



# HILE 2.5-Year Supplementary Upper- Secondary Program Handbook.

HILE 2.5 Odyssey –A Humanistic &  
Investigative Learning Journey with  
Pearson Certification.

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# Admissions Process

## 1.1 Inquiry

- Online interest form
- Self-assessment of academic goals (IGCSE or A-Level)

## 1.2 Document Submission

- Passport size photo (JPG, PNG, max 5 MB)
- Motivation letter (PDF, max 5 MB)
- Previous school transcripts (PDF, max 5 MB)
- Copy of Passport / ID (PDF, JPG, PNG, max 5 MB)
- Previous School Records / Report Cards (PDF, max 10 MB)
- English Level Certificate if the language of instruction was not English (PDF, max 5 MB)
- Parent/guardian consent (if under 18)

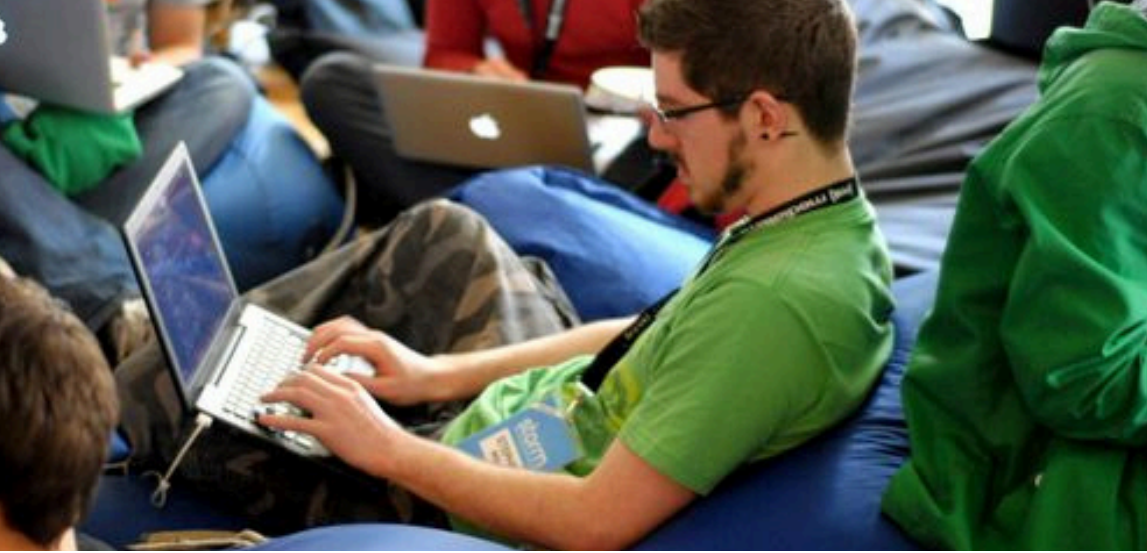
## 1.3 Academic Assessment (Diagnostic)

- Mathematics
- Basic Science (Physics/Chemistry reasoning)
- English: reading & writing sample

## 1.4 Interview

- Focus on motivation, study maturity, HILE fit
- Conducted by Ingvar Stål + HILE pedagogue





## Admissions Process

### 1.5 HILE Suitability Profile

- Curiosity & research skills
- Collaboration & problem-solving
- Self-directed learning
- Language proficiency
- Pearson Edexcel readiness

### 1.6 Admission Decision

- Accepted
- Conditional acceptance (e.g., language or prep module)
- Pre-HILE Program (6–12 months)

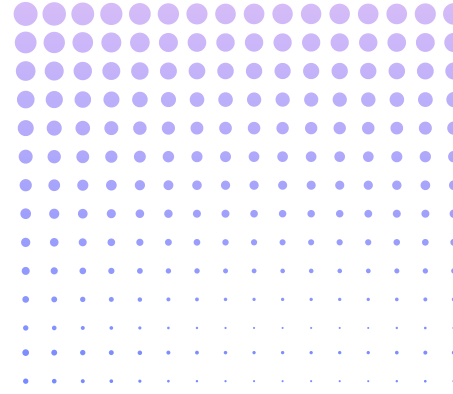
### 1.7 Contract & Registration

- Student agreement
- Exam fees / payment plan
- Registration in HILE It's Learning Portal

### 1.8 Onboarding

- HILE orientation
- Schedule & mentor assignment
- Start date (Summer or Autumn)

# Admission Criteria



## Academic Requirements

- Minimum 9 years of schooling
- Satisfactory grades in mathematics and English

## English Language

- IGCSE level: CEFR B1–B2
- A-Level: CEFR B2–C1
- National Examination score in English
- Pre-HILE English support available if needed

## Mathematics

- Diagnostic test:  $\geq 60\text{--}70\%$  for A-Level Maths/Physics

## Motivation & HILE Profile

- Willingness to engage in research-based learning
- Curiosity and persistence required

## Commitment

- 2.5-year intensive program
- Attendance in summer modules mandatory



# Academic Program (2.5 Years)

## International Upper Secondary Curriculum (2.5 years) HILE-based, Modular Structure Programme Overview

Item.	Description.
Duration	2.5 years (5 semesters)
Teaching Language	English
Study Mode	Blended (Online + On-site Belgium)
Certification Pathways	Pearson Edexcel
Pedagogical Model	HILE – Humanistic & Investigative Learning Environment

### HILE InterCU Framework

The **HILE InterCU Framework (Humanistic & Investigative Learning Environment – Interdisciplinary Curriculum)** is LET International School's proprietary curriculum alignment model.

It ensures that all learning modules:

- Follow HILE pedagogical principles,
- Meet the learning objectives of Finnish and Scandinavian upper secondary education,
- Align with international certification frameworks (Pearson Edexcel),
- Remain flexible for international delivery and blended learning.

HILE InterCU functions as a **bridge curriculum**, enabling international students to prepare for:

- The Pearson Edexcel Examination (via partner school),
- International upper secondary certifications,
- Higher education entry in Europe and globally.

# Semester-by-Semester Curriculum Structure

## Semester 1 – Foundation Phase.

**Focus:** Orientation, academic skills, language, HILE methodology.

Subject	Modules	HILE Focus	Curriculum Alignment
English Language & Academic Skills	Academic reading, writing basics, presentation skills	Student voice, reflection, inquiry	Pearson English / HILE InterCU
Mathematics (Core)	Mathematical thinking, functions, problem-solving	Inquiry-based modelling	Pearson Maths / HILE InterCU MA
Physics (Introductory)	Measurement, mechanics basics	Experimental inquiry	Pearson Physics / HILE InterCU FY
Social Studies	Society, democracy, media literacy	Ethical discussion, projects	HILE InterCU
Health & Well-being	Study skills, resilience, intercultural well-being	Humanistic learning	HILE InterCU



## Semester 2 – Core Academic Phase I

**Focus :** Subject depth, investigation, academic rigor.

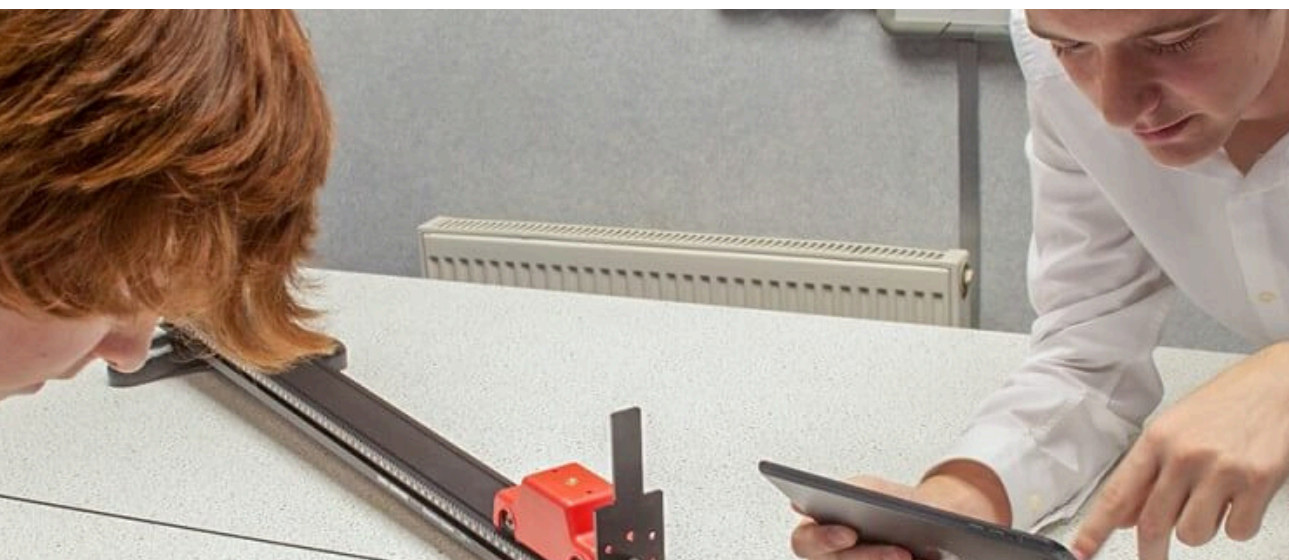
Subject	Modules	HILE Focus	Curriculum Alignment
English.	Academic writing, argumentation, research texts	Inquiry & critical thinking	Pearson / HILE InterCU
Mathematics ((Short/Long))	Algebra, trigonometry, statistics	Modelling & investigation	Pearson Maths / HILE InterCU MA
Physics (Short/Long)	Waves, energy, electricity	Lab-based inquiry	Pearson Physics / HILE InterCU FY
Social Studies	Economics, sustainability, EU & global systems	Phenomenon-based learning	HILE InterCU
Arts & Creative Expression	Visual arts, creative identity project	Creativity & reflection	HILE InterCU



## Semester 3 – Core Academic Phase II

**Focus :** Advanced content, interdisciplinary projects

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Modules</b>	<b>HILE Focus</b>	<b>Curriculum Alignment</b>
English.	Advanced essays, oral exams, academic debate	Communication & reflection	Pearson / HILE InterCU
Mathematics (Advanced)	Calculus, probability, applications	Mathematical investigation	Pearson A Level / HILE InterCU
Physics (Advanced)	Electricity, magnetism, modern physics	Scientific inquiry	Pearson A Level / HILE InterCU
Social Studies	Law, governance, ethics	Inquiry & civic engagement	HILE InterCU
Interdisciplinary HILE Project	Science–Society Project	Phenomenon–based inquiry	HILE InterCU



## Semester 4 – Pre-Examination Phase

**Focus:** Exam alignment, consolidation, exam skills

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Modules</b>	<b>HILE Focus</b>	<b>Curriculum Alignment</b>
English.	Matriculation-style writing & comprehension	Reflection & mastery	HILE InterCU / Pearson
Mathematics	Exam problem-solving, modelling	Applied inquiry	HILE InterCU / Pearson
Physics	Exam experiments & theory integration	Scientific reasoning	HILE InterCU / Pearson
Social Studies	Essay writing, source analysis	Critical inquiry	HILE InterCU
Health & Life Skills	Stress management, exam resilience	Humanistic support	HILE InterCU

## Semester 5 – Examination Phase

**Location :** Belgium or Online

**Focus :** Official exams & final preparation

### Component

Intensive Revision  
Exam Simulations  
Academic Clinics  
Official Registration  
Pearson Edexcel Exams

### Content

Subject-specific revision blocks  
Pearson Edexcel format  
Writing, problem-solving, oral support  
Via Pearson's partner school  
Conducted under Pearson's regulations

## Assessment Framework (HILE-based)

### Type

Formative Assessment  
Portfolio Assessment  
Project Assessment  
Summative Assessment

### Description

Continuous feedback  
HILE learning journal  
Interdisciplinary modules  
Pearson exams

## Outcome & Certification

Graduates will:

- Hold Pearson Edexcel certifications (subject-based)
- Be eligible for EU & international higher education
- Demonstrate strong investigative, ethical, and academic competence

# Teaching Hours Framework HILE 2.5 Odyssey (Pearson Edexcel AS & A Levels)

## Teaching Hours – General Principles

- **Academic year** : 36 teaching weeks
- **Average weekly teaching load** : 22–24 hours
- **Teaching hour** : 60 minutes
- **Additional hours** :
  - Guided self-study
  - Projects & portfolio work
  - Summer School intensive weeks (Belgium)

This structure aligns with **Pearson international delivery standards** and European upper secondary norms.

## Weekly Teaching Hours (Core Structure) Regular Semester (Semesters 1, 2, 4)

Subject	Hours / Week Certification	
Mathematics (AS/A Level)	5 h	Pearson Edexcel
Physics (AS/A Level)	5 h	Pearson Edexcel
Economics (AS/A Level)	4 h	Pearson Edexcel
English for Academic Purposes	3 h	HILE InterCU
IT & Applied Digital Skills	2 h	HILE InterCU
Global Citizenship	2 h	HILE InterCU
HILE Portfolio / Inquiry	2 h	HILE InterCU
<b>Total.</b>	<b>23 h / week</b>	

This is a **full academic load**, comparable to international upper secondary programs.

# Semester-Specific Adjustments

## Semester 1 – Foundation Phase

Subject	Hours / Week
Mathematics	4 h
Physics	4 h
Economics	3 h
English for Academic Purposes	4 h
IT & Applied Digital Skills	2 h
Global Citizenship	2 h
HILE Portfolio	2 h
<b>Total.</b>	<b>21 h</b>

## Semester 3 – AS Examination Phase

Component	Hours / Week
Mathematics (AS revision & exam)	4 h
Physics (AS revision & exam)	4 h
Economics (AS revision & exam)	3 h
Applied Projects & Portfolio	4 h
Academic Support Clinics	3 h
<b>Total.</b>	<b>18–20 h</b>

(Examination weeks not counted as teaching weeks.)

# Semester 5 – A Level Examination Phase

## Component Hours / Week

Mathematics A Level revision	4 h
Physics A Level revision	4 h
Economics A Level revision	3 h
Exam preparation & mock exams	4 h
Academic guidance & progression	2 h

**Total.**

**17–19 h**

## Total Teaching Hours per Subject (2.5 Years) Pearson Edexcel Subjects

### Subject Total Teaching Hours Pearson Requirement

Mathematics AS & A Level	360–380 h	compliant
Physics AS & A Level	360–380 h	compliant
Economics AS & A Level	300–320 h	compliant

## HILE InterCU Subjects

### Subject Total Teaching Hours

English for Academic Purposes	180 h
IT & Applied Digital Skills	150 h
Global Citizenship	150 h
HILE Portfolio & Inquiry	180 h
Health, Arts & Well-being	120 h



## Independent Study (Expected but Not Taught)

Students are expected to complete:

- **15–18 hours/week** of guided self-study
- HILE and Pearson-style homework, reading, exam practice
- Portfolio reflection and project work

This is standard for A Level programs and **not counted as teaching hours.**

The HILE 2.5 Odyssey Program provides sufficient guided teaching hours and independent study expectations to meet Pearson Edexcel International AS & A Level standards and international upper secondary education norms.



# Summer Schools

## Summer School 1 (Pre-Year 1)

- 3 weeks, 20 h/week
- English, mathematics, HILE orientation, study skills

## Summer School 2 (Year 1 to Year 2)

- 3 weeks, 18 h/week.
- STEM mini-research projects, laboratory skills

## Summer School 3 (Pre-Year 3)

- 3 weeks, 18 h/week.
- A-Level past papers, HILE Capstone presentation, exam prep.



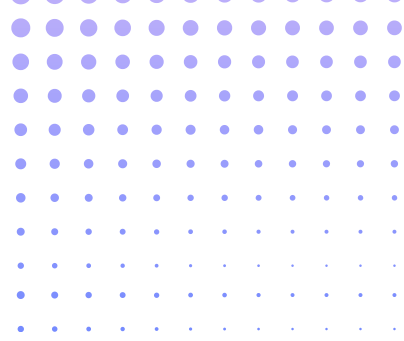
# Research & Projects

- **Year 1:** Team mini-research projects (2–4 weeks each).
- **Year 2:** Individual Applied Research Project I (6 weeks).
- **Year 3:** Individual Applied Research Project II (Capstone, 8 weeks).
- Assessment via **HILE Portfolio:** Research Journal + Presentation + Reflection.



# Pearson Edexcel Exam Preparation

- Integrated throughout Year 2 & 3
- Mock exams 3 times per year.
- Past paper practice weekly.
- Examiner report analysis and review sessions.
- End-of-program A-Level examination registration and support.



# Program Summary Timeline

- **Year 0:** Summer School 1 (Foundation Boost).
- **Year 1:** Foundation IGCSE + HILE Core.
- **Year 2:** A-Level Year 1 (AS Level) + Summer School 2.
- **Year 3:** A-Level Year 2 (A2) + Summer School 3 + Exam Prep & Capstone Project.



We welcome questions, inquiries, and assistance with applications.

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### Phone Contact

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### Office Hours (CET / Brussels Time)

Our team is available by phone during the following hours:

- Monday – Thursday: 09:00 – 12:00 and 13:00 – 16:00
- Friday: 09:00 – 12:00
- Saturday & Sunday: Closed
- Public Holidays: Closed

Outside these hours, students and parents may leave a voicemail or send an email, and the team will respond as soon as possible on the next working day.

### How to Apply

Students outside the EU must apply for their visa independently at their nearest Belgian Embassy or Consulate.

We provide all required **acceptance and registration documents** to support the visa application.

### **Commitment to Safety & Inclusion**

LET International School follows strict policies on:

- Student welfare and wellbeing
- Non-discrimination and equal treatment
- Safe, respectful, and humanistic learning environments
- Academic integrity and ethical conduct

Full policies are available in the [\*\*Download Center\*\*](#).