Good”
- **Florimont boasts a 100% pass rate, with 97% of students obtaining honours.**
- Overall average of 15,46/20.
- Exams to be spread out during the final two years (1^{ere} and Terminale).

Pass Rate	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Mentions	82%	95%	97%	93%	97%

Mentions	2021	2022	2023
Fair	32%	33%	19,3%
Good	29%	30%	32,3%
Very Good	37%	38%	48,4%

Destinations 2017-2022

	IB (%)	Swiss Maturité (%)	French Baccalauréat (%)
Country			
Switzerland	25-30	80-90	45-55
France	10-15	0-5	15-20
English-speaking world	45-50	5-10	25-30
... including Great-Britain	25-30	5-10	20-25
... including USA	5-10	0-3	3-8
... including Netherland, Australia	0-5	-	0-3
Universities, graduate schools			
... UNIGE	5-10	25-35	20-25
... UNIL	-	10-15	5-10
... Ecole Hôtelière de Lausanne	15-20	10-15	15-20
... EPFL	-	10-15	10
... Sciences Po Paris	-	-	2-5
... Oxbridge	3-8	0-3	0-3
... SOAS, LSE, UCL, Kings	5-10	-	10-15
... Warwick, Bath, Exeter	0-5	-	3-8
Academic sector			
... Medicine, Biology, Sciences, Biomed.	5-10	10-15	10-15
... Social studies (International Relations, Politics, Law, Psychology, PPE)	15-20	15-20	20-25
... Business/Management/Marketing	45-50	40-45	35-40
... Engineering, Maths, Physics	15-20	15-20	5-10
... Humanities	3-5	0-3	3-5
... Art/Cinema/Design/Architecture	5-10	5-10	5-10



Switzerland

Ecole Hôtelière de Lausanne
Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL)
Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Zurich (EPFZ)
Hautes Etudes Commerciales (Lausanne, Genève)
Hautes Etudes Commerciales St Gall
Université de Genève (UNIGE)
Université de Lausanne (UNIL)

Europe

Bocconi University
ECAM (Lyon)
Ecole de Médecine France
Escola Superior d'Administració i Direcció d'Empreses
(ESAD) Barcelona
Inalco (Paris)
Integrale (Paris)
Institut Catholique (Lyon)
Istituto Marangoni – Paris & Milano
Lazaristes (Lyon)
Leiden University
L'ESSEC (Paris)
Maastricht University
Paris Dauphine
Prépa HEC France
Sainte Marie (Lyon)
Sainte-Geneviève (Versailles)
Sciences Po Paris
Sorbonne
Stanislas (Paris)
Université Libre de Bruxelles

USA & Canada

Barnard College
Bates College
Boston University
Brown University
Carleton College
Columbia University
Emerson College
Fordham University
Georgetown University
Harvard University
Leland Stanford Junior University
Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)

McGill University
Middlebury College
Quinnipiac University
Skidmore College
Siena College
University of California Los Angeles (UCLA)
University of California Berkeley
University of Chicago
University of Pennsylvania
University of Toronto

United Kingdom

Cardiff University
City University London
Courtauld Institute of Art
Durham University
Goldsmiths University of London
Imperial College London
Kings College London
Lancaster University
London School of Economics (LSE)
Queen Mary University London
Regent's University London
Royal Holloway University of London
School of Oriental and African Studies
University College London (UCL)
University of Bath
University of Birmingham
University of Brighton
University of Bristol
University of Cambridge
UCL
University of Exeter
University of Manchester
University of Oxford
University of Plymouth
University of St Andrews
University of the Arts London
University of Stanford
University of Surrey
University of Sussex
University of Warwick
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