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ENSEMBLE SCOLAIRE SAINTE URSULE

ÉCOLE – COLLÈGE – LYCÉE

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### The School

Founded in 1923, the Sainte Ursule-Louise de Bettignies school complex is a catholic institution under the supervision of the Ursulines of the Roman Union and under contract with the French state. It offers Elementary (École), Middle School (Collège from Grade 6 to 9), and High School or Secondary education (Lycée from Grade 10 to 12) to 1600 students in a total of 12 to 13 years of general education under the French education system. The values “**Insieme**” (“together”) and “**Serviam**” (“serve”) are a guide to our school’s community.

“**Insieme**” is about welcoming all people who join our project, regardless of their faith, their culture, their history, and working together in trust.

It is also about cooperative work; about 20% of class time is devoted to cooperative practices. Students are also called upon to cooperate during various activities outside the classroom. Educators, professors, catechists and the various leaders also work in cooperation, to develop certain common programs or assignments, implement interdisciplinary projects, ensure constant application of the rules.

Convivial times contribute to uniting the community: Saint Angela, JEA (Days of Mutual Aid and Friendship), Christmas festivities, the choir, times of prayer and conviviality...

“**Serviam**” is about serving the community.

Each member of the educational community undertakes to render services. This may involve being a class representative, parent representative, organizing JEAs, leading a catechism group, accompanying a trip or a group of visiting foreign students, etc. A student's personal project on services is formalized by dialogue with the academic team in 1st class (*Grade 11*).

We are experimenting with the system of Serviam eco-representatives in each class, whose role, complementary to that of the class representatives, is to work in a spirit of integral ecology around a year's project and to propose initiatives.

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We offer regular training sessions for all actors in the educational community to support them in the services they provide.

One of the most valuable services we can give is spreading the gospel. We ensure that an explicit announcement is made to all, and that it is accompanied by a rich pastoral animation tailored to each individual.

### The High School Streams

Our high school offers the French General Baccalaureate stream and a dual degree stream to prepare for the American High School Diploma online alongside their French General Baccalaureate in a partnership with Academia International Studies. Since the French Baccalaureate educational reform of 2021, students choose three majors in Grade 11 and must pursue two of the three majors at a higher level in Grade 12. Next to their majors, they follow a core curriculum comprised of French Literature, History-Geography, two Foreign languages, General Science, Physical Education with French Literature being replaced by Philosophy in Grade 12. Two types of cumulative electives may be added to the course plan.

The entire educational community works in conjunction with the French and international Merician network. We develop foreign educational institutions which most often belong to the Merician network to open our students to the world and foster formative relationships. All 4<sup>th</sup> graders (*equivalent to 8<sup>th</sup> graders in the US system*) travel abroad for a week each year, as do around a hundred high school students. We also support students from an early age in the discovery of their environment through meetings, outings, conferences, debates, exchanges with other schools in the region or in the country... Facilitating the transition from high school to post-baccalaureate studies is one of our priorities as well, which is why we forge relationships with higher education institutions.

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### Majors and Electives Offered

Sciences: Mathematics; Physics-Chemistry; Earth and Life Sciences

Social Sciences: Economics and Social Sciences, History- Geography- Geopolitics-Political Science

Humanities: Modern Foreign Languages and Literature; Humanities Literature and Philosophy

Foreign Languages: English, Spanish, German

Electives (1) only in Grade 12: Additional Mathematics, Advanced Mathematics, Law and Major Issues of the Contemporary World

Electives (2) from Grade 10 onwards: Third Foreign Language (Spanish, Italian Chinese), Latin

### The French General Baccalaureate

In Grade 11 (Class of Première), the first round of exams include the French Literature oral and written exams (coef. 10) and one major exam (coef. 8). In Grade 12 (Class of Terminale), the second round of exams include a final exam in Philosophy (coef. 8), two majors (coef. 16 each) and the Final Oral exam (“Grand Oral”) (coef. 10), a personalized oral exam based on an extended essay related to the student’s chosen majors. Grades in the aforementioned exams (which represent 60% of the baccalaureate GPA) are added to the overall core curriculum GPA for Grade 11 and 12 term (representing the remaining 40%), to award the French General Baccalaureate diploma.

A GPA of 16 or higher will award a “mention très bien” (highest honors)

A GPA of 14 or higher will award a “mention bien” (high honors)

A GPA of 12 or higher will award a “mention assez bien” (honors)

A GPA of 10 or higher will earn a pass.

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### Rankings and Statistics

- #4 High School in Paris (out of 109 high school with > 100 students)
- #6 in France (out of 1842 high schools with > 100 students) (Le Figaro étudiant, 2022 Rankings)
- #15 High School in Paris (out of 109 high school with > 100 students)
- # 32 High School in France (L'Express 2022 Rankings)
- In the 14 High Schools in France with 100% honors achievements (Le Figaro étudiant, 2022 Rankings)

French General Baccalaureate	Sainte Ursule Louise de Bettignies Results (2019-2022)	National Average Results (2018-2022)
Mention Très bien (16+/20)	24%	14%
Mention Bien (14+/20)	40%	22%
Mention Assez Bien (12+/20)	28%	29%
Pass rate (10+/20)	100%	94%

Source: DEPP Statistics, Ministère de l'Éducation Nationale et de la Jeunesse

### Recent University Destinations

Europe	France	North America
UCL, KCL, Warwick, Edinburgh, Exeter universities (UK)	PSL, Paris 1-Panthéon Sorbonne, Paris 2-Panthéon Assas, Paris Saclay, Nanterre, Université Catholique de Lille universities, IUT Rives de Seine	University of California
University of Amsterdam and Erasmus University of Rotterdam (the Netherlands)	Sciences Po-UCL DD, Sciences Po Lille, Sciences Po Aix, HEIP	Berkeley
Bocconi University and Luiss University (Italy)	Science Preparatory Classes: Stanislas, Sainte-Genève, Saint-Louis, Pasteur, Chaptal, Janson, Fénelon Sainte Marie	University of British Columbia
EPFL Lausanne	Commerce Preparatory Classes: Saint-Jean de Passy, Chaptal, Janson, Sainte Croix	McGill University
Esade and IE (Spain)	Law Preparatory Classes: ENC Blomet	Polytechnique Montreal

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	Engineering schools (ECE, ESILV, EPITA, ISEP, HEI...)	HEC Montreal
	Business schools (EDHEC, IESEG, ESSCA, EM Normandie, EM Lyon, EMLV...)	
	ISCOM, EFAP	
	Ecole du Louvre	

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