

WHY STUDYING IN SWITZERLAND?

Thanks to its unique blend of academic excellence, cultural richness and high quality of life, Switzerland offers a compelling alternative to studying in the UK or the US. Whether your child is aiming for a top-tier university, looking to learn multiple languages, or seeking inspiration in a breathtaking environment, Switzerland provides a foundation for success in both academics and personal development.

1. World-Class and affordable education

- **Renowned Institutions:** Swiss universities like ETH Zurich, EPFL, and the University of Lausanne consistently rank among the best in the world.
- **Studying in Switzerland can be surprisingly affordable** compared to the US or the UK, which offer world-class education at low tuition fees (Less than CHF 2'000.- / year)

2. Multilingual Environment : Switzerland has four main languages—German, French, and English, making it ideal for language learning.

3. Safety and Quality of Life : Switzerland is one of the safest countries in the world. The country's excellent public transport, outstanding healthcare, and clean environment contribute to a high standard of living.

WHY THE SWISS MATURA ?

The Swiss Matura is a demanding, highly respected academic qualification that is often seen as a gateway to prestigious universities globally :

1. Broad and balanced curriculum : The Swiss Matura encompasses a wide range of subjects, including languages (French, German or Italian—and English), sciences, mathematics, humanities, and arts.
2. No entrance exams in Switzerland: In contrary to other diploma (IB diploma, French baccalaureate), students graduating with the Swiss Matura can directly enroll in Swiss universities like ETH Zurich and the University of Geneva without the need for additional entrance exams.
3. Recognized by Ivy League and Top Universities: The Swiss Matura's reputation for rigor makes it attractive to top-tier institutions in the US (Ivy league universities) and the UK (Oxford/Cambridge).

Comparative assessment

Swiss Federal Matura vs. A levels vs. IB diploma

	Swiss Federal Matura	International A Levels (IAL)	International Baccalaureate (IB)
Main teaching language	French	English	English
Bilingual French/English option	Available	Available	Available
Additional compulsory languages	German or Italian, English	None	None
Curriculum	12 compulsory subjects + Thesis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specific Options (OS): Economy & Law, Maths / Physics, Biochemistry, 4th language • Complementary Options (OC): Philosophy, advanced Mathematics 	Free choice of subjects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum of 6 general IGCSE • Minimum of 3 A-levels 	Free choice of subjects. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum of 6 subjects • Extended Essay • Theory of Knowledge • 50 hours CAS
Exams format and requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 exam sessions, written and oral exams • Required minimum grade average of 4.0 with compensation system 	Minimum grade in each subject	System of grade point average (GPA)
Repetition	One repetition only possible	Subjects and exams can be individually taken and can be repeated as often as required with no binding deadline.	Subjects can be repeated a total of three times.
Admission into Swiss universities and engineering schools	Automatic admission, no restriction, no entry exam	Restricted, conditioned to results and university admission criteria / exams	Restricted, conditioned to results and university admission criteria / exams
International recognition	Recognized by US/UK and international universities	Recognized by US/UK and international universities	Recognized by US/UK and international universities