



Preparing for High School

A successful Lycée Français de la Nouvelle-Orléans ensures that all students achieve success through obtaining a high school degree. All students will fulfill graduation requirements to obtain the LA Core 4 high school diploma, designed for students headed to two or four year colleges. The diploma will include the Louisiana State Seal of Biliteracy. Students will also prepare for the French American Baccalauréat (FAB). Additionally, students who successfully pass 5 Advanced Placement (AP) exams will receive the globally recognized AP International Diploma (APID).

All information presented here represents projected academic plans as of March 2017 and is subject to change.



+ The French American Baccalauréat at Lycée Français de la Nouvelle-Orléans

9th grade marks the last year of middle school (*collège*) in the French curriculum. At the end of 9th grade, students are expected to take the *diplôme national du brevet* (DNB), which assesses the knowledge and skills acquired by the end of middle school in the following subjects: math, science & technology, French language, and history & geography/civics.

10th grade is the first year of *lycée* in the French curriculum. At this grade level, LFNO will introduce two exploratory classes: *Exploratory Economics* and *Exploratory Science*, depending on track availability.

11th grade students formally apply to and enroll in a specific track: *Math & Science* or *Economics & Social Science* (see breakdown on the other side of this page). They will take the first sets of the baccalauréat exams.

12th graders complete the baccalauréat exam series, earn a Louisiana high school diploma and, for students who qualify, earn the APID.

+ The French Baccalauréat in France

The French Baccalauréat (Bac) is a diploma that marks the completion of a French high school program and follows the curriculum guidelines established by the French Ministry of Education, a demanding pre-university program. The diploma is obtained at the end of 12th grade after externally assessed examinations are taken. The Bac, like an American high school diploma or equivalent, is an essential credential for entry into any university worldwide.

+ Three Tracks

11th graders in France must choose one specialized program of study (*les 3 séries* or tracks) within a core curriculum:

1. **ES** "économique et sociale" (social and economic)
2. **S** "scientifique" (scientific)
3. **L** "littéraire" (literary)

Within the tracks, certain courses are considered to be more challenging than others and are weighted more heavily.

Choosing a track

LFNO plans to offer two baccalauréat tracks: *Math & Science* or *Economics & Social Science*. The two baccalauréat tracks are unique and cater to students' interests and intellectual passions. Regardless of the track chosen, families will find that the course of study will meet the needs of highly motivated students.

+ Math & Science

The Math & Science (S) track requires abstract thinking and reasoning abilities, intellectual rigor and an inclination for experimenting. Its objective is to develop a real scientific culture based on an approach to science that is both theoretical and experimental, as well as on sound mathematical knowledge. The addition of English language and literature as well as humanities studies will assist students with college readiness skills.

+ Economics & Social Science

The Economics & Social Science (ES) track requires a particular focus on socio-economic environments and on current events, as well as a clear disposition for history, geography and mathematics. Its objective is to promote an economic and social culture as well as develop a critical openness to issues pertaining to the contemporary world.

+ Subjects

The majority of subjects studied in 11th and 12th grade overlap regardless of the chosen track. There are subjects, however, that are unique to each track.

Math & Science	Economics & Social Sciences
Physics & Chemistry	Sciences*
Biology & Geology	Economics & Social Science
	Social Science & Politics**
French*	French*
TPE (individual research)*	TPE (individual research)*
History & Geography/Civics	History & Geography/Civics
Math	Math
World Language #1	World Language #1
World Language #2	World Language #2
Philosophy**	Philosophy**
Physical Education	Physical Education

*11th grade only
**12th grade only

