

PARENT/STUDENT COPY

The International School of Lausanne's

Year 12 UNIVERSITY CALENDAR

Fall 2018-Spring 2019



The University Calendar is a guide for parents and students. Given the vast differences in the application process for each student at the International School of Lausanne, all dates, events, questions, and issues cannot be addressed in the following pages. This calendar is an attempt to help students and parents through the college application process. A more detailed University Handbook will be provided to all Year 12 students. Please contact the Counselling office if you have any questions.

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SEMESTER 1 - 2018

All students can arrange a meeting with the academic counsellors (a follow-up meeting with parents and student can be arranged; any remaining questions regarding appropriate course selections should be addressed at the beginning of term).

US applicants - students who are interested in applying to the US should consider taking the PSAT exam which is offered at ISL on **Wednesday 10 October 2018**. This is a preliminary/practice exam for the SAT. For US citizens, excellent performance may lead to scholarship opportunities. For the PSAT, please sign-up with Mr Darby after the September trips.

Students who may apply to an American university or European university with an American programme should take the SAT and/or ACT exam. Exams can be taken more than once. We also recommend taking both exams as some students perform better on one than another. Almost all US universities will accept either the ACT or SAT.

Registration for SAT exams is online at www.collegeboard.com . Please make sure to include the **ISL school code: 796540**. Exams take place at nearby testing centers.

The SAT dates are:

- 6 October, 2018** - registration deadline: 7 Sept, 2018
- 3 November, 2018** - registration deadline: 5 October, 2018
- 1 December, 2018** - registration deadline: 2 November, 2018
- 9 March, 2019** - registration deadline: 8 February, 2019 (Regular SAT only)
- 4 May, 2019** - registration deadline: 5 April, 2019
- 1 June, 2019** - registration deadline: 3 May, 2019 (SAT Subject tests only)

Registration for ACT exams is online at <http://www.actstudent.org/>. Please make sure to include the **ISL school code: 872930**. Exams take place at ISL and at nearby testing centers.

The ACT dates are:

- 8 September, 2018** - registration deadline: 3 August, 2018
- 27 October, 2018** - registration deadline: 21 September, 2018
- 8 December, 2018** - registration deadline: 2 November, 2018
- 13 April, 2019** - registration deadline: 8 March, 2019
- 8 June, 2019** - registration deadline: 3 May, 2019

New students to ISL may register for the Morrisby Test, a psychometric profile assessment that will help identify your strengths and interests. Contact the Mr McArthur for further information. This will be on Saturday 13 October, 2018.

All students should be involved in a variety of extracurricular and co-curricular activities, some of these need to be linked to your academic area of interest. Remember, universities are seeking well-rounded students, continuing an activity over a long period of time indicates commitment, and creating an individual project or activity indicates initiative.

All students should meet with university and college representatives who visit ISL during Semester 1.

Athletes - students who are competitive athletes and who are interested in playing at university level should arrange a meeting with Mr McArthur or Mr Darby at the beginning of the school year to discuss the options and possibilities of scholarships.

UK applicants - any student considering Oxford or Cambridge, medicine or veterinary science should notify Mr McArthur at the beginning of the school year.

All students should begin visiting universities over the various holiday breaks. Please try not to schedule a university visit during term time without prior approval from the high school principal.

Please note: Tuesday 02 October, 2018 at 1730. The annual CIS College Fair at La Châtaigneraie Campus, International School of Geneva in Founex.

SEMESTER 2 - 2019

There will be a **University Information Evening** at ISL on **Monday 11 February**. This will be **for both students and parent(s)**. Information regarding the university/college application process will be discussed. Also summer programmes, IBDP revision courses and gap year information will also be discussed.

During Semester 2, specific times will be set aside during the school day for Counsellor-directed university guidance information and assistance. Sessions will take place each month in March, April, May, and June. Topics including how to search for universities, essay and personal statement writing, and completing applications will be covered. Students will be notified of times and dates and are expected to come ready to work. In addition, lunchtime and after-school sessions may be offered depending on the needs and desires of students.

All students will schedule and attend individual meetings with their academic counsellors during Semester 2. At these meetings, each student should have a list of potential universities and degree programmes. It is strongly suggested that a parent attend this meeting to discuss preliminary university choices and degree programmes, required testing, and the current status of the student.

US applicants - students should consider taking the SAT or ACT exam twice during Year 12. Register for SAT exams online at www.collegeboard.com. Please make sure to include the **ISL College Board code - 796540**. Register for ACT exams online at <http://www.actstudent.org/>. Please make sure to include the **ISL school code: 872930**. Free preparation for the SAT exams is available via Khan Academy.

All students should continue researching universities and potential degree programmes.

All students should continue to visit universities over school break periods.

All students should meet with university and college representatives who visit ISL during Semester 2.

All students should begin planning summer activities with the help of their families. A relaxing but worthwhile summer is crucial at this stage in the IBDP programme. Try to incorporate some productive aspect into your summer that will help you to develop as a person, student, or individual. Examples include volunteer work, summer job, working on a project in an area that interests you (not just your extended essay!), or an IBDP/SAT preparation programme.

Some students may wish to put together portfolios (e.g: artists, writers). Students with strong skills in a particular area should relate that information to academic counsellors as videos may be a useful addition when applying to university.

Some non-native English speakers who apply to English-speaking universities may need to demonstrate English proficiency. Some are required to take the **iELTS exam**

<http://www.ielts.org/> or **TOEFL exam** <http://www.ets.org/bin/getprogram.cgi?test=toefl> .

For these tests, students must register on-line. Please be advised that only a few testing centers exist and places are limited. Please register early.

May/June US applicants - Students should ask for recommendations from teachers. Please see the academic counsellor for advice. Students should complete recommendation/information forms and give a copy to the academic counsellors and teachers who will be writing letters of recommendation.

SUMMER - 2019

- **All students** - summer activity: remember to try to incorporate some productive aspect into your summer that will help you to develop either personally or academically. Examples include volunteer work, summer job, working on a project in an area that interests you, or a study or exam preparation programme.
- **All students** - think about interviews and university/college visits. Visits to universities can help you determine if a particular university/college suits your needs and will allow you to achieve your goals. It is a good idea to meet with an admissions officer if possible.
- **UK applicants** - complete draft of personal statement - due in September.
- **US applicants** - complete draft of the Common Application (including all essays required) - due in September.
- **Some students** may wish to put together portfolios (e.g., artists, performing artists, writers). Students with strong skills in a particular area should relate that information to academic counsellors (e.g.: tap dancer, skier), as videotapes may be a useful addition when applying to university.