

A photograph of graduates in blue gowns and caps, smiling and clapping. The image is partially obscured by a white curved graphic element on the right side of the page.

# SCHOOL PROFILE 2024-2025

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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.
- 1,720 students - 85 different nationalities.
- Our top three student nationalities are Swiss, French and Italian.
- 475 students are in Kindergarten and Primary, 599 students in Middle School and 640 students in Upper Secondary School.
- Balance between traditional and 21<sup>st</sup> 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.
- 2024 graduation class was the 9<sup>th</sup> graduating cohort with 36 students receiving the Diploma.
- Florimont pass rate (2024): 94%.
- World average pass rate (2024): 80%.

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Pass rate	97%	100%	96%	95%	<b>94%</b>
Average grade	31	38	35	34,5	<b>31</b>
Bilingual diplomas	65%	89%	87%	90%	<b>91%</b>

## Language A

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

## Language B

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

## Mathematics (in French)

Math Applications & Interpretation SL\*  
Math Analysis and Approaches SL\* Math Analysis and Approaches HL \*

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

## Individuals & Societies (in English)

Economics HL & SL\*  
Geography HL & SL\*  
History HL & SL\*  
Business Management HL & SL\*

## Sciences

Biology HL & SL (in French) \*  
Chemistry HL & SL (in English) \*  
Physics HL & SL (in English) \*

## Arts

Visual Arts HL & SL (in French) \*

# 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 100% pass rate, with 30% 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 <sup>th</sup> Grade Year 11	11 <sup>th</sup> Grade Year 12	12 <sup>th</sup> Grade Year 13
French	End of year examination			X
Mathematics				X
German/Italian				X
English				X
Option				X
Art	Annual Grade, 10 <sup>th</sup> Grade/Year 11	X		
Chemistry*		X		
Physics*	Annual Grade, 11 <sup>th</sup> Grade/Year 12		X	
Biology*			X	
History*	Annual Grade in 12 <sup>th</sup> Grade/Year 13			X
Geography				X
Complementary Option				X
<i>Maturité</i> Project	Combined Grades in 12 <sup>th</sup> Grade/Year 13			X
Practical Work in Sciences*	Grades are not included in <i>Maturité</i>			
Economics				
Sports				



## 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, arts)
  - 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 90% of students obtaining honours.
- Exams to be spread out during the final two years (1<sup>ère</sup> and Terminale).

	2021	2022	2023	2024
Pass	100%	100%	100%	100%
Distinctions	97%	93%	97%	90%

  

Distinctions	2021	2022	2023	2024
Fair	21%	33%	19%	23%
Good	37%	30%	32%	37%
Very Good	39%	38%	49%	30%



# Destinations 2024

	IB	Swiss Maturité	French Baccalaureate
<b>Countries</b>			
Switzerland	20%	78%	22%
France	3%	8%	62%
Great Britain	9%	4%	-
United States	3%	-	-
Canada	15%	-	5%
Spain	26%	-	3%
Netherlands	-	-	3%
Belgium	6%	-	-
Italy	6%	2%	-
Hungary	3%	-	-
Scandinavian countries	6%	-	-
Gap year	3%	8%	5%
<b>Subjects</b>			
Business/Management	47%	27%	35%
Social Sciences (Economics, Politics, ...)	6%	12%	8%
STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics)	12%	25%	20%
Medicine	6%	11%	12%
Law	-	8%	7%
Humanities (Music, Philosophy, ...)	-	2%	3%
Interdisciplinary Studies (Liberal Arts, ...)	17%	-	3%
Double diplomas	3%	-	5%

# University destinations

## Switzerland

Ecoles Hôtelières of Lausanne, Fribourg and Geneva  
EPFL  
EPFZ  
Ecole « 42 »  
Geneva Business School

Hautes Etudes Commerciales (Lausanne, Geneva, Saint-Gallen)  
UNIGE  
UNIL

## 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)  
Loughborough University  
Queen Mary University  
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 Exeter  
University of Manchester  
University of Oxford  
University of Plymouth  
University of St Andrews  
University of the Arts London  
University of Surrey  
University of Sussex  
University of Warwick  
University of Westminster  
University of Birmingham  
University of Leeds

## France

ECAM  
ECE  
Ecole Polytechnique  
Ecole Centrale Supélec  
EDHEC  
EFREI  
EM Lyon  
ESCP  
ESSEC  
ESME Sudria Paris  
EPITA  
INSEEC

Lycée Berthollet  
Lycée du Parc  
Lycée Fénelon Ste Marie  
Lycée Jean Monnet  
Lycée Sainte Geneviève  
Toulouse Business School  
UniLaSalle  
Université Paris Saclay  
Université La Sorbonne  
Université Catholique Lille  
Université Catholique Lyon  
Université Grenoble Alpes

## USA & Canada

Barnard College  
Bates College  
Boston University  
Brown University  
Columbia University  
Emerson College  
Fordham University  
Georgetown University  
Harvard University  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)  
McGill University

Middlebury College  
Quinnipiac University  
Skidmore College  
Siena College  
Stanford University  
University of British Columbia  
University of California Los Angeles (UCLA)  
University of California Berkeley  
University of Chicago  
University of Pennsylvania  
University of Toronto  
University of Ottawa

## Europe

Bocconi University  
Budapest Veterinary School  
Escola Superior d'Administració i Direcció d'Empreses (ESADE) Barcelona  
Hult International Business School  
IE  
Istituto Marangoni – Milano

Leiden University  
KU Leuven  
Maastricht University  
Navarra University  
St Louis Madrid  
University College Utrecht  
Université Libre de Bruxelles