



The Anglophone Section

A short history:

In 1989, La Tour's Anglophone Section, inaugurated with 20 bilingual students, was originally a single program, now called ***Etudes Anglophones***, designed to provide a bilingual and bicultural education for students entering La Tour with a fluent level of spoken and written English.

We soon realized however the importance of giving ALL La Tour students the opportunity to perfect their English skills and introduce them to the many cultures of the English-speaking world.

Anglais Avancé, an honors program for top students in *Anglais Académique*, created a second level adapted for non-bilingual level students. Most recently, we added ***Anglais Renforcé*** in 6e and 5e to help as many La Tour students as possible make the jump into the Anglophone Section programs. Finally, our Wednesday afternoon **Step Programs for primary students** allow families to begin the language learning process even earlier.

Today, there are over 800 students in the *collège/lycée* and over 200 students in the Step Programs.

Our Philosophy:

As globalization has made the world a smaller place, our curriculum has evolved. While the program in *collège* concentrates primarily on the **United States** and **Great Britain**, the *lycée* literature and civilization courses introduce students to **Anglophone countries** outside of Great Britain and the United States. Since French students have little time to participate in extra-curricular activities, our *lycée Electives* program enables students to choose from subjects such as **film-making, debate, journalism, social responsibility and marketing**. Our **New Student Orientation Program** helps students from around the world adapt to life at La Tour and our **Higher Education Adviser** provides aid to students who wish to apply to universities around the world.

If the curriculum has evolved over the years, our fundamental mission has never faltered: **to provide an academically rigorous and supportive environment which enables students to achieve academic excellence in English and experience an Anglo-Saxon learning environment**. Our aim is to help students broaden their horizons by developing an awareness of the world around them and the confidence to meet their full potential and find their place in an ever-changing world.



The Five Anglophone Section Programs

Etudes Anglophones (EA): For **bilingual** students from 6^{ème} through *Terminale*.

Class hours: Official *Anglais Académique* hours plus additional classes according to grade.

Curriculum: Anglophone literature and history in English through age- and grade-appropriate textbooks and materials taught by highly qualified, native-speaker teachers.

Anglais Avancé (AA): For students from 6^{ème} through *Terminale* at the top of their *Anglais Académique* classes with excellent overall academic results.

Class hours: one or two classes (depending on the grade level). Taught by highly qualified, native-speaker teachers.

Anglais Renforcé (AR): To give students in 6^{ème} and 5^{ème} that extra push and encouragement to open up and develop their skills in English in preparation for a possible entry into *Anglais Avancé*.

Class hours: two classes. Taught by highly qualified, native-speaker teachers.

Step Ahead: For bilingual and non-bilingual children in CE1 through CM2 from primary schools in the Paris area.

Class hours: 2.5 hours on Wednesday afternoons.

Curriculum: two tracks: Bilingual and non-Bilingual. English immersion workshops with highly qualified, native-speaker teachers.

Step One: For bilingual students in *Grande Section Maternelle* and *CP* from pre-primary schools in the Paris area.

Class hours: 2.5 hours on Wednesday afternoons.

Curriculum: An all-English school experience with highly qualified, native-speaker teachers.



EA and AA Collège and Lycée Curriculum

<i>Etudes Anglophones (EA)</i>	<i>Anglais Avancé (AA)</i>
6 Prep British History & Literature/ Grammar & Writing 6 classes per week 6EA British History & Literature 6 classes per week British History Day Trip in October	6AA British civilization & Literature 2 classes per week
5EA British History & Literature 5 classes per week British History Trip	5AA Discovery of Anglophone Africa 2 classes per week Trip to Ireland
4EA American History & Literature 5 classes per week Year-long theatre project Middle School Model UN Conference (PACMUN)	4AA American Civilization & Literature 2 classes per week Virtual Exchange with schools in the United States
3EA American History & Literature Cambridge First Certificate in English Exam 5 classes per week Harvard Model Congress Europe (HMCE)	3AA Anglophone World Literature Theme: Detective Stories, Criminal Justice, Mock Trials 2 classes per week
2EA Anglophone World Literature+ Art History + Elective 5 classes per week Harvard Model Congress Europe Baltimore and Australia Exchanges	2AA <i>Facing the Fear Public Speaking: Conveying your Message with Confidence</i> 2 classes per week Baltimore and Australia Exchanges
1EA Anglophone World Literature + Elective 4 classes per week IELTS Exam Preparation (optional) SAT Exam Preparation (optional) Harvard Model Congress Europe Baltimore Exchange Habitat for Humanity Global Village Build	1AA <i>Who is right? Debate: Learning to Speak Your Mind</i> 1 class per week IELTS Exam Preparation (optional) SAT Exam Preparation (optional) Harvard Model Congress Europe Baltimore Exchange Habitat for Humanity Global Village Build
TEA Anglophone World Literature Baccalaureate preparation IELTS Exam Preparation (optional) 3 classes per week Baltimore Exchange Habitat for Humanity Global Village Build	TAA <i>The Art of Presenting Yourself: Professional Personal Expression</i> 1 class per week Baltimore Exchange Habitat for Humanity Global Village Build



Anglophone Section Higher Education Advising

Over the past twenty years, graduates of La Tour have attended universities such as Cornell University, Brown University, University of Pennsylvania, Dartmouth College, NYU, and UVA in the US; University College London, London School of Economics, Imperial College, King's College, Oxford and Cambridge Universities in the UK; McGill University, Concordia University, University of British Columbia and Bishop's University in Canada and Anglophone programs in Europe such as Bocconi, ESADE, IE and the *Ecole Hôtelière de Lausanne*.

The Anglophone Section's Higher Education Advising Service, which is required for all La Tour students who applying to Anglophone universities and programs, includes counseling, guidance and administrative assistance in the following areas:

- Choosing universities and courses in relation to student's interests
- Obtaining teacher recommendations
- Translation of teacher recommendations and transcripts
- Writing higher education adviser reference and college guidance counselor recommendations
- Editing of student personal statement, college application essays and other application questions
- Sending transcripts and Baccalauréat results to universities.

The process begins in *Première* and it is important to respect the calendar for overseas applications. Families of students applying abroad will be billed 550€ in the first trimester of Terminale for this service.

If your child is interested in applying to universities in the US, UK, CA or Anglophone programs in Europe, please contact our Higher Education Adviser:

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The Anglophone Section PTA (Parent Teacher Association)

Our members: Anglophone Section parents and teachers are de facto members of the PTA. *Etudes Anglophones* and *Anglais Avancé* are both part of the Anglophone Section.

The Board: The PTA Board is comprised of parents of Anglophone Section students who hold the positions of President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary in addition to the Head of the Anglophone Section.

The Meetings: PTA meetings are held regularly throughout the school year and are open to all members. We encourage parents to attend our convivial and productive meetings and activities. Minutes are sent out following the meetings. The PTA is a particularly interesting way for new parents to participate in their children's Anglophone Section experience.

Our Mission:

- to reinforce our families' diverse Anglophone cultural experiences through holiday celebrations and gatherings;
- to facilitate the transition of new families into the Anglophone Section and La Tour;
- to provide information about the events and developments in the Anglophone Section through a newsletter and PTA meeting minutes;
- to improve the practical aspects of the educational experience by purchasing second copies of textbooks to be available at school and audiovisual equipment;
- to contribute financial assistance for trips and various extracurricular activities;
- to keep abreast of the ways the PTA can contribute through volunteer work, fundraising or financial assistance to enable the teachers and the students to continue the many extra-curricular activities and events that make the Anglophone Section so unique.



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