



Summer Course

BRILLANTMONT
International School

Lausanne, Switzerland



“A solid reputation based on experience
and open-mindedness”

A family educational tradition

Founded in 1882 by our great-grandparents, Brillantmont International School continues the tradition of quality international private education.

Over five generations, the school has forged an excellent reputation in the field of education, a reputation which is recognized well beyond Europe. This is attested by the school's accreditation by the “Council of International Schools” and the “New England Association of Schools and Colleges.”

Each new school year, we welcome more than a hundred young people from all parts of the world. We offer an Anglo-American secondary education that is constantly adapted to meet the needs of today's society and the entrance requirements of the most prestigious universities and colleges.

During the summer vacations, we offer an intensive course of French or English, with the added attraction of a wide range of sporting and cultural activities.



An ideal setting

Brillantmont is in a privileged location in Lausanne city centre, just five minutes on foot from shops and other services. The campus consists of seven tastefully renovated, well appointed period buildings and sports grounds set in a magnificent leafy park.

Lausanne, one of the most important cities in French-speaking Switzerland, lies between the shores of Lake Geneva and the surrounding forests and is close to Geneva international airport. It offers all the cultural activities to be expected of a university city, plus an abundance of sports facilities and a spectacular environment, due to its proximity to the lake and the mountains: all this in the very heart of Europe.









A mixture of hard work and fun

During the summer vacation, Brillantmont offers intensive French and English language courses and the opportunity to play many sports, as well as taking part in cultural activities and tourist excursions in Switzerland.

In July and August, the school accepts girls and boys aged 12 to 17 for stays varying from two (minimum) to six (maximum) weeks.

A distinguishing feature of our programme is that students and their parents choose the dates and length of their stay. However, arrivals and departures are always on Saturdays. The school provides a transfer service to and from Geneva airport.

The school material and all the activities described in this brochure are included in the price of the course.

“Learning languages
to open the doors to other cultures”



Learning can be fun! All students take language classes. They choose either French or English for the entire duration of their stay and have twenty periods per week of classes.

On arrival, they take a test to evaluate their knowledge of the chosen language. Depending on their level, they are then grouped into homogeneous classes with a limited number of students, which encourages the active involvement of everyone.

Every morning, from Monday to Friday, is dedicated to the study of the chosen language.

Qualified French-speaking and English-speaking teachers use various methods to teach the language, to revise subjects studied during the year, to read and above all, to improve oral expression. The teaching is complemented by practical exercises related to daily life and full advantage is taken of local resources during visits to museums or the marketplace, discussions on current affairs, the preparation of excursions or contacts with the local population. The students are thus given an opportunity to participate actively and to express themselves in order to acquire a high level of fluency in the spoken language. At the end of the day, a study period of one hour is set aside for lesson revision or preparation under the supervision of the teachers, who are available to answer any questions.









“Sport and relaxation
for a harmonious quality of life”

Lausanne, an Olympic city

Lausanne’s geographical location offers our students the opportunity to play many sports four afternoons a week.

Girls and boys are divided into small groups according to their ages, under the guidance of qualified teachers.

Each group in turn can take part in water sports on the lake or at the swimming pool: waterskiing, windsurfing, swimming, beach-volley; activities in the nearby forests: bike trails; athletics or ball sports on the school grounds: tennis, basketball, volleyball, badminton, soccer, uni-hockey, rugby.



Working hard in and out of the classroom

On Sunday and Wednesday afternoons, based on the weather and what is happening locally, Brillantmont organizes excursions. Taking advantage of Lausanne's central location, the students have the opportunity to visit other regions and cities of Switzerland.

We make every effort to interest the students in art and history by exploring museums and historic cities and we try to increase their ecological awareness by organizing trips to natural sites or quiz trails in the countryside.

A stay in Switzerland is inconceivable without excursions in the mountains, and we take our students on trips to discover the most characteristic Alpine resorts. They can also try out various sports, such as rock climbing or rafting, under the supervision of experienced guides.

These days generally end with a swim and an open-air barbecue.

The excursions are obligatory, as they provide an opportunity for the students to discover a new natural and cultural environment and to practise their languages whilst also having fun.



Round the clock supervision

The students are distributed among the various buildings according to their sex and age. They live in rooms with one, two or three beds.

To benefit fully from the international spirit created by students coming from many countries, they are encouraged to share a room with someone from another nationality. This allows them to practise their languages, encourages the discovery of other habits and cultures and creates lasting ties of friendship worldwide.

The teachers live with the students and aim to create a harmonious living environment and to ensure the well-being and security of everyone, in particular, the youngest participants. They also supervise studies and organise evening activities. At meal times, teachers and students enjoy together a balanced variety of French cuisine.

In the evenings, we take full advantage of the cultural activities offered by the city of Lausanne to attend plays or concerts. Games

are also organized according to the tastes of the students, and Friday evenings are brought to life by a DJ.

Our experienced and enthusiastic team members accompany the students 24 hours a day and never give them time to get bored. However, moments of relaxation are built into the school day to allow the students to have some free time.

Daily life in the school and permission to leave the campus are governed by strict rules and vary according to the age of the students concerned.

Our goal is to make sure that each student takes full advantage of his/her stay by finding the right balance between studies, sports, cultural and leisure-time activities in a warm and friendly atmosphere.



“A home from home
which brings out the best in everyone”



The financial conditions, the application form and the rules are available at www.brillantmont.ch
Additional information is provided upon receipt of the application form.

This brochure is also available in French,
German and Spanish.

Cette brochure est également disponible en français.

Diese Broschüre wird auch in Deutsch herausgegeben.

Este folleto se edita también en castellano.



“A family spirit, a team spirit
and a state of mind”







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