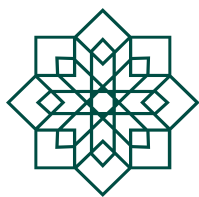# HIGH SCHOOL PROFILE 2020-2021

AMERICAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL
OF ABU DHABI *SINCE 1972*

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MISSION STATEMENT

ABU DHABI, UAE

The American Community School of Abu Dhabi empowers all students to define and shape their futures for learning, service, and global citizenship.

ACS CORE VALUES

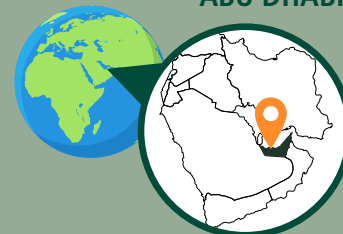**COURAGE | CURIOSITY | COMPASSION | INTEGRITY**

OUR SCHOOL

Established in 1972, on land donated by the late H.H. Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, the American Community School of Abu Dhabi (ACS) is a nonprofit, co-educational day school affiliated with the Office of Overseas Schools of the United States Department of State. An independent, U.S. Accredited, college preparatory school, ACS offers a comprehensive education program for 1,200 students between the ages of 4-18 representing more than 62 nationalities. **The language of instruction at ACS is English.**

COVID-19 STATEMENT

Due to COVID-19, remote learning commenced on March 9, 2020 for the entire school and continued through graduation on June 4. ACS did not change the grading system and the ACS transcript will reflect a year-long final letter grade. The academic year 2020-2021 began August 25 with remote learning through October 1, 2020 when ACS began reintroducing students to "on-campus" learning by grade level. Classes met for 60 minutes during remote learning. Activities including sports, clubs and service learning stopped as of March 9, 2020 and have not resumed to date (October 21, 2020).

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365 STUDENTS IN GRADES 9-12

92 STUDENTS IN THE CLASS OF 2021

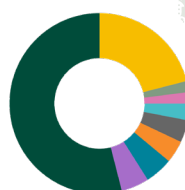**46** NATIONALITIES REPRESENTED IN GRADES 9-12

1:8 FACULTY/STUDENT RATIO

80% OF FACULTY HAVE ADVANCED DEGREES

CLASSES MEET FOR **80 MINUTES** EVERY OTHER DAY

PASSPORT HOLDERS OF THE CLASS OF 2021

- 54% US
- 5% Canada
- 5% Egypt
- 4% France
- 4% India
- 3% Korea
- 2% Italy
- 2% UAE
- 21% Other

ACCREDITATION AND MEMBERSHIPS

United Arab Emirates Ministry of Education
Abu Dhabi Educational Zone, Lic. #19/1

MSA Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools

NESA Near East South Asia Council of Overseas Schools

AAIE Association for the Advancement of International Education

International ACAC International Association for College Admissions Counseling

IBO International Baccalaureate Organization

⬡ ACADEMIC PROGRAM

ACS offers a challenging standards-based American curriculum Pre-K - Grade 12. All students work toward earning a High School Diploma. In Grades 11 and 12, students can choose to enroll in the IB Diploma Programme (IB), Advanced Placement (AP) courses and/or ACS High School courses. Beginning in 2018, an annual experiential learning program was built into the academic program to enhance and extend our curricular and co-curricular offerings.

⬡ COURSE OFFERINGS 2020-2021

CREATIVE ARTS
Foundations Art & Design
Advanced Sculpture & Ceramics
Advanced Drawing & Painting
Acting
Advanced Theater I & II
Stagecraft
Advanced Stagecraft
Symphonic Band
Wind Ensemble
Chamber Orchestra
Chamber Choir
Concert Choir
Mixed Choir
Soprano Choir

DESIGN INNOVATION
Intro to Computer Science
Design Tech
Design Tech II
Graphic Design
Intro to Film and Media Production
Advanced Film and Media Production
Intro to Visual Effects & 3D Modeling

ENGLISH
English 9, 10

ISLAMIC STUDIES
Islamic Studies in Arabic
Islamic Studies in English

LEARNING SUPPORT
Learning Lab

MATHEMATICS
Math 9
Math 9 Extended
Math 10
Math 10 Extended
Integrated Math I, II, III
Applied Mathematics

PHYSICAL EDUCATION
PE 9
PE10 / Health 10
Aquatics Certification
Active for Life
Fitness & Theory 101
Fitness & Theory 102

SCIENCE
Science 9
Science 10
Environmental Systems & Societies

SOCIAL STUDIES
Global Studies
US History
Activism & Entrepreneurism

WORLD LANGUAGES
Arabic: Novice, Intermediate,
    Intermediate High, Advanced
French: Novice, Intermediate,
    Intermediate High, Advanced
Spanish: Novice, Intermediate,
    Intermediate High, Advanced

AP COURSES
2D/3D Art & Design
English Language and Composition
English Literature and Composition
Calculus AB
Statistics
Computer Science A
Computer Science Principles
Comparative Government and Politics
US Government & Politics
US History

IB COURSES
English A: Language and
    Literature SL/HL
English A: Literature SL/HL
School Supported Self-Taught
    Language A: SL
Arabic ab initio SL
Arabic B SL/HL
French ab initio SL
French B SL/HL
French A: Language and Literature
    SL/HL
Spanish ab initio SL
Spanish B SL/HL
Modern History SL/HL
Economics SL/HL
Geography SL/HL
Environmental Systems & Societies SL
Biology SL/HL
Chemistry SL/HL
Physics SL/HL
Mathematics: Analysis and
    Approaches SL/HL
Mathematics: Applications and
    Interpretations SL/HL
Mathematical Studies SL
Mathematics SL/HL
Film SL/HL
Music SL/HL
Theater Arts SL/HL
Visual Arts SL/HL

In addition, students have the opportunity to take courses through Global Online Academy (GOA) and Pamoja.

⬡ CO-CURRICULAR OFFERINGS

The High School has an extensive co-curricular program, based around student clubs, athletics, service and the arts. We have 22 JV and Varsity athletic teams, more than 15 service clubs that are linked to the Sustainable Development Goals outlined by the United Nations. In addition, we offer Chess, Forensics, Jazz Band, Model United Nations (MUN), National Honor Society, Robotics, Sailing, Stream Team and Wrestling. ACS currently competes in the Middle East South Asia Conference (MESAC) and the Emirates Athletics Conference (EAC).

⬡ GRADING SCALE

	Standard	IB SL	IB HL/AP
A	4.00	4.25	4.50
A-	3.667	3.917	4.167
B+	3.333	3.583	3.833
B	3.000	3.250	3.500
B-	2.667	2.917	3.167
C+	2.333	2.583	2.833
C	2.000	2.250	2.500
C-	1.667	1.917	2.167
D+	1.333	1.583	1.833
D	1.000	1.250	1.500
D-	0.667	0.917	1.167
F	0.000	0.000	0.000

P	Pass	WF	Withdraw Fail
AU	Audit	WP	Withdraw Pass
I	Incomplete	NC	No Credit

- Grades of WF or WP are not calculated in the GPA.
- Courses and credits earned from other High Schools are not calculated in the cumulative GPA but are reported (and credits awarded) on the ACS transcript.

⬡ GRADUATION CREDIT REQUIREMENTS

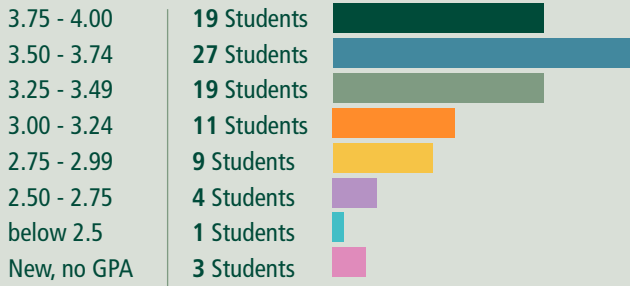|		Minimum
CORE	English	4.0
	Math	3.0
	Science	3.0
	Social Studies	3.0
	World Languages	2.0
	Arts	1.0
	PE & Health	2.0
	Core Electives	3.0
	Non-Core Electives	4.0
	TOTAL	25.0

All students are required to enroll in a minimum of 7.0 credits per year.

⬡ GRADUATION SERVICE REQUIREMENT

The Service Learning requirement serves to instill all ACS students with a sense of community and an understanding of our responsibilities as global citizens. Service experiences should be meaningful, authentic, and provide opportunities for learning. Students document their ongoing commitment to service with reflections posted in the online portfolio, ManageBac, throughout each school year.
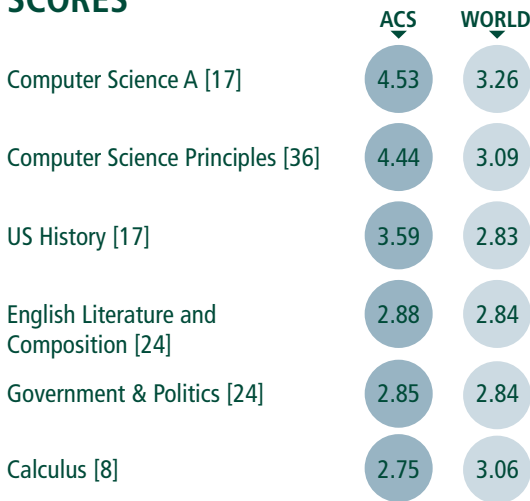
CLASS OF 2021 GPA STATISTICS

3.75 - 4.00	**19** Students	
3.50 - 3.74	**27** Students	
3.25 - 3.49	**19** Students	
3.00 - 3.24	**11** Students	
2.75 - 2.99	**9** Students	
2.50 - 2.75	**4** Students	
below 2.5	**1** Students	
New, no GPA	**3** Students	

These statistics are cumulative through the end of Grade 11 and only ACS grades are included. ACS does not rank students.

2020 ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) SCORES

	ACS	WORLD
Computer Science A [17]	4.53	3.26
Computer Science Principles [36]	4.44	3.09
US History [17]	3.59	2.83
English Literature and Composition [24]	2.88	2.84
Government & Politics [24]	2.85	2.84
Calculus [8]	2.75	3.06

- Number in brackets indicates the number of ACS students who sat the exam

CLASS OF 2021 SAT SUMMARY

SECTION	ACS MID 50%	ACS MEAN
EBRW	540-715	622
MATH	555-710	637
COMBINED	1105-1435	1259

NUMBER OF TEST TAKERS: **57 STUDENTS**

TESTING RESTRICTIONS ON INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS & US CITIZENS ABROAD

In recent years, and particularly this year, our students have had reduced access to SAT and SAT Subject and ACT tests because of fewer test dates abroad, fewer sites offering the test, score cancellations, technology difficulties, and higher fees. We ask that all higher education institutions take this into account when evaluating our students' applications.
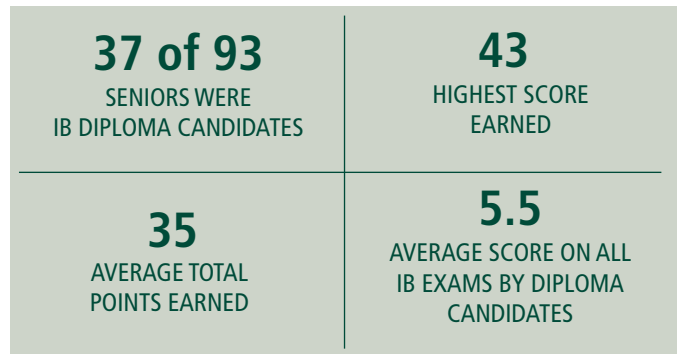
COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY APPLICATIONS

- Students are limited to ten applications which leads to thoughtful choices and high yield.
- All recommendations are confidential.
- Early Decision applicants agree the college/university is their first choice for all universities worldwide.
- Disciplinary infractions resulting in out-of-school suspension are disclosed to colleges and universities, if requested.
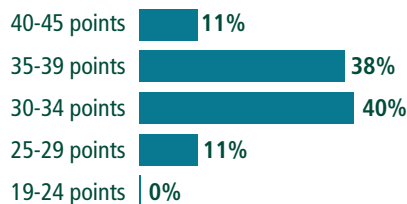
AP/IB ACCESS

- All students are encouraged to participate in the IB Diploma Programme and AP courses.
- IB Diploma students are not permitted to take AP courses.
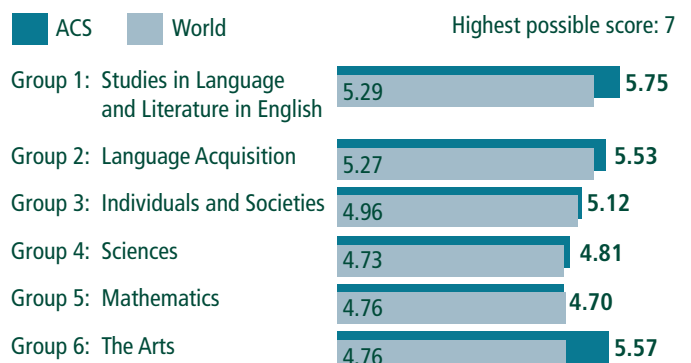- We encourage students to enroll in no more than three HL or three AP courses per school year.

2020 INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE DP RESULTS

37 of 93 SENIORS WERE IB DIPLOMA CANDIDATES	**43** HIGHEST SCORE EARNED
35 AVERAGE TOTAL POINTS EARNED	**5.5** AVERAGE SCORE ON ALL IB EXAMS BY DIPLOMA CANDIDATES

Total points earned by candidates:

40-45 points	**11%**
35-39 points	**38%**
30-34 points	**40%**
25-29 points	**11%**
19-24 points	**0%**

2020 AVERAGE INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE (IB) SCORES BY SUBJECT GROUPS

■ ACS ■ World   Highest possible score: 7

	World	ACS
Group 1: Studies in Language and Literature in English	5.29	**5.75**
Group 2: Language Acquisition	5.27	**5.53**
Group 3: Individuals and Societies	4.96	**5.12**
Group 4: Sciences	4.73	**4.81**
Group 5: Mathematics	4.76	**4.70**
Group 6: The Arts	4.76	**5.57**

AMERICAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL OF ABU DHABI
UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCES AND MATRICULATION FOR THE CLASSES OF 2017-2020

🇺🇸 UNITED STATES

Allegheny College
American University (4)
Amherst College (1)
Appalachian State University
Arizona State University (2)
Baldwin Wallace University
Bard College
Barnard College
Baruch College of the CUNY
Baylor University (3)
Belmont University
Berklee College of Music (2)
Birmingham-Southern College
Boston College
Boston University (4)
Bowling Green State University
Brandeis University
Brigham Young University (2)
Brigham Young University, Idaho
Brown University
Bryn Mawr College
Butler University
Cabrillo College
California Lutheran University
California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo
California State Polytechnic University – Pomona
California State University, Long Beach
California State University, Monterey Bay
California State University, Sacramento
Campbellsville University
Carleton College
Carroll College
Case Western Reserve University
Catholic University of America
Central Washington University
Chapman University (3)
Clark University
Cleveland College of Art & Design
Cleveland State University
Coastal Carolina University
College of William & Mary
Colorado School of Mines
Colorado State University
Columbia College Chicago
Columbia University
Cornell University
DePaul University
DigiPen Institute of Technology
Drexel University (2)
Duke University
East Carolina University
Eckerd College
Elon University
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
Emerson College
Emory University (3)
Everett Community College
Florida Atlantic University
Florida International University
Florida State University
Fordham University (2)
Full Sail University
George Fox University
George Mason University (1)
George Washington University (2)
Georgetown University (2)
Georgia Institute of Technology
Gonzaga University
Grand Canyon University
Grande Prairie Regional College
Grinnell College
Hampshire College
High Point University
Hofstra University
Hollins University
Hunter College of the CUNY
Illinois Institute of Technology
Indiana University at Bloomington (2)
Iowa State University
Ithaca College
John Carroll University
Johns Hopkins University
Kent State University
Lakehead University
Lee University
Leeward Community College
Lehigh University
Lehman College of the CUNY
Lesley University

Lewis & Clark College
Long Island University, Post
Loyola Marymount University
Loyola University Chicago
Loyola University Maryland
Loyola University New Orleans
Lynn University
Macalester College
Manhattan College
Marist College
Marquette University
Maryland Institute College of Art
Marymount University
Massachusetts College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences
Michigan State University
Middle Georgia State University
Middle Tennessee State University
Mississippi State University
Monmouth University
Montana State University
Montgomery College
Mount Holyoke College
Multnomah University
New Jersey Institute of Technology
New School (2)
New York University (10)
North Carolina State University (2)
Northeastern University (8)
Northern Arizona University
Northwest Christian University
Norwich University
Nova Southeastern University
Occidental College
Ohio Northern University
Ohio State University
Ohio University
Oklahoma State University
Otterbein University
Pace University, New York City
Pennsylvania State University (5)
Pepperdine University
Plymouth State University
Portland State University
Pratt Institute
Purdue University (3)
Radford University
Rhodes College
Rochester Institute of Technology
Roger Williams University
Rollins College
Rutgers University
Saint Louis University
Saint Michael's College
Sam Houston State University
San Bernardino Valley College
San Diego State University
San Francisco State University
Santa Clara University
Savannah College of Art and Design (2)
School of the Art Institute of Chicago
Scripps College
Seton Hall University
Sewanee: The University of the South
Skidmore College
Smith College
Southeast Missouri State University
Southern Illinois University
Southern Methodist University
St. Edward's University
St. John's University
St. Mary's College of Maryland
St. Olaf College
Stanford University
Stephen F. Austin State University
Stony Brook University
Suffolk University
SUNY, Geneseo
SUNY, New Paltz
Susquehanna University
Sweet Briar College
Syracuse University
Temple University
Texas A&M University (6)
Texas Christian University
Texas State University
Texas Tech University (2)
Texas Woman's University
Trinity University
Tufts University
Tulane University

University at Buffalo – SUNY
University of Akron
University of Arizona (2)
University of California, Berkeley (3)
University of California, Davis (4)
University of California, Irvine
University of California, Los Angeles (4)
University of California, Merced
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University of Chicago (1)
University of Cincinnati
University of Colorado
University of Colorado, Colorado Springs
University of Connecticut
University of Dayton
University of Denver
University of Evansville
University of Florida
University of Hartford
University of Houston
University of Illinois at Chicago
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
University of Iowa
University of Kentucky
University of La Verne
University of Maine
University of Mary Washington
University of Maryland
University of Maryland, Baltimore County
University of Massachusetts
University of Massachusetts, Boston
University of Miami (2)
University of Michigan
University of Minnesota
University of Minnesota, Duluth
University of Nebraska at Lincoln
University of Nebraska at Omaha
University of New Hampshire at Durham
University of North Carolina at Asheville
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
University of North Carolina at Charlotte
University of North Carolina at Greensboro
University of North Dakota
University of North Florida
University of Northern Colorado
University of Oklahoma
University of Oregon
University of Pennsylvania (2)
University of Pittsburgh
University of Portland
University of Redlands
University of Richmond
University of Rochester
University of San Diego
University of San Francisco
University of South Florida
University of Southern California
University of Tampa
University of Texas, Austin (2)
University of Texas, Dallas
University of Texas, San Antonio (2)
University of Texas, Tyler
Universit of the Pacific
University of Toledo
University of Tulsa
University of Utah
University of Vermont (2)
University of Washington
University of Wisconsin
Utah Valley University
Vanderbilt University
Vassar College
Virginia Commonwealth University
Virginia Tech (5)
Wake Forest University
Washington State University
Wellesley College
Webster University
Wentworth Institute of Technology

West Virginia University
Western Michigan University
Western Washington University
Wheaton College IL
Whitman College
Woodbury University
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Xavier University

🇨🇦 CANADA

Alberta College of Art and Design
Bishop's University
Brock University
Carleton University
College of Makeup Art & Design
Concordia University (5)
Dalhousie University
Emily Carr University of Art + Design
Fanshawe College
Laurentian University
McGill University (5)
McMaster University (2)
Memorial University of Newfoundland
Mount Allison University
Niagara University
Nova Scotia College of Art and Design
Ontario Tech University
Queen's University
Ryerson University
Saint Mary's University
Sheridan College Institution of Technology
Simon Fraser University
St. Francis Xavier University
Thompson Rivers University
University of British Columbia (4)
University of Calgary (3)
University of Guelph (4)
University of New Brunswick
University of Ottawa
University of Toronto (6)
University of Victoria
University of Waterloo
Vancouver Island University
Western University
Wilfrid Laurier University
York University

🇬🇧 UNITED KINGDOM

Anglia Ruskin University
Arts University Bournemouth
Aston University
Bournemouth University
Brunel University London
City University of London
Durham University
Goldsmiths, University of London
Hult International Business School – London
Imperial College London
Keele University
King's College London
Kingston University
Lancaster University
London School of Economics and Political Science
London South Bank University
Manchester Metropolitan University
Manchester University
Newcastle University
Northumbria University
Queen Mary University of London
Regent's University London
Richmond, The American International University in London
Royal Holloway, University of London
Swansea University
Ulster University
University College London (2)
University of Aberdeen
University of Bath
University of Birmingham
University of Bristol
University of Buckingham
University of Central Lancashire
University of Dundee
University of East Anglia
University of Edinburgh
University of Exeter
University of Glasgow

University of Gloucestershire
University of Huddersfield
University of Kent
University of Leeds
University of Liverpool
University of Manchester
University of Manchester Institute of Science & Technology
University of Nottingham
University of Reading
University of Roehampton
University of Sheffield
University of St. Andrews
University of Sussex
University of Warwick
University of Westminster

🇪🇺 EUROPE

American University, Paris
Amsterdam Fashion Institute, Netherlands
Catholic University of Lyon, France
Ecole Hoteliere de Lausanne, Switzerland
Erasmus Universiteit Rotterdam (6), Netherlands
Erasmus University College, Netherlands
EU Business School – Geneva
Fontys University of Applied Sciences
Franklin University, Switzerland
Hague University of Applied Sciences
Hanzehogeschool Groningen, Netherlands
Hotel Institute Montreux, Switzerland
IE University – Madrid Campus (2), Spain
Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium
Maastricht University
National University of Ireland, Galway
NHTV Breda University of Applied Sciences
Paracelsus Private Medical University
Paris College of Art, France
Polimoda International Institute of Design and Marketing, Italy
Ramon Llull University
Rijksuniversiteit Groningen, Netherlands
Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, Ireland
Saint Louis University, Madrid, Spain
Saxion Hogeschool, Netherlands
SciencesPo/Columbia University, France
Stockholm School of Economics, Sweden

Stockholm University, Sweden
Tallinn University of Technology, Estonia
Technische Universiteit Delft (2), Netherlands
Tilburg University
Trinity College Dublin, Ireland
Umea University, Sweden
Universidad Carlos III de Madrid
Universidade Catolica Portuguesa, Portugal
Universita Bocconi, Italy
Universiteit Leiden, Netherlands
Universiteit Maastricht, Netherlands
Universiteit Utrecht, Netherlands
Universiteit van Amsterdam, Netherlands
University College Cork, Ireland
University College Utrecht, Netherlands
University of Bergen, Norway
University of Geneva, Switzerland
University of Groningen, Netherlands
University of Tartu, Estonia
University of Twente, Netherlands
University of Veterinary Medicine, Budapest, Hungary
Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, Netherlands
Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Belgium

MIDDLE EAST

Abu Dhabi University, UAE
American University of Beirut (2), Lebanon
American University of Sharjah (4), UAE
Lebanese American University, Lebanon
New York University Abu Dhabi (2), UAE
Sorbonne University, Abu Dhabi

🌎 OTHER

De La Salle University
Hong Kong University of Science & Technology
NYU Shanghai
Universidad CES, Colombia
University of Balamand, Lebanon
University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong
Savannah College of Art and Design – Hong Kong
University of Auckland, New Zealand
University of Otago, New Zealand
Yale-NUS College, Singapore

KEY

Listed = Acceptances
Bold Type = Matriculation
( ) = Number of Students Matriculated

2020 UNIVERSITY MATRICULATION

58%	USA
12%	Canada
8%	Netherlands
4%	UK
3%	UAE
4%	Europe
11%	Gap Year / PG / Military / Other