

## ABOUT ROCHAMBEAU

- ✱ Founded in 1955
- ✱ Private, coeducational
- ✱ Pre-k to 12th grade
- ✱ Three Campuses
- ✱ Degrees Awarded:
  - HS diploma
  - French *Baccalauréat*
  - International Baccalaureate®  
(1st graduating class 2023)
- ✱ 80+ Nationalities
- ✱ 11-acre campus
- ✱ Total Enrollment: 545
- ✱ Senior Class: 59
- ✱ Average Class Size: 18

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# ROCHAMBEAU

THE FRENCH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

## SCHOOL PROFILE | 2022-2023

**R**ochambeau is committed to cultivating a multilingual, pluricultural learning environment that demonstrates the benefits that diversity and inclusion bring to all aspects of academic and campus life. We encourage all our community members (students, parents, faculty, staff and Trustees) to participate in and reinforce our learning community through dynamic, interactive discussion and shared discoveries. Engaging on important issues inside and outside the classroom is central to our longstanding commitment to nurturing leaders who will create a world that respects diversity in all senses throughout their lives.

## INTERSECTION OF FRENCH AND U.S. PROGRAMS

**R**ochambeau is a private, coeducational day school serving the Washington, DC metropolitan area. Many students' families are in Washington on temporary assignments with embassies and other international organizations. We provide a traditional French education from preschool through the end of high school that culminates with our students earning either the French Baccalauréat or International Baccalaureate diploma, with the option to earn the Maryland State High School Diploma at the end of junior year. The majority of Rochambeau's students meet all state high school curricular requirements and are awarded the Maryland State High School Diploma at the end of their junior year, the year preceding the final year of French secondary education. Student pursuing their French Baccalauréat spend the final year of study at the school to prepare for the French Baccalauréat examination, which alone qualifies students for admission to the French university system. This final year of study at Rochambeau is regarded as post-secondary study in the U.S., although it is an integral part of secondary education in the French system.

## ROCHAMBEAU HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA

**T**o receive the high school diploma approved by the State of Maryland, within the context of the French education system, Rochambeau students must complete a minimum of 22 credits. Seventeen of these credits must be in areas specified by the state. The additional five elective units may come from offerings in any curricular area. The Maryland State High School Diploma is typically awarded to students before their last year of study at Rochambeau. Students who have earned the diploma and plan to attend North American universities have the option of leaving Rochambeau without completing their final year and without taking the Baccalauréat. More than 95 percent of students at Rochambeau, however, choose to stay for 12th grade in order to sit for the Baccalauréat.



## COVID-19 STATEMENT

After 16 months of online learning, from March 2020 to June 2021, Rochambeau was pleased to welcome all of our students back on campus for the 2021-2022 school year. Throughout the pandemic, the school has worked hard to maintain the integrity of our grading system and no changes were made.

## FRENCH BACCALAURÉAT National Curriculum, Faculty, and Language of Instruction

All French high schools (lycées) follow the academic curriculum established by the French National Ministry of Education and many faculty members are certified by the same French ministry. All courses are taught in French except for the following: option internationale du baccalauréat (OIB) Literature, OIB History, U.S. History and English language classes. English language instruction is required and is offered at three levels with placement depending on a student's level of proficiency: Group 2 (beginner), Group 3 (intermediate), Group 4 (honors), and OIB (honors). Math subjects such as algebra, geometry, trigonometry, calculus and statistics are integrated throughout the curriculum. Natural sciences include biology, earth science, and health education; physics and chemistry are integrated each year. This curriculum fosters self-discipline, organization, and autonomy, while developing critical thinking and analytical skills.

### Bac to US Grades Conversion Chart

	FRENCH GRADE NON-HONORS	FRENCH GRADE HONORS	FRENCH GRADE NON-HONORS	FRENCH GRADE HONORS
US GRADE EQUIVALENT	10, 11 & 12	10, 11 & 12	8 & 9	8 & 9
A+	15 - 20	14 - 20	16 - 20	15-20
A	14	13	15	14
A-	13	12	14	13
B+	12	11	13	12
B	11	10	12	11
B-	10	9	11	10
C+	9	8	10	9
C	8	7	9	8
C-	7	6	8	7
D+	6	5	7	6
D	5	4	6	5
D-	4	3	5	4

## HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- 6 credits Math and Science (at least 2 science and 2 math)
- 4 credits English
- 2 credits French
- 2 credits Social Studies (1 credit U.S. History)
- 2 credits third language
- 1 credit Physical Education
- 5 credits electives

## GRADING SYSTEM

- Trimesters
- Bac Scores: 0 - 20  
Scores Converted to US Style  
Grades for Transcripts
- GPA Not Calculated
- No Class Rankings

## STANDARDIZED TESTING OFFERED

- Full Suite of PSAT Exams<sup>^</sup>
- SAT School Day<sup>+</sup>
- AP Exams<sup>+</sup>
- Cambridge Assessments

*+ US exams do not align with French curriculum in content, format, and timing; Challenging for non-native English speakers*

## GRADES 10 - 12 SCHEDULE

- 29 to 38 Class Hours/Week
- 2 to 5 Hours Homework/Night
- Limited Time for Extracurricular Activities

## SPECIALITIES

3 in 11th; 2 in 12th (H)

- History, Geography, Geopolitics & Political Science
- Humanities, Literature & Philosophy
- Mathematics
- Physics & Chemistry
- Earth & Life Sciences
- Economics & Social Sciences
- Languages, Literature & Foreign Culture

## ELECTIVES

### BAC

- Arts: Music, Cinema, Theatre, & Visual Arts
- Latin
- Math
  - Advanced Mathematics (H)
  - Mathematics Honors (H)
- Natural Sciences

### ROCHAMBEAU

- PreCalculus & Calculus+
- Adv. Topic: US History+
- Adv. Topic: English Literature+
- Math

+ Taught in English

### CNED

- Foreign Language 3

## FINAL ASSESSMENTS

### 11th GRADE

- French Literature (oral & written)

### 12th GRADE

- Two Specialties
- Philosophy
- Grand Oral
  - Presentation to 2-person jury on 2-year specialties

### DETAILS

- Evaluated by Outside Examiners
- Essay-Based
- 17 to 32 Hours of Testing
- Graded with Coefficients
- Passing: 10+/20; Honors 12+/20; High Honors: 14+/20; Highest Honors: 16+/20

## French Baccalauréat Program

**2023** marks the 68th year our students graduate with their French Baccalauréat (Bac) designation. Students choose three specialty subjects in grade 11 and continue two of the three in grade 12. Students are able to create new subject combinations while following a **common core curriculum**. Various electives are also offered.

	SUBJECT	10		11		12	
		FB	OIB	FB	OIB	FB	OIB
COMMON CORE	French	4H		4H			
	Mathematics	4H		Becomes an Elective			
	Philosophy (H)					4H	
	History & Geography	3H	4H	3H	4H	3H	4H
	English	3H	5H	3H	5H	3H	5H
	Language	3H		3H		3H	
	Sciences	3H		2H		2H	
	Physical Education	2H		2H		2H	

Weekly Course Hours

## Organization of Teaching



## Option Internationale du Baccalaureat (OIB)

The option internationale de baccalauréat, or OIB, is the baccalauréat's international option. Taught by French and American faculty, OIB is a challenging, optional three-year program that offers students advanced-level studies in English language & literature and an integrated curriculum in world history and geography. OIB students have an additional 3 hours of classes each week. **OIB is not a separate diploma—nor is it the International Baccalaureate (IB).** It is an additional specialization within the framework of the baccalauréat, which offers the most advanced study in three topical areas. The concept, curriculum, and evaluation standards of the OIB American Option were developed by the French Ministry of Education and the Advanced Placement division of the College Board. To meet the requirements of OIB specialization, students must pass written and oral exams given in English and evaluated by external examiners. OIB classes are honors level.

## INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE

Rochambeau offers the full IB Diploma Program (DP) in the 11th - 12th grades. Students in the IB program have the option to earn the IB Diploma, the French-English IB Bilingual Diploma, or the Advanced Bilingual Diploma. Dependent upon course selection, at Rochambeau, 40% - 90% of IB courses are taught in English.

The International Baccalaureate Diploma (IB) Program was founded in 1965 to provide a rigorous and well-rounded education for students through-out the world so they would qualify for university study no matter where they had pursued their high school education. The IB Diploma Program, therefore, has a common, broad curriculum that is assessed by internationally developed and graded oral and written examinations. The IB Diploma Program is unique in that it provides a globally focused liberal arts, interdisciplinary education leading to a diploma, which is recognized throughout the world. The curriculum is based on the topics and goals identified by the curriculum board of the International Baccalaureate in Cardiff, Wales.

The requirements for an IB diploma include course work and passing scores on examinations in English, a foreign language, mathematics, experimental science, social studies, and one elective; completion of a course entitled Theory of Knowledge, a 4,000-word extended essay, and 150 hours of CAS (creativity, action, and service).

### International Baccalaureate to US Grades Conversion Chart

Transcript Value	IB Standard Level Scores	IB Higher Level Scores
A+	7 - 6.2	7 - 6
A	6.1 - 5.5	5.9 - 5.2
A-	5.4 - 5.1	5.1 - 4.7
B+	5.0 - 4.7	4.6 - 4.3
B	4.6 - 4.3	4.2 - 4.0
B-	4.2 - 4.0	3.9 - 3.6
C+	3.9 - 3.6	3.5 - 3.3
C	3.5 - 3.3	3.2 - 3.0
C-	3.2 - 3.0	2.9 - 2.6
D+	2.9 - 2.6	2.5 - 2.3
D	2.5 - 2.3	2.2 - 2.0
D-	2.2 - 2.0	<2
E	<2	>1

### Rochambeau IB Data

Terminale/ 12th Grade	Class Size	IB Diploma Candidates
	58	18

## IB DIPLOMA GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- 24-42 Combined Points
- 12 or more points in HL Courses
- 9 or more points in SL Courses
- Extended Essay
- Creative/Service Activity (CAS)
- Theories of Knowledge (TOK)

## IB COURSES OFFERED

- Mathematics AA Higher Level
  - Mathematics AA Standard Level
  - Mathematics AI Higher Level
  - Mathematics AI Standard Level
  - Biology Higher Level
  - Biology Standard Level
  - Chemistry Higher Level
  - Chemistry Standard Level
  - Physics Higher Level
  - Physics Standard Level
  - English A Higher Level
  - English A Standard Level
  - French A Higher Level
  - French A Standard Level
  - French B Higher Level
  - French B Standard Level
  - Spanish B Higher Level
  - Spanish B Standard Level
  - Film Higher Level
  - Film Standard Level
  - Visual Arts Higher Level
  - Visual Arts Standard Level
  - Economics Higher Level
  - Economics Standard Level
  - Global Politics Higher Level
  - Global Politics Standard Level
  - History Higher Level
  - History Standard Level
  - Theories of Knowledge
- + HL Courses meet 5 hours per-week  
+ SL Courses meet 3 hours per-week  
+ All IB Courses are considered to be honors level

## GRADING SYSTEM

- Trimesters
- Grading Scale 1 - 7
- Converted to US Scale
- GPA Not Calculated
- No Class Rank





# UNIVERSITY ADMISSIONS FOR ROCHAMBEAU STUDENTS (CLASSES 2019-2022)

White indicates matriculation, (#) indicates more than one matriculation.

## UNITED STATES

Albright College  
Allegheny College  
American University (3)  
Anne Arundel CC  
Baylor University  
Berklee College of Music  
Boston College  
Boston University  
Brandeis University  
Brigham Young University (Idaho)  
Brigham Young University  
Brown University (2)  
Bryn Mawr College  
California Institute of Technology (2)  
Carnegie Mellon  
Case Western University  
Catholic University of America  
City College of New York (CUNY)  
Clemson University  
College of the Holy Cross  
College of William and Mary  
Columbia University (2)  
Cornell University (2)  
CUNY Borough of Manhattan CC  
Davidson College  
Dickinson College  
Drexel University  
Eckerd College  
Emerson College  
Emory University  
Florida Institute of Technology  
Fordham University (2)  
Franklin & Marshall College  
George Mason University  
George Washington University (2)  
Georgetown University (3)  
Georgia Institute of Technology  
Gettysburg College  
Hartwick College  
Haverford College  
Hawaii Pacific University  
Hollins University  
Hult International Business School-Boston  
James Madison University  
Johns Hopkins University  
Kalamazoo College  
Kenyon College  
Lafayette College  
Los Angeles College of Music  
Loyola Marymount University  
Marist College  
Michigan State University  
Montclair State University  
Montgomery College (2)  
Mount Holyoke College  
New Jersey City University  
New Jersey Institute of Technology  
New York University (3)  
North Carolina State University  
Northeastern University  
Northwestern University  
Occidental College  
Ohio State University  
Parsons School of Design (NY)  
Pennsylvania State University  
Pepperdine University  
Purdue University  
Radford University  
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute  
Rhode Island School of Design  
Rhodes College  
Rice University

Rochester Institute of Technology  
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology  
Rutgers University  
Savannah College of Art & Design  
Skidmore College  
Smith College  
St. Mary's College of Maryland  
Stanford University  
Swarthmore College  
Syracuse University  
The New School  
Towson University  
Tufts University  
Union College  
Union County College  
University of California, Berkeley  
University of California, Davis  
University of California, Irvine  
University of California, Los Angeles  
University of California, San Diego  
University of California, Santa Barbara  
University of California, Santa Cruz  
University of Cincinnati  
University of Colorado, Boulder  
University of Colorado, Denver  
University of Connecticut  
University of Delaware  
University of Denver  
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign  
University of Maryland, Baltimore County  
University of Maryland, College Park (9)  
University of Massachusetts, Amherst  
University of Massachusetts, Boston  
University of Miami  
University of Michigan  
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities  
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill  
University of Oregon  
University of Pennsylvania  
University of Pittsburgh  
University of Rhode Island  
University of San Francisco  
University of South Carolina  
University of Southern California  
University of Tampa  
University of Texas, Austin  
University of Utah  
University of Vermont  
University of Virginia  
University of Wisconsin, Madison  
Vanderbilt University  
Vassar College  
Virginia Commonwealth University  
Virginia Tech (2)  
Virginia Wesleyan University  
Wake Forest University  
Washington College  
Washington University in St. Louis  
Wellesley College  
Wesleyan University  
Worcester Polytechnic Institute

## CANADA

Bishop's University  
Concordia University (3)  
Ecole Polytechnique Montreal  
HEC Montreal  
Laurentian University  
Laval University  
Le conservatoire de musique de Montreal  
Marianopolis College  
McGill University (18)  
McMaster University  
Mount Allison University  
Polytechnique Montreal  
Queen's University  
Ryerson University  
Saint Paul University  
Universite de Montreal (2)  
Universite de Sherbrooke  
University of British Columbia  
University of Ottawa (2)  
University of Toronto (7)  
Université de Montreal  
Western University  
York University

## FRANCE

BBA INSEEC  
BUT Annecy  
BUT Cachan  
BUT Lyon  
DCG  
DUT Production Paris-Saclay  
EBI-Ecole de Biologie Industrielle  
ECAM Ecole Ingénieur  
ECE Ecole Ingénieur  
Ecole d'ingénieurs de PURPAN  
Ecole de Design Nantes Atlantique  
Ecole Nationale De Commerce-ENS Cachan D2  
Ecole Polytechnique (3)  
EDHEC BBA (3)  
EFREI Ecole Ingénieur  
EISGI La Rochelle  
EISTI Ecole Ingénieur  
ELISA Aerospace  
EM Normandie Business School  
Emlyon BBA Business School  
ENISE Ecole Ingénieur  
EPF Ecole Ingénieur  
EPITA  
ESA Angers  
ESAA Boule  
ESAIP Ecole Ingénieur  
ESCD3A-Bachelor international  
ESCE Business School  
ESCP Europe (2)  
ESDES Business School  
ESIEA Ecole Ingénieur  
ESIEE Ecole Ingénieur  
ESILV Ecole Ingénieur  
ESIREM Ecole Ingénieur  
ESISAR Ecole Ingénieur  
ESME Ecole Ingénieur  
ESSCA School of Management  
ESSEC BBA (4)  
ESTACA Ecole Ingénieur  
HEI Ecole Ingénieur  
ICD Business School  
ICES-Institut Catholique de Vendée  
IEP Lille  
IESEG Lille (2)  
IFSI  
IMT Lille Douai  
INES Comptabilité Gestion  
INSA Lyon\* (2)

INSA Rennes, Rouen, Toulouse, Strasbourg  
Institut Catholique de Lille (7)  
Institut Catholique de Lyon  
Institut Catholique Paris (3)  
IPESUP ECE/ECS (2)  
IPSA Paris/Toulouse  
ISA Ecole Ingénieur  
ISARA Ecole Ingénieur  
ISEN Ecole Ingénieur  
ISEP Ecole Ingénieur  
ISIT-Institut de Management et de Communication Interculturels  
KEDGE Business School  
NEOMA Business School  
Polytech  
Prépa INP  
Prepa Psychomotricien  
Sciences Po Menton  
Sciences Po Paris (2)  
Sciences Po Reims (6)  
SKEMA Business School  
Télécom Saint-Etienne (42)  
UniLaSalle  
Université Aix Marseille  
Université Angers  
Université Clermont Auvergne  
Université d'Avignon  
Université de Bordeaux  
Université de Bourgogne  
Université de Brest  
Université de Bretagne Sud  
Université de Caen Normandie  
Université de Dijon  
Université de Franche-Comté  
Université de la Polynésie française  
Université de La Rochelle-Ingénieur  
Université de Lille (4)  
Université de Lorraine  
Université de Lyon  
Université de Montpellier  
Université de Nanterre  
Université de Nantes  
Université de Paris (4)  
Université de Paris-Saclay  
Université de Reims  
Champagne-Ardenne  
Université de Rouen Normandie  
Université de Savoie Mont Blanc  
Université de Strasbourg  
Université de Toulouse  
Université de Tours  
Université de Versailles  
Université du Mans  
Université Grenoble Alpes (2)  
Université Jean Monnet  
Université Paris Nanterre  
Université Paris-Dauphine  
UTBM Université de Technologie de Belfort Montbéliard  
UTC Université de Technologie de Compiègne  
UTT Université de Technologie de Troyes  
Ynov-Design School

## UNITED KINGDOM

Anglia Ruskin University  
Birmingham Conservatoire  
City University of London  
Durham University  
Goldsmiths, University of London  
Heriot-Watt University  
Imperial College London (2)  
King's College London (3)  
Kingston University  
London Metropolitan University

London School of Economics  
London South Bank University  
Loughborough University  
Middlesex University  
Plymouth Marjon University  
Queen Mary University of London  
Royal Birmingham Conservatoire  
Staffordshire University  
University College London (8)  
University of Aberdeen  
University of Bath  
University of Bristol  
University of Chichester  
University of East London  
University of Edinburgh  
University of Essex  
University of Exeter  
University of Glasgow  
University of Leeds  
University of Liverpool  
University of Manchester  
University of Nottingham  
University of Oxford  
University of Sheffield  
University of Southampton  
University of St. Andrew's  
University of Strathclyde  
University of the Arts London  
University of Warwick  
University of Westminster, London  
University of Windsor  
University of York  
Vatel International Business School Hotel and Tourism Management

## INTERNATIONAL

Belgium  
Université Catholique de Louvain  
Italy  
Bocconi  
Netherlands  
Erasmus Universiteit Rotterdam  
Erasmus University College  
Leiden University College The Hague  
University College Utrecht  
University of Amsterdam  
Spain  
ESADE  
IE University Madrid  
Universidad Carlos III de Madrid  
Switzerland  
Ecole polytechnique fédérale de Lausanne  
Les Roches International School of Hotel Management  
Université de Geneve  
University of Lausanne  
UAE  
Emirates Academy of Hospitality Management

## DUAL COUNTRIES

Columbia University/Sciences Po  
King's College London/Sciences Po  
UCL/Sciences Po  
University of California, Berkeley/Sciences Po