



## Prescheduling Information 2020-2021 School Year

*This form contains important information concerning the prescheduling of courses for the coming 2020-2021 school year at AIS-Salzburg. Please contact the school office with any questions ([office@ais-salzburg.at](mailto:office@ais-salzburg.at)).*

### I. Information

#### A. Timetables for Academic Days

*Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays:*

*Courses will begin at 08:00 in the morning and there will be six, 55-minute periods with a break in the morning and a lunch break. Sixth period class will end at 14:45. An elective period will then be scheduled from 15:00 to 16:00 on these days.*

Period 1	08:00 - 08:55
Period 2	09:00 - 09:55
Break	09:55 - 10:15
Period 3	10:15 - 11:10
Period 4	11:15 - 12:10
Lunch	12:10 - 12:50
Period 5	12:50 - 13:45
Period 6	13:50 - 14:45
Elective Period	15:00 - 16:00

*Wednesdays:*

We will continue to hold all physical education courses on Wednesday mornings at the Rif Sportzentrum. Upon return from PE, students will have six periods of 40-minute length (all courses meet on Wednesdays) and, with a break for lunch, will be dismissed at 15:25. No elective courses will be held on Wednesday afternoons.

Physical Education	07:30 - 10:25
Period 1	10:30 - 11:10
Period 2	11:15 - 11:55
Lunch	11:55 - 12:30
Period 3	12:30 - 13:10
Period 4	13:15 - 13:55
Period 5	14:00 - 14:40
Period 6	14:45 - 15:25

*Thursdays:*

Because the required Ethics Seminar course will be held first thing on Thursday mornings, the regular six periods are cut to 50-minutes rather than 55. This means that Thursdays begin with a 30-minute Ethics Seminar and then move on to the regular six periods at 50 minutes each. Including a break for lunch, classes will be completed on Thursdays at 14:45, the same as on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays. There will be an elective period held on Thursday afternoons as well from 15:00 to 16:00.

Ethics Seminar	08:00 - 08:30
Period 1	08:35 - 09:25
Break	09:25 - 09:45
Period 2	09:45 - 10:35
Period 3	10:40 - 11:30
Lunch	11:30 - 12:05
Period 4	12:05 - 12:55
Period 5	13:00 - 13:50
Period 6	13:55 - 14:45
Elective Period	15:00 - 16:00

## B. General Load Requirements for All Students

A full schedule of courses is required at all grade levels at AIS-Salzburg. This is generally called the *load requirement*. A full schedule of courses will always include two English courses, one mathematics, science, and social studies course, one German language course at appropriate level, and at least one elective course, the Healthy Lifestyle Requirement (PE), and an Ethics Seminar. *This load is required at all grade levels at AIS-Salzburg.* These course load requirements are matched with their potential credits below:

<i>Subject</i>	<i>Number of Periods per Week</i>	<i>Potential Credit</i>
English	10	2.0
Mathematics	5	1.0
Science	5	1.0
Social Studies	5	1.0
German Language	5	1.0
Elective	2	0.5
Healthy Lifestyle Requirement	2	0.5
Ethics Seminar	1	0.0

Academic credits are only earned for successfully-completed coursework starting in the 9th grade. Success is determined by a passing grade average (above 60%) for the year composed of four equal elements: the Fall Trimester average; Winter Trimester average; Spring Trimester average; and Final Examination grade. The school's diploma is awarded to those students who, after four years of enrollment in grades 9 through 12, have earned the required number of credits in all subject areas.

## C. Promotion Requirements at AIS-Salzburg

Students gain promotion to the next grade level by successfully earning credits in all courses required by load at each grade level. No more than one course may be failed annually. Additionally, all students must meet the minimum attendance requirement (80%), have a positive behavioral record for the school year. The administration determines which courses must be repeated if failed, and if promotion is granted after failure of a required English or mathematics course. Failure to receive credit in a required academic course at AIS-Salzburg cannot be regained through resitting a final examination; all courses must be repeated in their entirety with a passing average from an accredited educational institution over the summer months.

## D. English Curriculum and Requirements

AIS-Salzburg doubles the number of instructional hours in English for all students in all grade levels (two courses/two periods per day). This allows us to better organize the English curricular content by spreading it over two periods daily as well as increase the amount of both fiction and non-fiction reading experiences before graduation. Additionally, a greater emphasis is placed on all students' English proficiency (grammar, sentence structure, vocabulary, spelling, punctuation, etc.) throughout the academic program. This is considered necessary given the high number of non-native English speakers enrolled at AIS-Salzburg. Even native English speakers will benefit from this adjustment in terms of reading comprehension, polishing composition skills, and gaining a more comprehensive level of preparation for AP examinations and SATs. One of the two required English courses maintains a focus on works of fiction and literary analysis; the other on non-fiction writing, vocabulary and communication skills. Both sections include composition, grammar, and other language skills instructional elements. Both of these courses are required each year for both promotion and graduation and are full-credit offerings. In the 12th grade, all seniors enroll in AP Literature and English 12 Humanities.

7th/8th Grade English Course Requirements:

Junior High English: Literature and Composition  
Junior High English: Nonfiction and Communication

9th Grade English Course Requirements:

English 9 Fiction and Composition  
English 9 Nonfiction and Communication

10th Grade English Course Requirements:

English 10 Fiction and Composition  
English 10 Nonfiction and Communication

**11th Grade English Course Requirements:**  
 English 11 Fiction and Composition  
 English 11 Nonfiction and Communication

**12th Grade English Course Requirement:**  
 AP English Literature  
 English 12 English 12 Humanities

**E. Standard Course Schedules and Options for Each Grade Level: 2020-2021**

	7th Grade	8th Grade	9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade
<b>English 1</b>	JH English Fiction and Composition	JH English Fiction and Composition	English 9 Fiction and Composition	English 10 Fiction and Composition	English 11 Fiction and Composition	AP English Literature
<b>English 2</b>	JH English Nonfiction and Composition	JH English Nonfiction and Communication	English 9 Nonfiction and Communication	English 10 Nonfiction and Communication	English 11 Nonfiction and Communication	English 12 Humanities
<b>Mathematics</b>	Pre-Algebra	Algebra I	Geometry	Algebra II	Precalculus	AP Calculus AB or Advanced Math
<b>Science</b>	JH Science	JH Science	Biology	Chemistry	Physics	AP Biology or AP Environmental Science
<b>Social Studies</b>	World Geography	World Geography	World Cultures	U.S. History	AP Human Geography	AP European History
<b>German Language</b>	any level	any level	any level	any level	any level	any level
<b>Elective(s)</b>	Variety (see list)	Variety (see list)	Variety (see list)	Variety (see list)	Variety (see list)	Senior Project (FT) and choice (WT & ST)
<b>Healthy Lifestyle Requirement</b>	HLR 7	HLR 8	HLR 9	HLR 10	HLR 11	HLR 12
<b>Seminar</b>	Ethics Seminar I	Ethics Seminar I	Ethics Seminar II	Ethics Seminar III	Ethics Seminar IV	Ethics Seminar V

**F. Elective Courses: 2020-2021**

The following elective courses are offered on a tentative basis. Please note that it requires a minimum number of students enrolled to actually schedule and staff the course. Please note that the electives are not scheduled during the regular academic schedule (Point A above). Many will be schedule between 15:00 and 17:00 in the afternoon on one or two days per week; others are scheduling during evening hours between 19:00 and 21:00.

<b>Elective Courses</b>	
<b>Languages</b>	Spanish Language and Culture
	French Language and Culture
	Italian Language and Culture
<b>The Arts</b>	Studio Art
	Drama
	Yearbook
	Music Lessons*
<b>Other Electives</b>	German Tutoring*
	Senior Project**

\* additional costs apply. Contact the school office for details.

\*\* required for seniors during Fall Trimester

### **G. Prescheduling Requirements**

All students enrolled for the 2020-2021 school year will receive a Preschedule and Elective Registration Form. Please fill these out utilizing the information provided on this sheet. You will need to fill in the course choices where there are options indicated. Please write clearly and return it to the AIS-Salzburg administration before August 15, 2020. Final decisions on tentatively-offered courses will be made following the prescheduling of all students near the end of the summer and final confirmation of schedules will take place at the start of the school year.

### **H. College Placement Counseling**

Juniors (11th grade) and especially Senior students in grade 12 will need to put some thought into which Advanced Placement® courses they register for as scores on the AP® Examinations at the end of the year are required for achieving diploma equivalency with most non-North American university programs. Please contact Mr. Agardy, the College Counselor, if you have any questions concerning this issue or would like to know what number and/or which AP® Examinations are required by the universities you would like to gain acceptance to. [jagardy@ais-salzburg.at](mailto:jagardy@ais-salzburg.at)

You can also find general information on the school's website at this URL:

<https://www.ais-salzburg.at/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/Minimum-Requirements.pdf>