



# THE AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF MUSCAT

## High School Profile 2019-2020

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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 U.S. Department of State Assisted School.

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

**Community:** TAISM is a school for students of the American and international community in Oman. As of August 2019, the total school enrollment is 720 in Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 12. The High School enrollment is 196 with 42 in Grade 12, 54 in Grade 11, 43 in Grade 10, and 57 in Grade 9. The current High School student body includes students from 41 nationalities, with 20% from the United States. Parents of TAISM students represent a variety of business, government and other professional backgrounds.

There are 28 faculty members serving the High School, representing 6 different countries, with 75% from the United States. TAISM's faculty is comprised of highly qualified and experienced individuals with 80% holding degrees at master's and doctorate level.

### Program of Studies

TAISM offers a rigorous college/university preparatory program and courses are based on United States curricular standards. Course offerings in 2019-2020 include 15 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 80 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 2019-2020

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

TAISM offers 15 Advanced Placement (AP) courses

**Co-curricular and Intercultural Activities:** TAISM offers a broad 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 2018 and 2019 combined (Note: AP enrollment at TAISM is nonselective)

#### SAT Scores Classes of 2018 and 2019 combined

Number of graduates of 2018 and 2019 combined = 93  
 Number of graduates who took AP exams = 82  
 Number of AP exams taken = 364

88% of students took one (1) or more exams  
 84% of students took two (2) or more exams  
 72% of students took three (3) or more exams

A score of three (3) or above  
 was earned on 79% of the exams completed

Middle 50% (86 students tested)	Mean Score All students (86 students tested)	Mean Score U.S. citizens (16 students tested)
ERW 510 - 675	597	642
M 525 - 670	597	603
ERW - Evidence-Based Reading and Writing		M-Mathematics

#### Advanced Placement (AP) Scholars Awards

Classes of 2018 and 2019 combined  
 A total of 70 AP Scholar Awards received by 49 students (53% of the 93 students)

	AP Scholar	AP Scholar with Honors	AP Scholar with Distinction	AP International Diploma	AP Capstone
Number of Scholars	23	25	22	5	2

### University Matriculations (2015-2019)

<p><b>ASIA</b>                      University of Nottingham, Malaysia                      Yonsei University (Underwood International College), South Korea                      Yonsei University, South Korea</p> <p><b>Australia &amp; New Zealand</b>                      University of Auckland, New Zealand                      University of Melbourne, Australia</p> <p><b>Canada</b>                      Acadia University                      Brock University                      Carleton University                      Columbia College                      Concordia University                      Dalhousie University                      Ontario College of Arts and Design                      Queen's University                      Red Deer College                      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                      Vancouver Island University                      Waterloo University                      York University</p> <p><b>Europe</b>                      Avans Hoge School Tilburg, Netherlands                      Cardiff University, UK                      Charles III University of Madrid, Spain                      Ecole de Communications de Bordeaux, France                      Erasmus University Rotterdam, Netherlands                      Hanze University of Applied Sciences, Groningen, Netherlands                      Hotel School den Haag, Netherlands                      IE University, Spain                      International Hotel and Tourism Training Institute (IHITI), Switzerland</p>	<p>Jacobs University, Germany                      Kings College London, UK                      Letterkenny Institute of Technology, Ireland                      Maastricht University, Netherlands                      MJM Graphic Design - Lille, France                      Naval Science School, Norway                      NHL Stenden University of Applied Sciences, Netherlands                      Nottingham Trent University, UK                      Oxford Brookes University, UK                      Radboud University Nijmegen, Netherlands                      Robert Gordon University Aberdeen, UK                      Royal Conservatory of The Hague, Netherlands                      Universitat Ramon LLULL, Spain                      University College London, UK                      University of Aberdeen, UK                      University of Dundee, UK                      University of Edinburgh, UK                      University of Glasgow, UK                      University of Groningen, Netherlands                      University of Kent, UK                      University of Malta                      University of Manchester, UK                      University of Reading, UK                      University of Surrey, UK                      University of York, UK                      Windesheim University of Applied Sciences, Netherlands</p> <p><b>Middle East</b>                      American University of Beirut, Lebanon                      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 Dental College                      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                      Blinn College                      Bowdoin College                      Brigham Young University                      California State University, Long Beach                      Carleton College                      Chapman University                      Christopher Newport University                      College of William and Mary                      Columbia College Chicago                      Columbia University                      Concordia College                      Fashion Institute of Technology, SUNY                      Florida International University                      George Mason University                      George Washington University                      Hartwick College                      Houston Community College                      Hult International Business School                      Hult International Business School, San Francisco                      Keiser University                      Lamar University                      Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge                      Marymount Manhattan University                      New Jersey Institute of Technology                      New York Film Academy, Los Angeles                      New York University                      Northeastern University                      Northern Arizona University                      Pennsylvania State University, Harrisburg                      Pratt Institute                      Princeton University                      Radford University                      San Diego State University                      San Jose State University                      Savannah College of Art and Design                      St. Cloud University                      St. Olaf College                      Suffolk University                      Swarthmore College</p>	<p>Syracuse University                      Texas A&amp;M University                      Texas A&amp;M University - College Station                      Texas Christian University                      Texas Tech University                      The State University of New York at Buffalo                      United States Naval Academy                      University of California, Davis                      University of California, Los Angeles                      University of California, San Diego                      University of Cincinnati                      University of Colorado Boulder                      University of Hawaii at Manoa                      University of Houston                      University of Illinois Chicago                      University of La Verne                      University of Nebraska, Lincoln                      University of North Carolina at Charlotte                      University of Oklahoma                      University of Portland                      University of Rochester                      University of Texas at Dallas                      Utah State University                      Virginia Commonwealth University                      Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University                      Western Michigan University</p> <p><b>Other</b>                      Florida State University, Panama                      University of Cape Town, South Africa</p>
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