



# Haut-Lac International Bilingual School

## University Guidance Handbook

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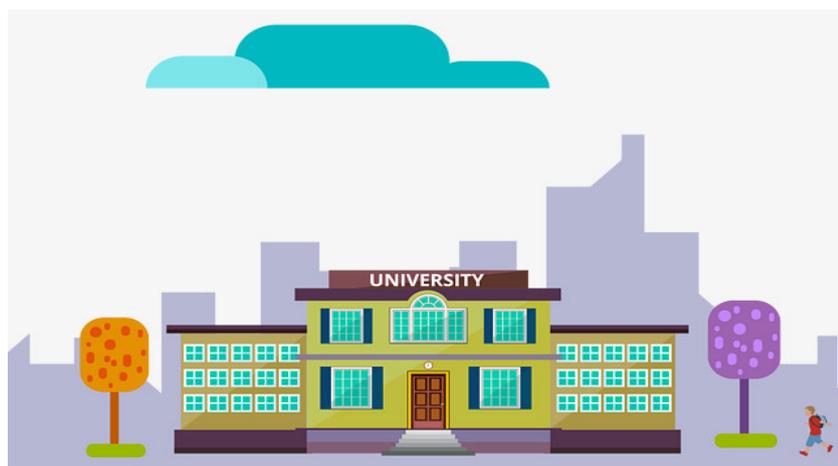
# Introduction

The Higher Education Guidance Counseling process involves building a personal relationship between students and parents, and between students and the Higher Education Guidance Counselor (HEGC). It helps families decide in which country (or countries) and to which universities and/or colleges students will apply. Along with the Secondary Assessment Leader, the HEGC also provides students and parents with information that helps them choose IB Diploma subjects, and/or extracurricular activities, summer school or other summer activities in line with the students' university goals.

The Higher Education Guidance Counselor provides students and/or parents, even those who ultimately do not apply to higher education institutions, with resources and information on university admissions, summer programmes, financial matters, testing, and university/college degree courses. Furthermore, the HEGC arranges and hosts visits and presentations by University/College representatives, which both students and their parents are encouraged and invited to attend.

During the application process, the HEGC helps students consider the range of available degree courses and universities/colleges, for which they are reasonably likely to receive an offer or be admitted; advises students on how to best present themselves in their actual application; and coaches students to fully and honestly express their thoughts in their essays/personal statements. The HEGC communicates with members of the faculty in order to represent each student accurately and fairly. As part of the application process, and depending on where students are applying, they may take need to take standardized tests, such as SAT Reasoning, SAT Subject, ACT, and/or pre-interview tests (i.e. UKCAT, BMAT, LNAT, HAT, ELAT, TSA for certain UK Institutions/Faculties), as well as English language proficiency tests (i.e. IELTS, etc.,) if necessary.

As an IB World School, all our students base their applications on either the IB Diploma or the IB Courses, but their IB MYP results are sometimes required too.



## Student responsibilities

As we expose our students to multiple sources of information to equip them with the necessary knowledge base to make informed decisions, we invite them to:

1. Attend presentations given by university representatives on our school premises whenever such visits take place.
2. Attend, either individually or with school, visits to local or international university fairs.
3. Search the internet proactively for available tertiary education institutions and options, by using multiple search platforms (please see the “Useful Links” section and the “Countries” section).
4. Prepare or request preparation of documents such as personal statements, transcripts, etc.
5. Engage their parents by seeking feedback on partially made choices and encouraging them to support constructive dialogue.
6. Try to maintain the best academic performance possible throughout their IB Diploma years.
7. Meet both internal and external deadlines.

## Parent responsibilities

As parents are likely to have experienced the agony of making the right choice at such a young age, and to best support our students holistically, we invite parents to:

1. Attend university presentations on our school premises, if their schedule allows
2. Organise open day visits to as many universities as their children’s schedules allow.
3. Help students keep up with their many deadlines, especially during their second IBDP year.
4. Plan ahead for application fees.

## School responsibilities

Higher education guidance and counseling at Haut-Lac aims to help students make well-informed and better judged future educational as well as career choices. The IB Diploma Programme leads to an abundance of higher education choices, which at times appear in overwhelming numbers and forms. During the last two years of high school, we will attempt to explore, amongst other things, career options and academic pathways that will help the student become successful in his/her field of interest. At Haut-Lac, we also try to provide teachers, administrators and parents with information they can use to support students’ career explorations and tertiary education opportunities.

Activities associated with higher education guidance and counseling include:

1. Advising students and parents on the IBDP and IB Courses programmes as well as on relevant academic curricula, so the students are better prepared for university application and admission procedures.

2. Providing guidance on US college admissions tests, SAT and/or ACT.
3. Providing guidance on other external examinations such as UKCAT, IMAT, BMAT, LNAT, etc.
4. Informing students about university financing options where needed.
5. Communicating required documents such as transcripts, predicted grades, reference letters, etc. to candidate institutions
6. Providing guidance on possible amendments to CV and/or personal statements.
7. Informing students about job shadowing needs and possible venues as well as about volunteer work if necessary.
8. Presenting and/or communicating relevant information to possible university destinations.
9. Providing personalised counseling according to the needs of each student's university application(s).
10. Arranging for university visits on our school premises.
11. Informing and promoting visits to local university exhibitions/fairs.

## Important deadlines and timeline

All university applications, regardless of country, have submission deadline(s) which cannot be exceeded under any circumstance. With this in mind, the school imposes its own university application submission deadlines to ensure timely and orderly submission of applications to the universities. There are many reasons behind this, such as teachers involved in writing recommendations need time to do so; applicants usually need to revise and edit their essays and supporting documents; and getting documents prepared by and sent over from previous schools is often time consuming. Haut-Lac has thus set the following deadlines:

### 1. UK via UCAS

a. Oxford/Cambridge/Medicine: 08.10.2018 (UCAS deadline 15.10.2018)

b. Other institutions: 07.12.2018 (UCAS deadline 15.01.2019); school closes for Christmas holidays on 15.12.2018.

### 2. Ireland via CAO

a. For discounted application fee: 20.01.2019

b. Closing date for applications: 01.02.2019

c. Closing date for amended choices: 01.03.2019

d. Closing date for late applications: 01.05.2019

### 3. USA

a. Via Commonapp.org

i. Early applicants (early action, early decision or single choice early action) generally need to get their applications in by either 1 November or 15 November. Some colleges have also added a second deadline for early decision applicants, which is usually 1 January.

- ii. The deadline for regular decision applications is normally between 1 January and 1 February, depending on the college
  - iii. Schools with rolling admissions policies – looking at applications as they come in until all spaces have been filled – have deadlines as late as 1 May.
- b. Individual
- i. Most applications will indicate the deadline somewhere on the form. Each school's website should list application deadlines, but the relevant dates can be difficult to spot immediately. If you are not 100% sure, contact the institution directly to clarify.

## University visits to our school

The higher Education Guidance Counselor continually tries to invite universities to visit our school. The preferred format is to have the universities visit our school during the morning when they can give a short presentation to the students and/or parents, and then have a short Q&A session. We encourage our MPY5, DP1 and DP2 students to attend these presentations for information purposes to ensure they fully understand what universities offer and require.

## University fairs

There is an annual CIS university fair in Geneva that Haut-Lac encourages students and their parents/guardians to attend. This fair took place on Tuesday 2 October this year. It is targeted primarily at IB DP1 and DP2 students, but we encourage our MYP5 students to attend so as to get an idea of what is involved in tertiary education decision-making.



## Useful links

The following links refer to sources for applications in different countries. This list is regularly updated.

- The IB Diploma, which has been taught for over 40 years, is widely accepted across the globe. Here is the link from the official IBO website showing how the IB Diploma is recognized in different countries.
- Here is a link to a downloadable spreadsheet document from the official IBO website that lists the recognition policy of individual universities listed by country. This is where you start and submit your application.
- The most comprehensive website for UK university applications is UCAS. It offers quick search results and acts as a gateway to UK institution websites.
- The website to visit for Irish university applications is CAO. This website enables you to search for universities and higher education institutions in the Republic of Ireland, apply to institutions and find ample useful information.
- The starting point for universities in the Netherlands is the Studielink website. A quick link to useful student can be found here.
- Click here to start researching Australian universities. Detailed information on degree courses and other relevant details can be found in the universities' respective websites.
- Click here to start researching universities in Switzerland.
- Click here to start researching universities in Sweden.

The following websites are peripheral to the university application procedure and are listed as indicative parallel sources of information. Many of them may help you search for degree courses in different universities and/or different countries. Some university ranking websites have also been included. The school cannot confirm that the information displayed in the websites below is unbiased. The list is not exhaustive, and the websites are listed in alphabetical order.

- 1.<http://www.australianuniversities.com.au/ranking/list-of-university-rankings.html>
- 2.<http://www.mycollegesabroad.com/>
- 3.<http://www.shanghairanking.com/ARWU2017.html>
- 4.<https://thebestschools.org/rankings/best-universities-world-today/>
- 5.<https://www.bachelorsportal.com/>
- 6.<https://www.macleans.ca/education/university-rankings/university-rankings-2018/>
- 7.<https://www.niche.com/colleges/rankings/>
- 8.<https://www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk/league-tables/rankings>
- 9.<https://www.timeshighereducation.com/world-university-rankings>
- 10.<https://www.topuniversities.com/>

Universities from which Haut-Lac students have received offers

The following lists show the universities and degree courses that Haut-Lac students have applied for during the last two academic years.

#### 2016-2017 (Universities/Colleges)

During the 2016-2017 academic year, Haut-Lac students applied for admission to the following universities and received one or more conditional or unconditional offers. The list is presented in an alphabetical order by country and by university.

#### CANADA

- Mc Gill University
- University of British Columbia

#### IRELAND

- Dublin City University
- Trinity College Dublin
- University College Cork
- University College Dublin
- University of Limerick

#### ITALY

- Accademia Europea di Firenze
- Politecnico di Milano

#### NETHERLANDS

- Minerve Art Academy
- University of Amsterdam

#### SPAIN

- IE University

#### SWITZERLAND

- EPFL
- UNIL

#### UNITED KINGDOM

- Abertay University
- Aston University, Birmingham
- Barking and Dagenham College
- Bath Spa University
- Bournemouth University

- Bristol, University of West England (UWE)
- Cardiff Metropolitan University
- Cardiff University
- City, University of London
- Coventry University
- De Montfort University
- Durham University
- Falmouth University
- Goldsmiths, University of London
- Imperial College London
- King's College London (University of London)
- Lancaster University
- Liverpool John Moores University (LJMU)
- London Metropolitan University
- London South Bank University
- Loughborough University
- Middlesex University
- Newcastle University
- Northumbria University
- Nottingham Trent University
- Oxford Brookes University
- Plymouth College of Art
- Plymouth University
- Queen Mary University of London
- Royal Holloway, University of London

- Royal Veterinary College (University of London)
- Southampton Solent University
- Staffordshire University
- Swansea University
- The Manchester Metropolitan University
- The University of Aberdeen
- The University of Edinburgh
- The University of Kent
- The University of Liverpool
- The University of Manchester
- The University of Nottingham
- The University of Sheffield
- The University of Stirling
- The University of Warwick
- The University of West London
- UCL (University College London)
- University of Bath
- University of Birmingham
- University of Cumbria
- University of Dundee
- University of East London (UEL)
- University of Exeter
- University of Glasgow
- University of Greenwich
- University of Leeds
- University of Leicester
- University of Lincoln
- University of Reading
- University of South Wales
- University of Southampton
- University of St Andrews
- University of Surrey
- University of Sussex
- University of the Arts London
- University of Westminster, London
- University of York

## UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

- American University
- Boston College
- California College of the Arts
- Chapman University
- Clark University
- Drew University
- Eckerd College
- Elon University
- Emerson College
- Fordham University
- Ithaca College
- Massachusetts College of Art and Design
- New York University
- North Carolina State University
- Northeastern University
- Rollins College
- Santa Clara University
- Skidmore College
- Suffolk University
- Syracuse University
- The George Washington University
- The New School
- Tulane University
- University of California Los Angeles
- University of California San Diego
- University of Cincinnati
- University of Colorado Boulder
- University of Miami
- University of Michigan
- University of Notre Dame
- University of Southern California
- University of St Andrews
- University of Virginia
- Villanova University
- Wake Forest University

## 2016-2017 (Degree Courses/Fields of Study)

During the 2016-2017 academic year, Haut-Lac students have applied for the following degree courses. Many of the selected degree courses included options such as a year abroad, a year in industry, direct entry onto a Master's degree, etc. The listing has been done in an alphabetical order.

- Advertising
- Advertising and Digital Marketing Communications
- Advertising Marketing Communications and Public Relations
- Animation
- Animation and Illustration
- Animation Foundation Degree
- Applied Psychology
- Applied Sport Science
- Architectural Engineering
- Architecture
- Architecture (with placement)
- Art
- Art and Design
- Arts
- Sociology, Politics & International Relations (SOP)
- Biomedical Sciences
- Bio-veterinary Sciences
- Business and Management (Marketing)
- Business and Management
- Business and Marketing
- Business Management (Marketing)
- Business Management with Marketing
- Business Management/Psychology
- Business Psychology
- Business with Marketing
- Business/Marketing
- Chemical Engineering
- Chemical with Nuclear Engineering
- Communication Design
- Contemporary Media Practice
- Creative Advertising with Marketing
- Early Years and Childhood Studies
- Electrical & Electronic Engineering
- Electronic Engineering
- Engineering
- English and Creative Writing
- English and European Law
- English Language and Creative Writing
- English Literature and Creative Writing
- English Literature and Film & Theatre
- Film
- Film and Television
- Film and Television Production
- Film and Television Studies
- Film and TV Production
- Film Production
- Film Studies
- Fine Art and Illustration
- Fine Arts
- Graphic and Communication Design
- Graphic Communication
- Graphic Communication and Illustration
- Graphic Design
- Immunology
- International Business
- International Business Management
- International Law and Globalization
- International Management
- International Relations
- International Relations and Politics
- Journalism
- Journalism and Communications
- Journalism Studies
- Law

- Law and French
- Law and Sociology
- Law with French Law
- Management with Marketing
- Marketing
- Mathematics
- Mechanical Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering / Advanced Materials
- Medical Biosciences
- Medical Sciences
- Product Design
- Psychology

- Psychology and Business
- Psychology with Business Management
- Psychology with Management
- Psychology/Sociology
- Science & Engineering
- Sport and Exercise Science
- Sport Management
- Sport, Exercise and Physical Activity
- Veterinary Medicine
- Veterinary Medicine and Science
- Veterinary

## 2017-2018 (Universities/Colleges)

During the 2017-2018 academic year, Haut-Lac students applied for admission to the following universities and received one or more conditional or unconditional offers. More universities extended offers in 2017-18 than in the previous academic year. The list is presented in an alphabetical order by country and by university.

### CANADA

- McGill University
- UBC
- University of Toronto

### FRANCE

- ESJ Paris

### GERMANY

- KIT, Karlsruhe
- LMU Munich
- Stuttgart
- University of Bamberg
- University of Bonn
- University of Hohenheim, Stuttgart

- University of Wurzburg

### IRELAND

- University College Cork

### SPAIN

- Les Roches - Marbella

### ITALY

- HFFA Haute Future Fashion Academy, Milano
- NABA Nuova Accademia di Belle Arti Milano
- Nuova Accademia di Belle Arti (NABA)
- Politecnico di Milano

## MALAYSIA

- Asia Pacific University
- Multimedia University
- University Tunku Abdul Rahman

## MEXICO

- Monterrey Institute of Technology and Higher Education

## NETHERLANDS

- DELFT
- Erasmus University
- Leiden University
- University of Applied Sciences Hanzehogeschool Groningen

## PHILLIPINES

- Mapua Institute of Technology (MAPUA)
- Philippines-Diliman (UP)

## SWITZERLAND

- BSL
- Business School of Lausanne
- EHL
- EU Business School
- Les Roches - Glion
- Neuchatel
- UNIL
- University of Geneva

## UNITED KINGDOM

- Abertay University
- Anglia Ruskin University
- Arts University Bournemouth
- Bath Spa University
- British College of Osteopathic Medicine
- Brunel University London
- City, University of London
- Coventry University
- De Montfort University
- European School of Osteopathy
- Goldsmiths, University of London

- Heriot-Watt University
- Imperial College London
- King's College London, University of London
- Liverpool John Moores University
- London Metropolitan University
- Loughborough University
- NESCOT
- Newcastle University
- Oxford Brooks University
- Queen Mary University of London
- Royal Holloway, University of London
- University College London (UCL)
- University College of Osteopathy
- University for the Creative Arts
- University of Aberdeen
- University of Bath
- University of Bristol
- University of Buckingham
- University of Central Lancashire
- University of Chester
- University of East Anglia
- University of Edinburgh
- University of Essex
- University of Exeter
- University of Glasgow
- University of Hertfordshire
- University of Kent
- University of Leicester
- University of Manchester
- University of Northampton
- University of Nottingham
- University of Reading
- University of Roehampton
- University of Southampton
- University of Stirling
- University of Surrey
- University of Sussex
- University of the Arts London
- University of Warwick
- University of York

## UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

- BerkLee College of Music
- Brigham Young University
- Brown University
- Bucknell University
- Colorado College
- Columbia University
- Eckerd College
- Georgetown University
- Goucher College
- Hampshire College
- Haverford College
- Howard University
- Johns Hopkins University
- New York University
- Princeton University

- Southwestern Illinois College
- St. John's College (MD)
- Stanford University
- The George Washington University
- University of Maryland, Baltimore
- University of Michigan
- University of Pennsylvania
- University of St. Andrews
- University of Vermont
- University of Virginia
- Yale University

## 2017-2018 (Degree Courses/Fields of Study)

During the 2017-2018 academic year, Haut-Lac students have applied for the following degree courses. A large variety of degrees and fields of study were chosen this year too. Many students opted for courses with a one year industrial placement, but not as many as the previous year for courses with a year abroad. There seemed to be a general move away from engineering applications in favour of the social and natural sciences. Please note, however, that most US university applicants did not choose a major or a major/minor option when submitting their application.

- Accounting & Finance
- Advertising & Digital Marketing
- Aerospace Engineering
- Applied Sport Science
- Art and Psychology
- BA Advertising & Brand Management
- BA Creative Industries & Design
- Bachelor of Multimedia
- Biochemistry
- Biochemistry (Molecular & Cellular)
- Biochemistry
- Biological Sciences (Biochemistry)
- Biological Sciences (Cell & Molecular Biology)

- Biology
- Biomedical Engineering
- Biomedical Science (Pharmacology)
- Biomedical Sciences
- Biomedicine / Biochemistry
- Business Administration
- Business and Management
- Business and Marketing (Foundation Entry)
- Business Management
- Business Management (Marketing)
- Chemistry
- Combined Honours in Social Sciences
- Common Law

- Communications Studies
- Criminology and Psychology
- Criminology with Psychology
- Criminology/Psychology
- Digital Film Production
- Drama and Film Studies
- Drama and Screen Studies
- Economics
- Education
- Education Studies
- English and American Literature
- English Literature
- Environment and Development
- Environment, Economics and Ecology
- Environmental Management
- Exercise and Health Science
- Fashion Design
- Film
- Film and Drama
- Film and Media
- Film and Television
- Film and Theatre
- Film Practice
- Film Production
- Filmmaking
- Fine Art
- Hospitality Management
- Humanities
- Immunology
- Industrial Engineering
- International Business Management
- International Management
- International Relations
- Journalism
- Law
- Management
- Management Science
- Management Sciences
- Management Studies (Marketing)
- Management with Marketing
- Marketing and Advertising with Foundation Year

- Marketing Management (Digital Media)
- Marketing
- Mechanical Engineering
- Medical Sciences
- Medicine
- Music Education
- Osteopathic Medicine
- Osteopathy
- Physiology, Sport Science and Nutrition
- Physiotherapy
- Psychological & Behavioural Sciences
- Psychology
- Psychology and Criminology
- Psychology with French
- Sport and Exercise Science
- Sport Management
- Sports and Exercise Science
- Sustainable Development
- Theatre and Performance with Film Studies



## Country-specific requirements

### Canada

Applications to Canadian universities are submitted on an individual basis. The IB Diploma is widely-accepted by Canadian universities as a means of entry qualification. Each university has its own system for evaluating the student's eligibility via the documentation the student is required to submit. The official websites of Canadian universities are a prime source of information for applicants and their parents/guardians. Each university application carries an application fee. Useful link: <https://www.universitystudy.ca/>

### Ireland

CAO (Central Applications Office) is a centralised online system for submitting university applications. There is a one-time application fee of €30 for applications submitted before 20 January, and €40 for any submitted after that date. A maximum of 10 universities/institutions can be selected. The order in which the universities/institutions are listed constitutes the candidate's order of preference. The official CAO site contains a wide range of useful information. All Irish universities and institutions accept the IB Diploma as a sufficient entry qualification, but stipulate specific grade requirements per subject, level and/or overall. Useful link: <http://www.cao.ie>

### Switzerland

All Swiss universities accept the IB Diploma as a valid entry qualification. However, there are restrictions as certain subjects are not accepted, some subjects must be taken at a specific level and the bonus points for Theory of Knowledge and the Extended Essay are not taken into account.

The highly acclaimed EPFL and ETH normally require 38 points, while the rest of the universities require 32 points.

Medical school applicants have to normally submit their applications by May, and some (Basel, Bern, Chur, Fribourg, Lugano, Lucerne, Saint Gall, Suhr, Zurich) should expect an invitation for an additional test in June. International candidates are advised to contact the university individually for the exact application procedure.

The available degree courses offered by Swiss Higher Education Institutions (i.e. Universities, Universities of Applied Sciences, Universities of Teacher Education and University-Level Institutions) can be found here.

## UK

All UK-based higher education institutions accept the IB Diploma as a valid entry requirement to their degree courses. A single application is normally submitted for up to five (5) institutions. Complete coverage of the application procedural requirements along with a wealth of pertinent information can be found [here](#).

The range of required IB points is broad and depends on the institution and the specific degree course. Typical conditional offers from universities usually (but not always) vary from 30 to 38 points. However, specific conditions may be required for individual IB Diploma subjects.

Medical, dentistry, veterinary medicine applications may require additional external examinations (i.e. BMAT, etc.). Art-based degree courses (art, architecture, etc.) usually require submission of a portfolio. Some Law degrees require additional external examinations (i.e. LNAT). Some universities and degree courses require the applicant to go through an interview (either in vivo or online). Highly competitive universities (i.e. Oxford, Cambridge, etc.) usually require additional institution-based examinations too, either prior or during the required interview.

## USA

The applicant can submit a number of individual applications or a single one via the CommonApp platform. In both cases, individual essays may be required along with recent transcripts and relevant recommendation letters. Many US-based universities or colleges offer scholarships based on academic merit, which translates to specific IB Diploma scores.

US institutions normally decide and admit students before they have completed the second year of their IB Diploma. The admission process is normally based on past academic performance as well as supporting documentation from the school (i.e. recommendation letter(s)).

## Rest of the World

There is a large number of universities around the world (both public and private) that accept the IB Diploma as a valid entry qualification for undergraduate degree courses. Each university usually expects an individual application to be submitted by each applicant, and in many but not all cases, an application fee is associated with each application. Each application has its own submission deadline and the required accompanying documents. These applications we handle on a case by case basis.

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