



# INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION PROGRAMS

## KICK-START YOUR UNIVERSITY YEARS



MULTIPLE INTAKES



ALTDORF CAMPUS,  
SWITZERLAND



6 - 12 MONTHS

INTERNATIONAL RECOGNISED PREPARATION  
PATHWAYS FOR UNIVERSITY STUDIES



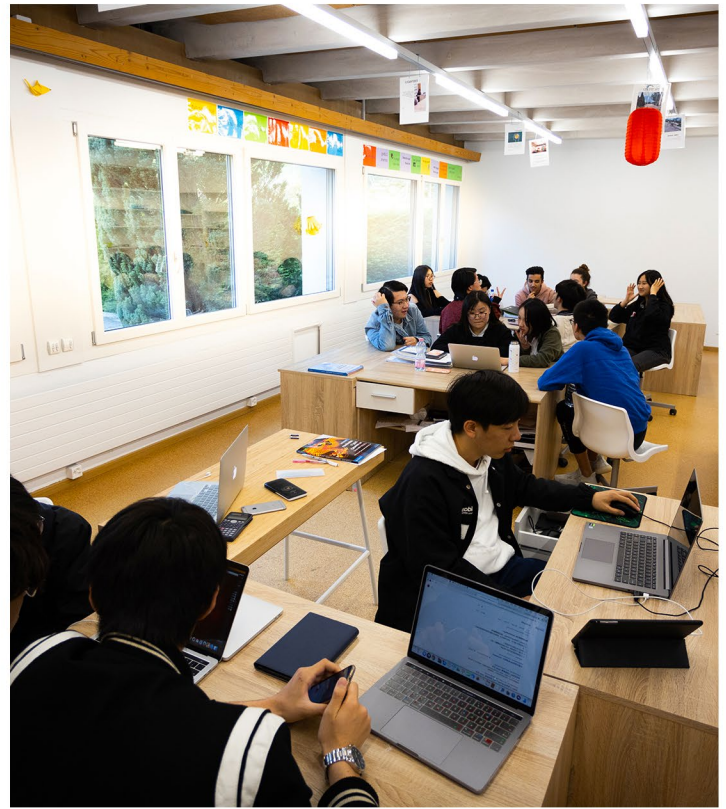


# PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

BVIS - Bella Vista Institutes of Higher Education Switzerland, is committed and motivated to provide learners with the knowledge and skills they need to succeed. BVIS is accredited by **EDUQUA**, the highest education quality of Switzerland, guaranteed by Swiss Accreditation Services SAS. BVIS is also listed in the Swiss Private School register, a Federal Government register of FDHA, which represents the highest education quality.

The BVIS International Foundation Program has been developed in collaboration with institutions the UK and Switzerland to prepare young students to enter and succeed in the best universities and colleges worldwide.

Students study towards their academic core skills needed to enter their chosen University, and at the same time develop their soft skills, the English language and top up their academic credits needed to pursue the best university programs.



Our inhouse university counsellors and career advisers work together with each student, and their parents, to guide them towards the best study pathways and university choice.



Academic pathways into the best universities, worldwide.



Develop and build interactive language skills to support your future academic and career development and build life skills and practical knowledge whilst studying a challenging and strong academic program.



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The foundation programs are presented in partnership with International School Altdorf which has a strong academic focus with top university acceptance results for all its students.



EduQua accredited and Swiss Private School Register - both certifying the highest standard in Switzerland.



Improve your skills, gain the extra credits or take a gap year and find your preferred university where you want to study for your degree.



The campus is in Altdorf, in central Switzerland, less than one hour from Zurich and 30 minutes from Luzern.

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## ADVANTAGES OF STUDYING IN SWITZERLAND

Switzerland is ranked as one of the best places to study based on factors such as higher quality teaching, personal development and access to career advancement (survey by education.com 2021).

There are many reasons that make Switzerland the ideal place to study and live.

Switzerland is one of the safest and most secure nations in the world, and for over 100 years the preferred study nation for its top ranked education system.

Switzerland is the headquarter of many international organizations including the European

headquarters of the United Nations, the World Health Organization, the World Trade Organization, Olympic Committee and FIFA.

Switzerland is the world leader in innovation and entrepreneurship, has renown medical, technical, engineering, and economic development and world ranking universities. The official languages of Switzerland are French, German, Italian and Romansh.

The multilingual environment to which our students are exposed every day is a major foundation for an international career. Swiss boarding schools have a long and fine tradition and teaching strictly follows international standards.

## WHY CHOOSE BVIS?

### Individualised Learning

Small classes and high teacher-to-student ratio allows our teachers to pay special attention to each of our students individual learning needs and interests. We encourage academic excellence and promote a life-long love of learning through an inquiry-based education.

### Boarding School Environment

The Altdorf campus is a safe and secure boarding school with over 25 nationalities. Students can enjoy hiking, rowing, and mountain biking along with skiing and skating are the favorite outdoor activities of our students. The campus provides access to a soccer field, basketball court, tennis court, beach volley field, swimming pool and animal shelter and is located on top of a peaceful small town with a stunning view on the mountains.



### Beautiful Setting

Our campus blends into the natural beauty of the central Swiss Alps and is a short walk away from Lake Lucerne, with good train and road connections to the main Swiss cities such as Zurich, Lucerne and Basel with direct train and road connections to Italy, Germany, Austria and France.



# FOUNDATION PROGRAMS



BVIS offers two well designed pathways to gain university entry qualifications.

**Business Management** program is designed to gain hands on business experience as well as gaining the necessary academic credits to enter high ranked hospitality and business schools in Switzerland and all over the world.

**Higher Education Studies** program allows students to complete the required academic credits, the language skills, and soft skills to enter many top universities worldwide.

## PATHWAY 1

### **BUSINESS MANAGEMENT**

#### **SEMESTER 1**

- Communication for Business I
- The Business Environment I
- People Management I
- Customer Service I
- Finance in Business I
- Marketing I

#### **SEMESTER 2**

- Communication for Business II
- The Business Environment II
- People Management II
- Customer Service II
- Finance in Business II
- Marketing II

## PATHWAY 2

### **HIGHER EDUCATION STUDIES**

#### **SEMESTER 1**

- Academic English I
- Foundation Mathematics I
- Foundation Computing I
- Society and Culture I
- Introduction to Business I
- Foundation Accounting and Economics I

#### **SEMESTER 2**

- Academic English II
- Foundation Mathematics II
- Foundation Computing II
- Society and Culture II
- Introduction to Business II
- Foundation Accounting and Economics II



# LANGUAGE QUALIFICATION SUPPORT FOR FOUNDATION PROGRAM STUDENTS



While studying our foundation study pathway, students will receive individualized English language support to reach the required language level for their selected university.

Language teaching is presented in small classes with personalized lessons. Progress testing and final exams are conducted in house with our fully licensed IELTS and TOEFL testing center.

If a learner is not from a majority English-speaking country, the program will support these students to reach the required academic English level for future university programs. Students will be able to obtain both the language credits and their academic credits to be very successful in the study programs selected.

BVIS Altdorf campus is an official registered IELTS and TOEFL testing center. For their higher convenience, **our students can take those examinations on campus.**



## ENGLISH SUPPORT AND ACADEMIC PROGRAM

The academic English program is an integrated skills program for intermediate to advanced English students who need to develop their academic reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills. While students still learn these essential skills in an academic English course, courses will focus more on the world of academics—universities, colleges, and other institutions of higher learning.

The most common reason to study academic English is to prepare for study at an English-speaking university or college. Another reason is to improve existing academic English skills for a career in education, science or any other industry that requires knowledge of formal, structured writing and language.





# PRE-UNIVERSITY PREPARATIONS FOUNDATION EDUCATION

Our Foundation courses prepare students for university and their future careers. Students benefit from our personalized approach, university guidance and support giving each student all the tools to make informed decisions about their future.

We develop our students as independent learners and thinkers, prepared for study at university or college. Many of our students join excellent universities and colleges worldwide, BVIS maintains strong contacts with some of the world's leading universities and is proud to share its list of universities and colleges that have accepted students who have a 100% pass rate in the past years.

Our school graduates perform very strongly in the UK where many offers were received by top institutions such as Imperial College London, University College London, University of St. Andrews, University of Edinburgh and King's College London.





# BVIS AND UNWTO

*"The United Nations World Tourism Organization is proud to introduce a new International Centre in the heart of Switzerland, dedicated to the state-of-the-art tourism training in close partnership between the UNWTO Academy and Bella Vista Institute of Higher Education."*

The international center of UNWTO in Switzerland develops a strong network of service sector industries, including travel and tourism. Bella Vista Institute of Higher Education (BVIS) is a full-fledged business school offering Highschool, University preparatory, Bachelors', Masters', and continuing educational programs.

Specialized programs such as ESG (environmental, social and governance) are hosted for industry leaders, and individuals wanting to make an impact in their industry and the world.

BVIS has developed globally recognized degree programs in collaborations with universities in the UK and Switzerland, to provide targeted and



tailored business management programs for service sector industries, and travel and tourism. Our pedagogical philosophy is that of mixing in-class learning journeys, facilitated by world-class professors & industry leaders with practical experience. To obtain the real-life application skills we developed an intensive internship program for our students with our industry partners.

## UNWTO INTERNATIONAL CENTRE SWITZERLAND

### Education Programs

UNWTO and Bella Vista Institute of Higher Education Switzerland (BVIS) are committed and motivated to providing learners with the skills they need to succeed in their future development. We focus our approach on learning and teaching using real-world experiences and professional practices to engage our learners. Our vision and mission are supported by the UNWTO International Centre Switzerland and will provide solutions for Environmental, Social, and Corporate Governance issues by bringing together education and industry. Our main goal is to encourage lifelong learning and sustain a brighter future for all.





# PROGRAM DETAILS AND ENROLMENT

BVIS high school programs, Foundation programmes and language studies have multiple intakes each year.

## Entry Requirements

- Foundation study programs attract students from different background and language levels. UK Level 3 qualifications are offered to learners from 16 years of age upwards.
- A minimum score 4.0 IELTS or equivalent is required for international students to enter the Foundation program, students with lower language levels may apply into the language foundation program and then progress to the Foundation programs.
- An extensive language support program will support learners to achieve the required language level to enter the selected universities. International School Altdorf is a registered IELTS Testing Center and has an excellent team of language teachers.



## Fee Structure

- Annual fees for both tuition and language programs, and full accommodation and meals starting from CHF 38'000.

## ADMISSION PROCEDURE

BVIS understand the importance for families to choose the right school and program for each student. A member of our admissions team will guide you throughout the process and be your main contact person. We will together find out the student strength and guide each student needs to best reach their true potential. The following requirements applies:

- Online Application
- Online English test
- High school Diploma certificate for the last 2 study years
- Student Interview

Once steps 1-4 have been completed a final decision will be shared with the student within 10 days from the application start date. If accepted, an acceptance letter and invoice will be sent to the student. Once full payment has been made the school will start the VISA application that takes 4-5weeks.





# CAMPUS LOCATIONS

## Altdorf, Campus

German speaking part of Switzerland

### International High School and International Foundation Programs

Located in the heart of Switzerland, surrounded by the Swiss Alps and a short walk away from Lake Lucerne.

**St. Josefsweg 15b 6460 Altdorf**



## Montreux, Campus

French Speaking part of Switzerland

### Bachelor, Master, and specialized Programs

On the shores of Lake Geneva

**Av. de Florimont 9 1820 Montreux**





# APPLY NOW

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# PARTNERS

## Industry Partners



## Academic Partners



## Member Schools



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