

The School Profile

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1. General

Founded in 1904, the Lyceum Alpinum Zuoz is located in a small village in the Engadin valley, near St. Moritz, in Switzerland. We have 298 students, from 39 countries, of which 188 board and 110 are day students in years 1 to 6 (grades 7-12). About half the students participate in the IBDP or IBCP program in English while the other half attend the Matura in German or Bilingual English-German. There are 22 students in the IB graduating class and 29 students in the Matura graduating class.

2. The Educational Programme

The **Swiss Matura** and the **International Baccalaureate Diploma Program (IBDP)** each provide a rigorous and challenging academic programme. In addition to the demanding courses available, our students pursue a rich variety of extracurricular activities. These include:

Environmental and development projects have led our students to Romania recently, raising environmental, social and economic awareness.

Lyceum Balance – although most were on hold during the time of COVID they are starting up again. A range of afternoon activities from Lyceum Ambassadors, MUN, Science, Photography, Sports, Arts and Creative Writing, among others

The Lyceum Alpinum caters for many sports and has teams that represent the school at local, national and international level. During COVID all sports were cancelled but are starting up again. These include Basketball, Ice Hockey, Volleyball, Fives, Rugby, Cricket, and Football (soccer). Skiing/snowboarding is obligatory for all students in the winter.

The Visual and Performing Arts Programme is particularly vibrant thanks to the school's continued investment in dedicated facilities. Available are English and German theatre groups, music ensembles and bands, a school choir, Design & Technology and the Visual Arts.

3. School Enrolment and Academic Programmes

Our commitment to creating a vibrant international community, with no one dominant culture, is strong. It allows for an exciting exchange of ideas and experiences. In September 2021, we enrolled 298 students from 39 countries. 40% Swiss; 29.6% European Union; 8% China; 5.4% The Americas; 6.1% Russia; 3.4% S&E Asia; 1.8% Turkey; 2.4% Non EU Europe; 2% C Asia & M East. 151 students follow the programmes offered by the Department of International Studies (DIS), leading through to the International Baccalaureate Diploma (IBDP) or Career-related Program (IBCP) and 147 students participate in the Matura. The language of instruction in the IB is English, and in the Matura program, it is German, or Bilingual with English.

Swiss Matura

The cantonal curriculum of the Matura is taught in German across years 1-6 (age 12 to 18) or Bilingual German & English across years 4-6 (age 16 to 18). In years 5 and 6 students select 12 subjects from the following options:

- German or Italian 1st language, English, Maths, Biology (in German or English), Chemistry, Physics, History (in German or English), Art or Music, Geography (in German or English) are all mandatory
- 2nd Language choice of Italian or French.
- 1 Applied choice from: Maths & Physics, Biology & Chemistry, Economics & Law, Arts or Spanish
- 1 Further choice from: History (in English) or Geography
- Matura Essay/Project

Grades are awarded from a low of 1 to a high of 6. *The average of the Matura class of 2021 (with 35 students) was 4.93, while the top student achieved an average of 5.69.*

Pre-IB & the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program (IBDP)

The Lyceum Alpinum currently runs its own curriculum program in years 1-2, delivered in English, and this leads into the IGCSE in years 3-4, and to the IBDP or IBCP in years 5 and 6. In years 1-4, students experience a wide range of curriculum content, taking up to 13 subjects at a time facilitating a broad exposure, while in years 1-3 students whose English is less developed can focus both on English mastery and subject knowledge in the EAL sections.

In year 4, students make their IB choices but *there is no standardized testing (such as IGCSEs at this time – these will begin this year with first exams in 2022 for select students and for the whole class in 2023)* thus there are no results to report to universities other than internal grades. Most students in our IB program begin at the Lyceum prior to year 5. Grades awarded in individual subjects range from a low of 1, to a high of 7, while 4 is a passing grade.

Subject Levels in Pre IB courses are listed by set – for example, Spanish 1 and Mathematics 1 are the top set for the year group. A student can be in German 1 for consecutive years because they remain in the top set. In prior years the sets were listed as A, B and C.

Theory of Knowledge (TOK) and CAS are core areas of study in the IBDP and, along with the **Extended Essay (EE)**, both are mandatory elements of the Diploma Programme.

All 32 IB candidates received the full Diploma in May 2021. The average score (total points) was 33.5 pts, while 44 points topped the class. Currently, 22 students in the IB Class of 2022 are Diploma candidates.

IBDP Students have to select courses from the following options choosing three HL courses with restrictions of choice given scheduling issues. **In the IBDP2 students taking 7 Subjects and/or 4 HLs will be asked to choose 6 subjects and 3 HLs only:**

1. Language A (first or best language): English A Literature or Language & Literature SL/HL; German A Literature SL/HL; Self-Taught Mother Tongue Literature (SSST) SL
2. Language B (language of acquisition): English B, German B, French B, Spanish B SL/HL; Italian, Spanish or German ab initio SL
3. Economics or Business & Management; History SL/HL; online Psychology HL/SL
4. Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Design Technology SL/HL
5. Maths Approaches & Analysis HL/SL; Maths Applications & Interpretations SL
6. Visual Arts or Theatre Arts SL/HL; or another subject from Group 1-5.

Class Ranking & GPA

is not part of the Lyceum ethos and we do not calculate a cumulative GPA as students come to us from varied educational backgrounds at different points in their educational journey.

Testing Restrictions on international students & US citizens abroad

In recent years, our students have had less access to SAT/SAT Subject and ACT tests because of fewer test dates abroad, conflicts with school holidays, fewer sites offering the test, score cancellations, technology difficulties, higher fees and with COVID, test cancellations. We ask that all higher education institutions take this into account when evaluating our students' applications. The ACT is no longer offered at the Lyceum Alpinum.

COVID19 Impact

In March 2020, we began distance learning. Due to this, some teachers felt their assessments were not comparable to a normal semester and thus some courses in this special time of Semester 2, 2020, are listed as Pass/Fail. In the 2020-2021 school year we had in-person teaching though students who were in quarantine or unable to come to campus were able to continue learning in a hybrid mode.

Current attainment on the transcript

This is the grade that the student is working at in this point in time. It is a holistic judgement for the period based upon a series of different kinds of assessment but it could also be a reflection of the most recent test. We offer each semester individually on our transcript.

4. Colleges and Universities Where Students Have Been Accepted: 2019-2021

Bold is where students have matriculated.

Australia & New Zealand

- University of Auckland
- University of Sydney

Canada

- Bishop's University
- Humber College
- **McGill University**
- Ontario Technical University
- Ryerson University
- Queen's University
- University of Alberta
- **University of British Columbia**
- University of Guelph
- University of Ottawa
- University of Toronto, St George's, **Mississauga, Scarborough**
- University of Victoria
- University of Waterloo
- Western University
- York University

Europe

- American University of Paris, F
- American University of Rome
- Bayereuth Universität
- Bocconi University, IT
- Cattolica University, IT
- **Detmold Hochschule für Misuk, DE**
- **EDHEC, F**
- **Erasmus University Rotterdam, NL**
- **Erasmus University College, NL**
- Fontys University of Applied Sciences, NL
- Frankfurt School of Finance, DE
- Geneva Business School Madrid, E
- **Globe Business College Munich, DE**
- **Han University of Applied Sciences, NL**
- **Humanitas Medical University, IT**
- **IE University, E**
- **Leiden University, NL**
- **Leiden University College, NL**
- **LUISS, IT**
- **Maastricht University, NL**
- **Marangoni Institute, IT**
- Munich Business School, DE
- National University of Ireland
- **Parsons Paris, F**
- Radboud University, NL
- Rotterdam University of Applied Sciences, NL
- St Louis University, Madrid
- San Raffaele Univ., Medical School, IT
- **Sigmund Freud University, Austria**
- **Suffolk University Madrid, E**
- **Technische Universität Berlin, München**

- **TU Delft, HL**
- **Universidad de Navarra, E**
- **Università Bocconi, Italy**
- **University College Cork, IE**
- University College Roosevelt, NL
- **University of Amsterdam, NL**
- **University of Groningen, NL**
- **University of Vienna, A**
- **Van hall Larenstein Univ of Applied Sci, NL**
- **Webster University, Leiden**
- **Zeppelin Universität, DE**

Switzerland

- **Ecole Hôtelière de Lausanne**
- **ETH Zürich**
- **F+F Schule für Kunst**
- **Franklin University**
- **Geneva Business School**
- IMF Geneva
- **International University at Geneva**

- **Swiss Business School**
- Swiss School of Tourism and Hospitality
- **UIBS Zurich**
- **University of Applied Sciences, Luzern**
- **Universities of Basel, Bern, Geneva, St. Gallen, Zurich, Luzern, della Svizzera**
- **Universität Liechtenstein**
- Webster University

Turkey

- Koç Univeristy

United Kingdom

- Brunel University
- Cardiff University
- **City University London**
- DeMontfort University
- Durham University
- Goldsmiths University, London
- **Hult International Business School**
- Imperial College London
- **King's College London**
- Kingston University
- Lancaster University
- London Metropolitan University
- Loughborough University
- **New College of the Humanities**
- **Newcastle University**
- **Oxford Brookes University**
- Queen Mary University, London
- **Regents University, London**
- **Royal Holloway, Univ. of London**

- **University of the Arts, London**
- University College Birmingham
- University College London (UCL)
- University of Aberdeen
- University of Bath
- University of Birmingham
- University of Brighton
- University of Bristol
- **University of Cambridge**
- University of Derby
- University of East Anglia
- University of East London
- University of Edinburgh
- **University of Essex**
- **University of Exeter**
- **University of Glasgow**
- University of Kent
- University of Leeds
- University of Leicester
- **University of Manchester**
- **University of Nottingham**
- University of Reading
- **University of St Andrews**
- University of Sheffield
- University of Southampton
- University of Surrey
- **University of Sussex**
- University of Warwick
- University of the West of England
- University of Westminster
- University of York

United States

- American University
- **Babson College**
- Bard College
- Boston College
- **Boston University**
- Carthage College
- Case Western Reserve University
- Chapman University
- Colorado State University
- **Columbia University**
- **Connecticut University**
- **Duke University**
- Emerson College
- Emmanuel College
- Fordham University
- **George Washington University**

- **Georgetown University**
- High Point University
- **Illinois University of Technology**
- **Loyola Marymount University**
- Manhattanville College
- Marist College
- **New York University**
- **Northeastern University**
- Pace University
- **Parsons, The New School**
- **Purdue University**
- **Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute**
- Ripon College
- Roanoke College
- Rollins College
- St Francis College
- St Lawrence University
- Saint Leo University
- Sarah Lawrence University
- Savannah College of Art & Design
- **School of Visual Arts**
- Stonehill College
- Suffolk University
- Syracuse University
- The New School
- The Ohio State University
- **Trinity College**
- **Tufts University**
- Univ. of California – Berkeley, Davis, Irvine, **Los Angeles, San Diego**, Santa Barbara
- University of La Verne
- University of Michigan
- University of New Haven
- University of Notre Dame
- University of Rochester
- University of San Francisco
- University of South Dakota
- University of Southern Mississippi
- University of Washington
- University of Wisconsin
- **Wake Forest University**
- Washington University St Louis
- Wentworth Institute of Technology
- **Wesleyan University**
- Wheaton College
- Whitworth University
- York College of Pennsylvania