

«Before I found Academia I was very lost in the Swiss school system. My dream is to go to University and Academia opened these doors for me. I have a great relationship with my teachers and they are very flexible, which helps me in my personal and work life.»

*Laura B. (19), student at Academia Matura Bern*

«As a professional musician I had to practice 5 to 6 hours per day, unfortunately this was not possible in any of the Swiss schools. At Academia Matura I benefited from the flexibility of the timetable so that I was able to practice and to travel whenever I had a concert. My years at Academia Matura were the best period in my life. I am very happy and grateful that I was an Academia Matura student and I would highly recommend this school to anyone who wants to learn very quickly from professional, experienced teachers.»

*Julianna C. (25), student at Academia Matura Zurich*

«The biggest strength of our school is that it offers a genuine alternative to the public school system. We can offer students an individual plan and pathway which is constantly evaluated and adjusted. On a personal level, due to the small size, it's also possible to genuinely interact and care for our students as they strive to reach their goals.»

*Michael Daly (UK), Science Teacher at Academia Matura Zurich & Aarau*

«Academia is the perfect school for being productive. You are able to choose your own schedule that caters best to you. In the past few months I've learned much more in one lesson than I ever could have had I attended a "normal" school. Because lessons are one on one whether you are struggling or excelling in classes the teachers can slow down or speed up how you go through the material.»

*Kai J. (19), Student at Academia Matura Bern*



Close to you – with  
Academia Matura  
you learn whenever  
and wherever you  
have time.

# Offer

Study programmes tailored to personal requirements are our specialty. For more than ten years, we have offered individual support helping adults and adolescents to successfully gain an international English language university entrance qualification (referred to as Matura in Switzerland). International A Levels allow for access to universities and higher education institutions – in Switzerland and all over the world.

## With International A Levels to University

Our programme offers an internationally recognised qualification. We follow the British International Curriculum for

- ✔ Secondary school qualification (IGCSE)
- ✔ Advanced qualifications (A Levels)

## What is unique about us

### Excellence in teaching

- ✔ Highly qualified international teaching staff
- ✔ Excellent examination results
- ✔ Individual study and lesson planning
- ✔ Lessons on location and/or online

### Preparation for life in an international world

- ✔ Leave with an internationally recognised qualification which entitles you to study at universities in Switzerland and abroad
- ✔ Guidance on higher and further education

### Tailored to your strengths

- ✔ Broad range of subjects to choose from
- ✔ Close support by Head of Academics
- ✔ Personal learning coach

### Locations all over Switzerland

Aarau, Basel, Bern, Lucerne, Zurich and online



### Contact

Contact us to arrange a consultation interview.



### Consultation interview

The consultation gives us the opportunity to get to know the student and to put together the best possible programme.



### English assessment

Depending on their language skills in English, non-native English speakers may take an English assessment. We recommend a B2 level when joining our programme.



### Other assessments

Depending on previous schooling, assessment tests in other subjects may be necessary.



### Offer

You receive a non-binding offer with your tailored school programme.



### Decision

You decide with the Principal or the Head of Academics, whether our school is the right choice for you.

# School life

## Studying with us

We put together a study programme that suits your needs:

- ✔ As a matter of course, you select six subjects which you tailor to your later degree of specialisation and take them at the level that suits you best.
- ✔ You define the amount of time you spend studying each week and at what times you attend your private lessons or lessons in very small classes. Based on this, we provide you with an appropriate timetable.
- ✔ You decide whether to attend the lessons on site or online.
- ✔ You plan your self-study into your daily routine, whenever you have the time.
- ✔ You decide when to complete a subject and take the final exams in each subject individually.
- ✔ Our teachers and the Head of Academics support you throughout your studies with us.

## This makes us unique

- ✔ Individual timetables, tailored to your life situation.
- ✔ Completion within one, two or three years.
- ✔ Concentrate on your strengths: study the subjects you really need for university.
- ✔ Proficiency in German and English at a near native level.
- ✔ Ideal for all who want to study at university and need to balance studies, career, family, sport or music.
- ✔ Due to the combination of self-study and classroom teaching, you will acquire the exact techniques you need for successful university studies.

## Academic subjects

Six subjects in A Levels are generally required in order to be accepted at a university. International A Levels offer you maximum flexibility and an opportunity to focus on your strengths.

### Subjects

German	Geography
English Language	History
English Literature	Economics
French	Business
Italian	Mathematics
Spanish	Biology
Portuguese	Physics
Russian	Chemistry

Additional subjects are offered on request.

## Study and exams

In our programme the input lessons with a teacher are combined with self-study. For every hour of tuition you should expect about two hours of self-study. Depending on the subject, previous knowledge and learning ability, the time you need for self-study can vary.

Each subject is completed separately, and each exam can be repeated as many times as you wish.

## English as language of instruction

The language of instruction is English. If your English language skills are not yet at the required level B2, you can easily attend our internal preparatory courses and start subjects such as German, French or Mathematics.

# Our students

## Successful for more than ten years

Since 2008, we have helped about 500 students to gain their International A Levels in their individual way. Their needs are as individual as our study programmes. Some are already working and want to catch up on their school-leaving exams so that they can eventually study at a university. Others play competitive sports, are musicians or artists, and strive to have a solid educational foundation upon which they can later build. And yet others wish to graduate as soon as possible. Academia Matura offers the flexibility to allow our students to learn at the times and pace that suit their lives.

## A school with high academic standards

Exam	Grade	2020 Results
IGCSE	B/5 +	81%
IGCSE	A +	34%
A Level	C+	96%
A Level	A+	33%

A number of our students already excelled in their exams and are winners of the Pearson Edexcel prize for:

- ✔ **The highest mark in the world in Advanced German**
- ✔ **The highest mark in Switzerland in Science**
- ✔ **The highest mark in Switzerland in Advanced Maths**
- ✔ **The highest mark in Switzerland in English**

## Recent graduate destinations

Our graduating students have accessed a variety of universities, such as:

### Switzerland

ETH Zurich, University of Basel, University of St. Gallen, University of Bern, Université de Fribourg.

### Worldwide

Cambridge University, Cardiff University, Durham University, Edinburgh University, Glasgow University, Liverpool University, University of Massachusetts.

# Our staff

## Experienced and caring staff

Our qualified subject specialists come from around the globe (e.g., the UK, the US, India, Russia, Australia and Switzerland); teachers for modern languages teach in their mother tongue.

Our teachers have a degree in education, many of them have QTS (Qualified Teacher Status) and a Master's level in education. We have several examination experts on staff who know the IGCSEs and A Levels very well.

## Head of Academics

- ✔ Provides individual guidance to all students.
- ✔ Creates individualised study programmes for all students.
- ✔ Organises regular meetings and is your first point of contact for all questions regarding course content and teaching.

## Our partners

