



THE EUROPEAN SCHOOL



SCHOOL PROFILE

The European School

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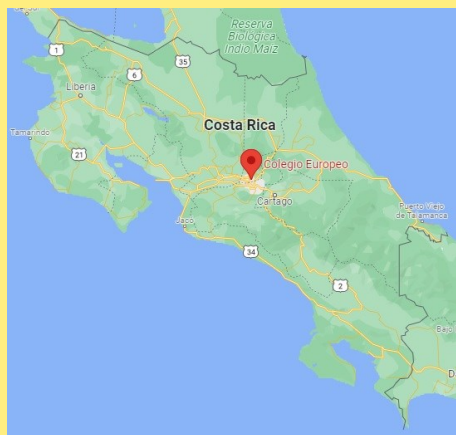
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College Entrance Examination
Board (CEEB) code: 834140



The School and Community

The European School was founded in 1989 as a humanities focused K-12 institution in Heredia, Costa Rica with an English-based curriculum. The innovative literature-based educational program recognizes each student as an entire being with different gifts and limitations, needs and abilities, and hope for the future. The European School is presently serving 530 students from over forty countries around the world. The European School is accredited by Costa Rica's Ministry of Public Education as well as the International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO).

Bilingual Education

Bilingualism is part of the school philosophy. All European School classes are taught in English from kindergarten on apart from one daily period of Spanish language and literature. French is introduced as a third language as of seventh grade and may give the student enough proficiency to further their studies in a French-speaking university.

College Attendance

Successful IB graduates from The European School in the past five years have attended prestigious institutions around the world including:

- Universidad de Costa Rica (Costa Rica)
- Universidad Nacional (Costa Rica)
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology (United States)
- Savannah College of Art and Design (United States)
- University of British Columbia (Canada)
- Universidad de Navarra (Spain)
- King's College (United Kingdom)
- University of Oxford (United Kingdom)
- NABA Art School (Italy)
- Liden University (Netherlands)
- Asia Pacific University (Japan)
- Blue Mountain School of Hospitality (Australia)
- SP Jain School of Global Management (Singapore)



The Academic Program

Once a student finishes 10th grade, he or she must enroll in the IB Diploma Program, as it is the only pathway we offer to graduate from the European School.

Our students must take both English A HL (Literature or Language and Literature) and Spanish A HL (Literature or Language and Literature), and then choose four other courses from the list of courses offered at our school which are:

- Geography *or* History (SL or HL)
- Math Analysis and Approaches *or* Math Applications and Interpretations (SL or HL)
- Chemistry *or* Biology (SL or HL) *or* Environmental Studies and Systems (SL)
- French B *or* Visual Arts (SL or HL) *or* a second science subject

Additionally, students undertake two year courses in Theory of Knowledge, Creativity, Activity, and Service, and complete a 4,000 word Extended Essay on a research topic of their choice as required to earn their IB Diploma.

Our IB average results for the past five years are the following:

Year	No. of Candi-	Average Grade	Average Total	Passing Rate	No. of Courses Offered with Results Above World Average
2023	21	5.13	33	95.2	19 out of 21
2022	31	5.48	35	100%	16 out of 19
2021	28	5.44	34	100%	14 out of 18
2020	34	5.20	33	100%	13 out of 19
2019	28	5.21	33	100%	14 out of 18

Grading System

A	93-100	7
B	85-92	6
C	78-84	5
D	70-77	4
F	0-69	<4

Final grades for the 11th and 12th grade students break down into 50% final semester exams and 50% quarter grades. The passing grade at our school is 70%.

We do not report Class Rank or GPA.

Students are enrolled in the IB May Exam Session each year. IB scores are available on July 6 each year and students apply to university with their IB Predicted Scores.

2023-2024 School Calendar

- Q1 July 31 - September 29
- Q2 October 16 - December 15
- Q3 January 22 - March 22
- Q4 April 8 - June 21

IB Graduation - May 18, 2024

