



# THE AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF MUSCAT

## High School Profile 2017-2018

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The American International School of Muscat (TAISM), located in the Sultanate of Oman, was established in 1998 as an independent, non-profit, college preparatory day school. It is located on a purpose-built 19-acre campus in Ghala, between Seeb International Airport and downtown Muscat.



TAISM is the only American-based educational institution in Oman and the only school sponsored by the US Embassy in the country. TAISM is a Department of State (A/OS) school.

TAISM is fully accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) and the Council of International Schools (CIS), and is a member of the Near East South Asia Council of Overseas Schools (NESA).

**Community:** TAISM is an international community school. As of August 2017, the high school student enrollment is 192 with 45 in Grade 12, 52 in Grade 11, 49 in Grade 10, and 46 in Grade 9. The current graduating class includes students from 19 nationalities, with 24% from the United States. Parents of TAISM students represent a variety of business, government and other professional backgrounds.

There are 32 faculty members serving high school, representing 7 different countries, with 75% from the United States. TAISM's faculty is comprised of highly qualified and experienced individuals with 84% holding degrees at master's and doctorate levels.

### Program of Studies

TAISM offers a rigorous college/university preparatory program and courses are based on United States curricular standards. Course offerings in 2017-2018 include 13 Advanced Placement (AP) courses (see below). Enrollment in AP courses at TAISM is nonselective, although there are prerequisites for some AP courses, and teachers and counselors provide guidance as students register for classes.

The academic program is organized on a rotating block schedule with four 85 minute classes each day. There is an average of 14 students in each class. Most classes are year-long with 0.5 credit being granted each semester. Students can enroll in a maximum of eight classes and earn a maximum of 4.0 credits each semester.

Students must earn a total of 27 credits distributed across multiple subjects in order to earn a TAISM diploma. In Grades 9 and 10, students typically enroll in 8 out of a total possible of 8 courses, while in Grades 11 and 12, students typically enroll in 7 out of 8 courses. All students at TAISM are collegebound and graduate, having completed a program of study that meets or exceeds the demands of a typical United States high school.

**Discover Oman:** Participation in TAISM's Discover Oman program is required for each student each year in Grades 9-12. Over the course of four days, students engage in unique learning experiences throughout Oman. Our students develop a better understanding and appreciation for Omani geography, culture, and people while increasing their respect for the environment and building strong relationships with classmates and trip leaders.

**Grade Point Average (GPA) and Class Rank:** A student's GPA is calculated for courses taken at TAISM in Grades 9-12. It is calculated using the scale indicated on the student's transcript. AP courses are given an additional 0.5 weighting when calculating the GPA. TAISM does not rank students based on GPA.

### Graduation Requirements

Subject	Required credits
English	4.0
Social Studies	3.5
Science	3.0
Mathematics	2.0
Visual and Performing Arts	2.0
World Language	2.0
Physical Education	1.5
Health	0.5
Information Technology	0.5
Electives (from above)	7.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>27 credits</b>

### Courses Offered in 2017-2018

English 9	Chemistry	<b>AP French Language</b>	Ceramics 1	Web Design 1
English 10	<b>AP Chemistry</b>	Spanish 1	Ceramics 2	Web Design 2
English 11	Physics	Spanish 2	Fundamentals of Drawing	
English 12	<b>AP Physics 1</b>	Spanish 3	Painting 1	PE: Individual and Dual Pursuits
<b>AP English Language</b>	<b>AP Physics 2</b>	Spanish 4	Painting 2	Personal Fitness
<b>AP English Literature</b>	Environmental Science	<b>AP Spanish Language</b>	Visual Journals	Team Sports
	Scientific Issues	Arabic as a Foreign Language 1	<b>AP Studio Art (Painting)</b>	Lifeguarding
Algebra 1		Arabic as a Foreign Language 2	<b>AP Studio Art (2D)</b>	Aquatics
Algebra 2	World History 1	Arabic as a Foreign Language 3		Health
Algebra 2/Trigonometry	World History 2	Arabic as a Foreign Language 4	Concert Band	
Applied Math	Modern Middle East History	Arabic Heritage Language 1	Concert Choir	<b>AP Self Study</b>
Geometry	US History	Arabic Heritage Language 2	Jazz Band	<b>AP Seminar</b>
Intro to Statistics	<b>AP Comparative Government</b>	Arabic Heritage Language 3	Kindred Chamber Choir	Independent Study
Precalculus		Arabic Heritage Language 4	Drama	Learning Support
<b>AP Calculus AB</b>	French 1		Technical Theater	Student Assistant
	French 2	Advanced Art		
Biology	French 3	Advanced Drama	Digital Media 1	
<b>AP Biology</b>	French 4	Advanced Drawing	Digital Media 2	

TAISM offers 13 Advanced Placement (AP) courses

**Co-curricular and Intercultural Activities:** TAISM offers a full program of after-school and weekend activities. Inter-scholastic athletics include swimming, soccer, volleyball, basketball, and track and field. TAISM not only competes with local schools in the Muscat area, student athletes also travel to international tournaments in Bangladesh, India, Nepal, and Sri Lanka in the South Asia Inter-School Association (SAISA). In addition to curricular classes in the performing arts, students also take part in a number of activities including Drama Productions, Band, Choir, Yearbook, Community Service, Student Government and Model United Nations (MUN).

### Standardized Testing

#### Advanced Placement (AP) Scores Classes of 2016 and 2017 combined (Note: AP enrollment at TAISM is nonselective)

Number of graduates of 2016 and 2017 combined = 82  
 Number of graduates who took AP exams = 68  
 Number of AP exams taken = 164

83% of students took one (1) or more exams  
 72% of students took two (2) or more exams  
 39% of students took three (3) or more exams

68% of exams taken scored three (3) or above

#### SAT Scores Classes of 2016 and 2017 combined

Middle 50% (79 students tested)	Mean Score All students (79 students tested)	Mean Score U.S. citizens (13 students tested)
ERW 515 - 670	644	630
M 505 - 665	638	594
ERW - Evidence-Based Reading and Writing		M-Mathematics

### Advanced Placement (AP) Scholars Awards

Total 26 Scholar Awards / 21% of Class of 2017  
 Average AP score for scholars: 3.59

	AP Scholar	AP Scholar with Honors	AP Scholar with Distinction	AP Capstone Diploma
Number of Scholars	14	7	5	1
Average Score	3.35	3.65	3.77	4.12

### College Enrollments (2013-2017)

<p><b>ASIA</b>                      Enderun Colleges, Philippines                      University of Indonesia, Indonesia                      University of Nottingham Malaysia</p> <p><b>AUSTRALIA</b>                      University of Melbourne</p> <p><b>CANADA</b>                      Acadia University                      Carleton University                      Dalhousie University                      McGill University                      Mount Allison University                      Mount Royal University                      Ontario College of Arts and Design                      St. Francis Xavier University                      St. Thomas University                      University of Alberta                      University of British Columbia                      University of British Columbia Okanagan                      University of Calgary                      University of Toronto                      University of Toronto Scarborough                      University of Winnipeg</p> <p><b>EUROPE</b>                      Avans Hogeschool Tilburg, Netherlands                      Cardiff University, UK                      Ecole de Communications de Bordeaux, France                      Erasmus University Rotterdam, Netherlands                      Hult International Business School, UK                      IE University, Spain                      International Hotel and Tourism Training Institute (IHITI), Switzerland                      Jacobs University, Germany                      Maastricht University, Netherlands                      Naval Science School, Norway                      Nottingham Trent University, UK                      Oxford Brookes University, UK                      RIT American College of Management &amp; Technology, Croatia                      Royal Conservatory of The Hague, Netherlands                      Sciences Po, France                      Technical University of Denmark, Denmark                      Tilburg University, Netherlands                      TU Wien, Austria</p>	<p>Universitaet Heidelberg, Germany                      University College London, UK                      University of Dundee, UK                      University of Glasgow, UK                      University of Groningen, Netherlands                      University of Kent, UK                      University of Malta, Malta                      University of Manchester, UK                      Webster University, Switzerland</p> <p><b>MIDDLE EAST</b>                      American University in Dubai, UAE                      American University of Cairo, Egypt                      American University of Sharjah, UAE                      German University of Technology in Oman                      Heriot-Watt University Dubai, UAE                      Lebanese American University, Lebanon                      Modern College of Business and Science, Oman                      Oman Medical College, Oman                      Sultan Qaboos University, Oman                      Virginia Commonwealth University in Qatar</p> <p><b>USA</b>                      American Academy of Dramatic Arts                      American University                      Art Institute of Fort Lauderdale                      Baylor University                      Blinn College                      Boston University                      Bowdoin College                      Brigham Young University                      California State University, Long Beach                      Chapman University                      College of William and Mary                      Colorado State University                      Columbia College Chicago                      Concordia University                      Dartmouth College                      Ellsworth Community College                      Epic Flight Academy                      Eugene Lang College of Liberal Arts - The New School                      Fashion Institute of Technology, SUNY                      Florida State College at Jacksonville                      George Mason University                      George Washington University                      Georgia Institute of Technology</p>	<p>Houston Community College                      Hult International Business School, San Francisco                      James Madison University                      Keiser University                      Lamar University                      Louisiana State University                      Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge                      Loyola University Chicago                      Manhattanville College                      Marymount Manhattan University                      Minot State University                      New Jersey Institute of Technology                      New York Film Academy, Los Angeles                      Northeastern University                      Oakland University                      Ohio Wesleyan University                      Parsons School of Design                      Pennsylvania State University, Harrisburg                      Princeton University                      Radford University                      Savannah College of Art and Design                      St. Cloud University                      St. Olaf College                      Sweet Briar College                      Texas A&amp;M University                      Texas Christian University                      Texas Tech University                      The State University of New York at Buffalo                      University of Cincinnati                      University of Colorado Boulder                      University of Houston                      University of Illinois, Chicago                      University of La Verne                      University of Nebraska, Lincoln                      University of Rochester                      University of South Florida                      University of Tampa                      University of Texas at Dallas                      Utah State University                      Wentworth Institute of Technology                      Western Michigan University                      Wheaton College</p> <p><b>OTHER</b>                      Florida State University, Panama                      University of Cape Town, South Africa</p>
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