



«My son joined Academia's IGCSE class in Zurich after we moved to Switzerland from Germany. He wants to study abroad, and we have found that the A Level system is more suitable in his case as it allows him to leverage his strengths and preferences. The staff at Academia are very supportive, clearly wanting students to succeed and have an enjoyable learning experience, while class contents are geared towards individual needs and getting ready for challenging and comprehensive exams. I am confident that this is a great preparation for further academic study in an international environment. Thanks to everyone at Academia.»

Christiane J., mother of an IGCSE student, Academia International School Zürich

«Academia is one of the best schools in the city of Zurich. The attention to the needs of individual students and a world-class international environment is a great benefit. The school provides a conducive atmosphere to students to explore their creativity, interests and encourages individual expression. It helps to develop the self-confidence of children and prepares them to excel in life. I can easily recommend the school.»

Sanjeev Kumar, father of an A Level student, Academia International School Zürich

“We are very happy that our son is studying at the Academia. The Academia allows our son to study A Levels according to his interests and to prepare for them in small classes. The teachers attach great importance to the fact that besides the specialized knowledge, the young people also learn what these subjects are put into practice. Thus, already in the first year they participated in the “Model United Nation” in Basel and our son was awarded the 2022 Award.”

Parents of an IGCSE student, Academia International School Zürich



Factsheet

Academia International School Winterthur

Offer

Our mission is to provide a warm-hearted community where students feel safe to develop academic inquiry in a context underpinned by respect and care. We endeavour to provide a school community where all students reach their potential with a majority reaching academic excellence.

With International A Levels to university

Our programme offers an internationally recognised qualification. The curriculum includes:

- ✔ **IGCSE-programme:** International Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE)
- ✔ **A-Level-programme:** International Advanced Levels (IAL)

What is unique about us

Excellence in teaching

- ✔ Highly qualified international teaching staff
- ✔ Excellent examination results
- ✔ Innovative enrichments in various subjects
- ✔ Examination centre accredited by Pearson Edexcel and Cambridge International Examinations at our school in Zurich-Oerlikon

Preparation for life in an international world

- ✔ Two internationally recognised qualifications: IGCSE and International A Levels
- ✔ Proficiency in German and English at a near native level
- ✔ Guidance on Further and Higher Education

Tailored school programme

- ✔ Broad range of subjects to choose from
- ✔ Personal learning coach
- ✔ Goal setting meetings on a regular basis
- ✔ Engaging electives and extracurricular activities

Brand new campus in Winterthur

- ✔ Small classes with about 8-15 students
- ✔ Perfect location next to the AXA Arena, the ice-rink and the sports facilities Deutweg

Registration



Contact us

Contact us to arrange an admission meeting.



Admission meeting

The admission meeting gives us the opportunity to get to know the student and the family.



Individual assessment

Depending on subject choice and language skills, students must undergo entry assessments.



Report cards

We ask for school report cards and grades from previous schools (copies are sufficient).



Insight week

Students can register for non-binding trial days at our school.



Decision

Students, families and the school then decide whether our school is the right choice for the student.

School life

IGCSE- and A-Level-programme

The transfer to our English-speaking short-term Gymnasium takes place after the second or third year of secondary school. Instead of an entrance exam, the family is invited to an entrance interview with the family.

In Years 9 and 10, our students study a broad range of six to ten subjects culminating in their IGCSE examinations. The International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) is the world's most popular international curriculum for secondary education and provides students with an internationally recognised certificate.

In Years 11 and 12, students generally concentrate on three to four subjects which they study in depth, leading towards the International A Levels, thus gaining entry to colleges and universities worldwide.

All subjects are completed individually and can be repeated as often as desired.

Academic subjects

- ✔ **Maths**
- ✔ **Biology**
- ✔ **Chemistry**
- ✔ **Physics**
- ✔ **German**
- ✔ **English**
- ✔ **French**
- ✔ **Geography**
- ✔ **History**
- ✔ **Business**

Study time

During the daily study time, students do their homework, receive additional material and exercises or focus on preparing their upcoming exams. They are closely attended to by our specialist teachers.

German Booster

Students whose mother tongue is not German but who would like to study at a Swiss university later on or integrate even better in Switzerland can book additional German lessons with us.

Project weeks and learning coach

During our project weeks, our specialist teachers work closely together to give our students interdisciplinary access to practice. This allows students to deal intensively with the topic chosen and apply the principles and theories they have learned in class.

A personal learning coach is provided for each student. In regular meetings, the coach covers with the student topics that go far beyond the actual imparting of knowledge in a specific subject, such as developing individual learning techniques and dealing with exam anxiety before or during an exam.

Electives and extracurricular activities

In addition to our regular classes, we offer a variety of electives and extracurricular activities. Our students can pursue their interests and passions and get involved in the school community. We encourage all students to select at least one non-examined extracurricular activity.

Our practice-orientated project and lab days are fixed features of our programme. In addition, our student council and school magazine provide spaces where our students have a voice. The student council can create student-driven initiatives, promote charitable work, or make suggestions for the improvement of our school.

We round off our extracurriculars with regular school field trips, culture days, cinema evenings and end-of-year parties which are co-organised by the students.

Our students

A school with high academic standards

Since our founding in 2009, we have been striving for academic excellence. That is why our students regularly graduate with top grades:

| Level | Grades | Graduates |
|---------|----------------------------|-----------|
| IGCSE | Pass (grade B/5 or higher) | 81% |
| IGCSE | Top grade (A or A+) | 34% |
| A Level | Pass (grade C or higher) | 96% |
| A Level | Top grade (A or A+) | 33% |

Awards

As in previous years, a number of students excelled in their exams and are winners of the Pearson Edexcel prize for

- ✔ **the highest mark in the world in Advanced German**
- ✔ **the highest mark in Switzerland in Science**
- ✔ **the highest mark in Switzerland in Advanced Maths**
- ✔ **the highest mark in Switzerland in English**

Recent graduate destinations

Our graduating students have accessed a variety of universities, such as:

Switzerland: ETH Zurich, University of Basel, University of St. Gallen, University of Bern, Université de Fribourg

Worldwide: Berkeley University, Cambridge University, Cardiff University, Durham University, Edinburgh University, Glasgow University, Liverpool University, University of Massachusetts

Our team

Experienced and caring staff

Our qualified subject specialists come from around the globe (e.g., the UK, the US, France and Switzerland); teachers for modern languages teach in their mother tongue.

As an international school following an English-speaking curriculum, many of our teachers have QTS (Qualified Teacher Status) and are experienced UK teachers. A high proportion of our teachers are educated to Master's level in education and we have several examiners on staff who know the IGCSEs and A Levels very well.

Aside from their experience and qualifications, one of the most important attributes we look for in our teachers is a sense of caring, commitment and willingness to reflect on their teaching practice.

Academic leadership team

Our academic leadership team deals with the individual needs of our students: They create tailor-made learning plans and provide support should there be any questions or difficulties. Long and short-term goals are agreed and reviewed upon in regular meetings. The focus is on the individual strengths of the students.

Our partners

