

2011-2012 Profile



NEUCHÂTEL
JUNIOR COLLEGE

Minds on the Move

F o n d é e n 1 9 5 6 S u i s s e

A member of Canadian Accredited Independent Schools (CAIS)
and the Swiss Group of International Schools (SGIS)

Founded in 1956, Neuchâtel Junior College (NJC) is a non-profit independent school situated in the scenic university town of Neuchâtel, Switzerland. The College offers a one-year pre-university program to students from across Canada, and also attracts students from the United States, and International Schools abroad. Students follow the Grade 12 curriculum of the Province of Ontario, which leads to an Ontario Secondary School Diploma, and have the opportunity to complete examinations with the College Board's Advanced Placement program. The one-year program constitutes a final year of high school. The year is intended to broaden the students' academic background and to further refine their academic skills in preparation for university in Canada, the United States and other countries. NJC is a co-educational school and offers courses to young men and women on a semester basis, running from September to January and from February to June.

School Size:

The College is intentionally small, averaging an annual enrollment of approximately 90 students. A generous student:teacher ratio of 10:1 ensures personal attention for every student.

Faculty:

The teaching staff comes from across Canada and is selected on the basis of their extensive experience as educators, advanced degrees in their disciplines, work experience beyond the classroom and a personal familiarity with world travel. Teacher-student relationships at NJC are unusually close, given the small class size, the extensive extra-curricular program and the organized school travel.

International Program:

The students live with local Swiss families, and therefore have the opportunity to learn or improve their knowledge of French and to interact with people from another culture. French language courses, for credit or non-credit, are mandatory. In addition, Switzerland is located in the heart of Europe, offering easy access to a majority of European countries. The College takes full advantage of its location, inviting guest speakers from the international community and encouraging its students to see themselves as global citizens.

Educational Travel:

The College offers structured, organized travel to expose students to a variety of cultural and historical sites across Europe. These trips are integrated into the curriculum, enriching both the travel and the academic program.

Countries visited on school-organized trips include Belgium, China, England, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Kenya, Poland, Russia, Spain. In addition, students may travel independently in Europe on select weekends, based on merit.

Extra-Curricular Activities:

School organized activities include film club, rowing club, swim club, soccer and hockey teams. Student organized activities include drama productions, monthly newsletters, yearbook and regular activities run by the Foyer Committee (student council). Students also have the opportunity to participate in activities that take place in the City of Neuchâtel, including musical studies at the Conservatory of Music, dance at the local ballet school or local fitness, track or swim clubs. Students are encouraged to integrate with local Swiss students through exchanges with local Lycées and the Université de Neuchâtel. All of these are non-credit activities, but a significant extra-curricular involvement is necessary to receive the NJC diploma.

Graduate Profile:

Students are selected for Neuchâtel Junior College on the basis of their academic record, involvement in extra-curricular activities and personal maturity. The very nature of NJC makes for graduates who are independent, academically mature, internationally aware and sensitive to the many different cultures that make up the world today.

Additional Opportunities:

- Summer Internships at the Canadian Embassy in Bern & the UNHCR in Geneva
- International service trips with Habitat for Humanity in Eastern Europe, with Free the Children in Kenya and China, and in Nepal
- Model United Nations sessions in Berlin and St. Petersburg (week-long sessions of the UN that attract thousands of students from around the world)
- New European Speech & Debate Association Competitions

Curriculum

Ontario Ministry of Education Curriculum (Canada)

Second Languages

French (Core, Extended & Immersion)

English

English Literature, Writer's Craft

Mathematics

Advanced Functions, Calculus and Vectors, Mathematics of Data Management

Natural Sciences

Biology, Chemistry, Physics

Social Sciences and Humanities

Canadian and World Issues, Economics, World History, Classical Civilizations, Law, Politics, Philosophy, The Environment and Resource Management

The Arts

Visual Arts, Dramatic Arts

Advanced Placement Examinations Relevant to School Curriculum

Second Languages

French Language, French Literature, German Language

English

English Literature, English Language

Mathematics

Calculus AB

Natural Sciences

Chemistry, Physics C: Mechanics, Biology

Social Studies

European History, Government & Politics, Human Geography, Economics (Micro/Macro)

The Arts

Art History, Studio Art

Diplomas Conferred

Ontario Secondary School Diploma

An Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) is granted by the Minister of Education on the recommendation of the Principal. In addition to the OSSD, a minimum of six Ontario Grade 12 credits are required for students to apply to universities.

Neuchâtel Junior College Diploma

This diploma requires the successful completion of six courses at the Grade 12 or AP level. In addition, students must achieve an academic average of greater than 75% and a commitment to the school's philosophy of education as evidenced by active involvement in extra-curricular activities, improvement in French language skills, increased cultural sensitivity, and global awareness.

Interpreting the Academic Record

Numerical Equivalent for Letter Grades:

A+ : 90 - 100	A : 85 - 89	A- : 80 - 84
B+ : 77 - 79	B : 73 - 76	B- : 70 - 72
C+ : 67 - 69	C : 63 - 66	C- : 60 - 62
D+ : 57 - 59	D : 53 - 56	D- : 50 - 52
	F : Below 50	

Advanced Placement Results

In 2010-11, based on 73 FYE students, 68 AP exams were written in 12 subject areas including English Literature, Calculus, Art History, Physics, Biology, and French Language. The majority of NJC students qualified for advancement placement at their university choices and one student was an AP Scholar.

2010-2011 Graduation Statistics

Total Ontario Scholars: **87%** Program breakdown: **44%** Arts & Humanities, **20%** Science & Engineering
Total awarded The NJC Diploma: **85%** **25%** Business & Commerce, **9%** Media & Fine Art, **2%** other directions

University/College Acceptances

Canadian Universities and Colleges (10-11)

Bishop's University, Carleton University, Concordia University, Dalhousie University, McGill University, McMaster University, Mount Allison University, St. Francis Xavier University, Queen's University, Ryerson University, Université de Sherbrooke, University of British Columbia, University of Calgary, University of Guelph, University of Ottawa, University of Toronto, University of Victoria, University of Waterloo, University of Western Ontario, Wilfred Laurier University

American and International Universities (10-11)

Columbia University, Harvard University, Hult International Business School, Parsons Paris, Parsons The New School for Design-New York, Schiller International School-Paris, University of the Arts London, University of Cambridge, University of Edinburgh, University of Southern California, St. Andrew's University

American Universities (10-year History)

American University-Washington DC, Arizona State University, Art Institute of California, Auburn University, Berklee College of Music, Boston University, Brandeis University, Brown University, Carlton College, Cincinnati University, Columbia University, Cornell University, Dartmouth College, Duke University, Emerson College, Emory University, Eugene Lang College-New School University, Florida Atlantic University, Florida State University, Fordham University, Georgetown University, Georgia Southern University, Goucher College, Harvard University, John Hopkins University, Knox College, Loyola Marymount University, MIT, Michigan State University, Mount Holyoke, New Mexico Institute of Mining & Technology, New York University, Northeastern University, Ohio State University, Parsons The New School for Design-New York, Princeton University, Rennsalaer Polytechnic University, Rochester Institute of Technology, Rice University, Santa Clara University, Sarah Lawrence College, Savannah College of Art & Design, Skidmore College, Smith College, Syracuse University, Texas Christian University, Tufts University, Warren Wilson College, Wellesley College, Wheaton College, Yale University, Union College, University of California, University of Central Florida, University of Colorado, University of Colorado at Boulder, University of Kentucky, University of Michigan, University of New Hampshire, University of Pennsylvania, University of Pittsburgh, University of San Francisco, University of Southern California, University of Tennessee, University of Texas, University of Washington, University of Virginia, Walsh University, Wittenberg University

International Universities (10-year History)

Birmingham University, École International de Création Audiovisuelle et Réalisation-Paris, European University Munich, Goldsmith's College of the University of London, Hult International Business School, Imperial College-London, International Study Centre-Herstmonceux Castle (Queen's University), Kingston University-London, London School of Economics, Parsons Paris, Royal College of Surgeons-Dublin, St. Andrew's University, Schiller International School-Paris, Universidad Iberoamericana, University of the Arts London-College of Fashion, University of Cambridge, University College (Cork, Ireland), University of Edinburgh, University of London, University of Munich, University of Oxford, University of Paris, University of Utrecht, University of Warwick



NEUCHÂTEL
JUNIOR COLLEGE

Minds on the Move

Fondé en 1956 Suisse

Mr. William Boyer
Head of School/Directeur

Ms. Heather Grant
Director of University
Guidance & Counselling

Neuchâtel Junior College
Crêt-Taconnet 4
2002 Neuchâtel
Suisse

Internet: www.njc.ch
Tel: 011.41.32.722.1860
Fax: 011.41.32.722.1869
CEEB No. 796720