AMERICAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL
OF ABU DHABI *SINCE 1972*

2021-2022
HIGH SCHOOL
PROFILE

MISSION STATEMENT

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

LEADERSHIP

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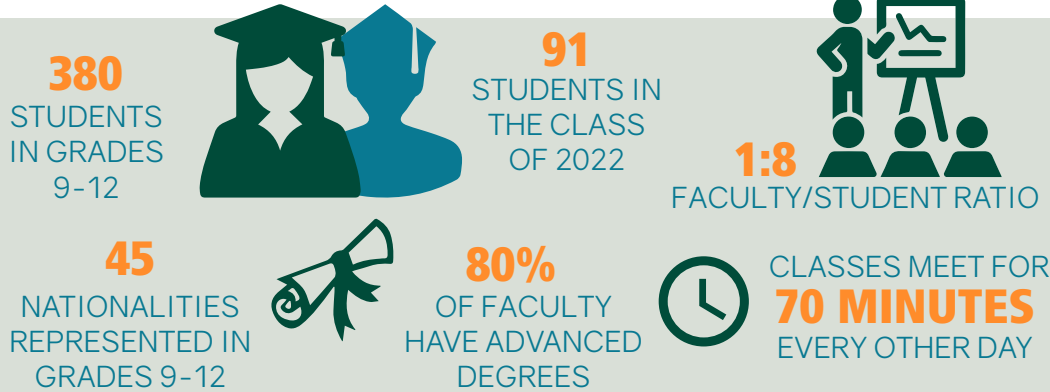Ms. Bobbi Donison

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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.**

380 STUDENTS IN GRADES 9-12

91 STUDENTS IN THE CLASS OF 2022

1:8 FACULTY/STUDENT RATIO

45 NATIONALITIES REPRESENTED IN GRADES 9-12

80% OF FACULTY HAVE ADVANCED DEGREES

CLASSES MEET FOR **70 MINUTES** EVERY OTHER DAY

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, 2020. ACS did not change our grading system, and the ACS transcript reflects 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 did not resume through graduation in June 2021. The academic year 2021-2022 has begun on campus and is back to the regular class schedule. Activities, including sports, clubs and service learning, are slowly returning.

PASSPORT HOLDERS OF THE CLASS OF 2022

- 51% US
- 11% Canada
- 7% UAE
- 5% Egypt
- 4% France
- 4% India
- 18% 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 (IBDP), 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 2021-2022

CREATIVE ARTS
Foundations Art & Design
AP 2D/3D Art & Design
Sculpture & Ceramics
Drawing & Painting
Acting I & II
Stagecraft
IB Film SL/HL
IB Music SL/HL
IB Theater Arts SL/HL
IB Visual Arts SL/HL
Electronic Music Production
Symphonic Band
Wind Ensemble
Chamber Orchestra
Chamber Choir
Concert Choir
Mixed Choir

DESIGN INNOVATION
Intro to Computer Science
AP Computer Science A
AP Computer Science Principles
Design Tech
Design Tech II
Graphic Design I & II
Intro to Film and Media Production
Advanced Film and Media Production

ENGLISH
English 9, 10
AP English Language and Composition
AP English Literature and Composition
IB English A: Language and
    Literature SL/HL
IB English A: Literature SL/HL

ISLAMIC STUDIES
Islamic Studies in Arabic
Islamic Studies in English

LEARNING SUPPORT
Learning Lab

MATHEMATICS
Math 9, 10
Math 9, 10 Extended
Integrated Math I, II, III
Applied Mathematics
Pre-Calculus
AP Calculus AB
AP Statistics
IB Mathematics: Analysis and
    Approaches SL/HL
IB Mathematics: Applications and
    Interpretations SL/HL

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

SCIENCE
Science 9
Science 10
IB Environmental Systems &
    Societies SL
IB Biology SL/HL
IB Chemistry SL/HL
IB Physics SL/HL

SOCIAL STUDIES
Global Studies
US History
AP US History
IB Modern History SL/HL
Activism & Entrepreneurism
AP Comparative Government
    and Politics
AP US Government & Politics
IB Economics SL/HL
IB Geography SL/HL

WORLD LANGUAGES
Arabic: Novice, Intermediate,
    Intermediate High, Advanced
IB Arabic ab initio SL
IB Arabic B SL/HL
French: Novice, Intermediate,
    Intermediate High, Advanced
IB French ab initio SL
IB French B SL/HL
IB French A: Language and
    Literature SL/HL
Spanish: Novice, Intermediate,
    Intermediate High, Advanced
IB Spanish ab initio SL
IB Spanish B SL/HL
IB School Supported Self-Taught
    Language A: SL

In addition, students have the opportunity to enroll in 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 Junior Varsity and Varsity athletic teams and 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.

COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY APPLICATIONS

- Students are limited to ten applications globally, 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/AP courses per school year.

CLASS OF 2022 SAT SUMMARY

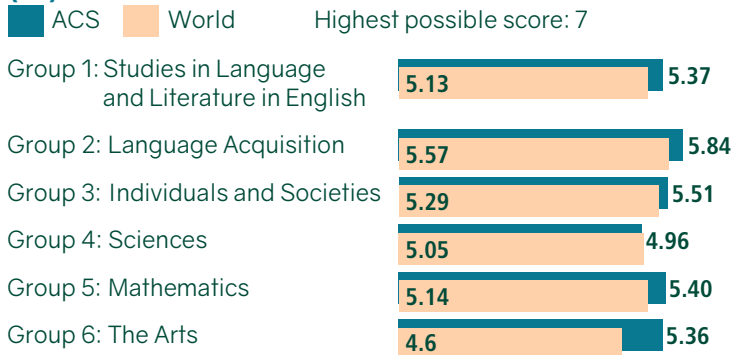| SECTION	ACS MID 50%	ACS MEAN
EBRW	545-690	643
MATH	553-710	632
COMBINED	980-1350	1275

NUMBER OF TEST TAKERS: **59 STUDENTS**

TESTING RESTRICTIONS ON INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS & US CITIZENS ABROAD

In recent years, our students have had reduced access to SAT and ACT tests. This is due to fewer test dates abroad, fewer sites offering the test, score cancellations and technology difficulties. We ask that all higher education institutions take this into account when evaluating our students' applications.
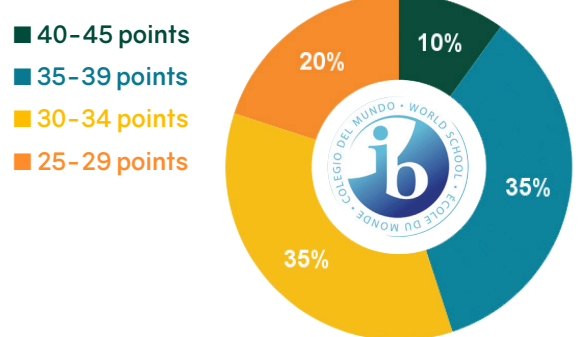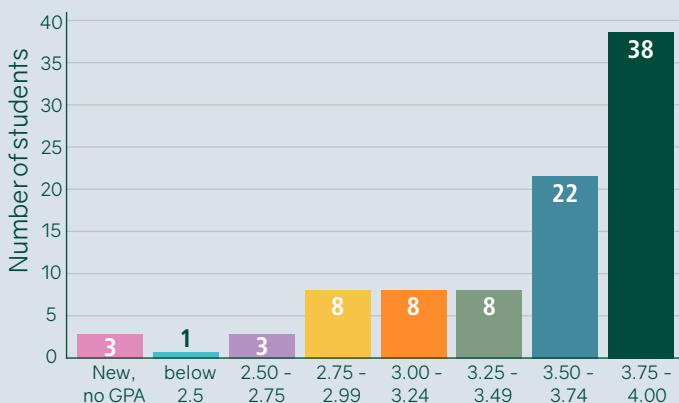
2021 INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE DP RESULTS

43 HIGHEST SCORE EARNED	**34** AVERAGE TOTAL POINTS EARNED	**51 of 92** SENIORS WERE IB DIPLOMA CANDIDATES	**5.4** AVERAGE SCORE ON ALL IB EXAMS BY DIPLOMA CANDIDATES

2021 AVERAGE INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE (IB) SCORES BY SUBJECT GROUPS

ACS World   Highest possible score: 7

Group	World	ACS
Group 1: Studies in Language and Literature in English	5.13	5.37
Group 2: Language Acquisition	5.57	5.84
Group 3: Individuals and Societies	5.29	5.51
Group 4: Sciences	5.05	4.96
Group 5: Mathematics	5.14	5.40
Group 6: The Arts	4.6	5.36

TOTAL POINTS EARNED BY CANDIDATES

- 40-45 points
- 35-39 points
- 30-34 points
- 25-29 points

10%
35%
35%
20%

CLASS OF 2022 GPA STATISTICS

Number of students (vertical axis)

New, no GPA	below 2.5	2.50 - 2.75	2.75 - 2.99	3.00 - 3.24	3.25 - 3.49	3.50 - 3.74	3.75 - 4.00
3	1	3	8	8	8	22	38

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

2021 ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) SCORES

	ACS	WORLD
US History [26]	3.20	2.52
English Language and Composition [25]	3.20	2.86
US Government & Politics [22]	3.30	2.62
Computer Science A [19]	3.95	3.12
Comparative Government & Politics [13]	3.00	3.16
Computer Science Principles [12]	4.42	2.99
Art 2D [12]	4.10	3.42
Statistics [10]	2.80	2.85

- Number in brackets indicates the number of ACS students who sat the exam
- AP scores with fewer than [10] students are not reported.

AMERICAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL OF ABU DHABI
UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCES AND MATRICULATION FOR THE CLASSES OF 2018-2021

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🇺🇸 UNITED STATES

Allegheny College
American University (3)
Amherst College
Appalachian State University
Architectural Association School
of Architecture
Arizona State University (2)
Auburn University
Augustana College
Bard College (2)
Barnard College
Baruch College of the CUNY
Baylor University (2)
Belmont University
Bentley University
Berklee College of Music (1)
Birmingham-Southern College
Boston College
Boston University (2)
Bowling Green State University
Brandeis University
Brigham Young University (3)
**Brigham Young University,
Idaho**
Brown University
Bryn Mawr College
Bucknell University
California College of the Arts
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
Carnegie Mellon University
Carroll College
Case Western Reserve University
Central Washington University
Chapman University (3)
Cleveland State University
**Cleveland College of Art
and Design**
Coastal Carolina University
College of William & Mary (2)
Colorado School of Mines
Colorado State University
Columbia College Chicago
Columbia University (3)
**Cooper Union for the
Advancement of Science
and Art**
Cornell University
Cuesta College
Dartmouth College
DePaul University (2)
DigiPen Institute of Technology
Drexel University
Duke University
East Carolina University
Eckerd College
Elmhurst College
Elon University
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical
University, Daytona
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical
University, Prescott
Emerson College
Emory University (3)
**Eugene Lang College of
Liberal Arts**
Everett Community College
Florida Atlantic University
Florida International University
Florida State University
Fordham University (2)
George Mason University
George Washington University (4)
Georgetown University (1)
Georgia Institute of Technology
Gonzaga University
Grand Canyon University
Grinnell College
Hampshire College
Harvey Mudd College
Hawaii Pacific University
High Point University
Hofstra University
Hollins University
Hunter College of the CUNY
**Illinois Institute of
Technology (2)**
Illinois State University
Indiana Institute of Technology
**Indiana University at
Bloomington**

Iowa State University
Ithaca College
James Madison University
John Carroll University
Kent State University
Lee University
Leeward Community College
Lehigh University
Lesley University
Longwood University
Louisiana State University
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
Massachusetts College of Art
and Design
Michigan State University
**Middle Georgia State
University**
Middle Tennessee State University
Mississippi State University
Monmouth University
Montana State University
Montgomery College
Mount Holyoke College
New York University (6)
**North Carolina State
University (2)**
Northeastern University (8)
Northern Arizona University
Norwich University
Nova Southeastern University
Occidental College
Ohio Northern University
Ohio State University
Ohio University
Pace University, New York City
**Pennsylvania State
University (5)**
Pepperdine University
Pratt Institute
Principia College
Purchase College, SUNY
Purdue University (2)
Radford University
Reed College
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rhode Island School of Design
Rice University
**Rochester Institute of
Technology**
Roger Williams University
Rollins College
**Rutgers University,
New Brunswick**
Saint Louis University
Salve Regina University
Sam Houston State University
San Bernardino Valley College
San Diego State University
San Francisco State University
San Jose State University
Santa Clara University
**Savannah College of Art
and Design (2)**
**School of the Art Institute
of Chicago**
Scripps College
Seton Hall University
Shenandoah University
Skidmore College
Smith College
Southeast Missouri State
University
Southern Illinois University,
Carbondale
Southern Methodist University
St. Edward's University
St. John's University
St. Mary's College of Maryland
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 (5)
Texas Christian University
Texas State University
Texas Tech University
Texas Woman's University
The New School – All Divisions
Towson University
Trinity College
Trinity University
Tufts University
Tulane University
United States Military Academy
United States Naval Academy
University of Akron
University of Arizona (3)
University at Buffalo, SUNY
**University of California,
Berkeley (3)**
**University of California,
Davis (2)**
University of California, Irvine
**University of California,
Los Angeles (6)**
University of California, Merced
University of California, Riverside
**University of California,
San Diego (5)**
**University of California,
Santa Barbara**
**University of California,
Santa Cruz**
University of Chicago (2)
University of Cincinnati
University of Colorado, Boulder
**University of Colorado,
Colorado Springs**
University of Connecticut
University of Dayton (2)
University of Denver
University of Evansville
University of Florida
University of Houston
University of Illinois at Chicago
**University of Illinois at
Urbana-Champaign (3)**
University of Iowa
University of Kentucky
University of La Verne
University of Maine
University of Mary Washington
**University of Maryland,
College Park (2)**
**University of Maryland,
Baltimore County**
University of Massachusetts,
Amherst
University of Massachusetts,
Boston
University of Miami (2)
**University of Michigan,
Ann Arbor (2)**
**University of Minnesota,
Twin Cities**
University of Minnesota, Duluth
University of Minnesota, Morris
University of Missouri, Columbia
University of Nebraska at Lincoln
University of Nebraska at Omaha
University of New Hampshire
at Durham
University of North Carolina
at Chapel Hill
University of North Carolina
at Greensboro
University of North Carolina
at Wilmington
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 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 Tennessee,
Knoxville**
University of Texas, Austin (2)
University of Texas, Dallas
University of Texas, El Paso
University of Texas, San Antonio
University of Texas, Tyler
University of Texas, Toledo

University of Tulsa
University of Utah
University of Vermont
University of Virginia
University of Washington
**University of Wisconsin,
Madison**
University of the Pacific
Utah Valley University
Vanderbilt University
Vassar College
Virginia Commonwealth University
Virginia Tech (3)
Virginia Western Community
College
Wake Forest University (2)
Washington State University
Washington University, St. Louis
Wellesley College
Wesley College
West Texas A&M University
West Virginia University
Western Michigan University
Western Washington University
Wheaton College IL
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
Grande Prairie Regional College
Lakehead University
Laurentian University
McGill University (3)
McMaster University (2)
Memorial University of
Newfoundland
Mount Allison 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 (3)**
University of Calgary (3)
University of Guelph (4)
University of Ottawa
University of Toronto (10)
University of Victoria
University of Waterloo
Vancouver Island University
Western University (3)
Wilfrid Laurier University
York University

🇬🇧 UNITED KINGDOM
Anglia Ruskin University
Arts University Bournemouth
Aston University
Bournemouth University
Brikbeck, University of London
Brunel University London
City University of London
Coventry University
Durham University
Edinburgh Napier University
Goldsmiths, University of London
Hult International Business School,
London
Imperial College London
Keele University
King's College London (2)
Kingston University
Lancaster University
London School of Economics
and Political Science
London South Bank University
Loughborough University
**Manchester Metropolitan
University**
Manchester University
Newcastle University
Northumbria University
Nottingham College

**Queen Mary University
of London**
Ravensbourne University
Regent's University London
Richmond, The American
International University
in London
Royal Holloway, University
of London
SOAS, University of London
Ulster University
University College London (3)
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 Huddersfield
University of Kent
University of Leeds
University of Liverpool
University of Manchester
University of Nottingham
University of Reading
University of Roehampton
University of Sheffield
University of St. Andrews
University of Surrey
University of Sussex
University of Westminster
University of York
University of the Arts London

🇪🇺 EUROPE
American University of Paris
BI Norwegian Business School,
Norway
CEU San Pablo, Spain
Catholic University of Lyon, France
**College Universitaire de
Sciences Po, France**
Ecole Hoteliere de Lausanne,
Switzerland
**Erasmus Universiteit
Rotterdam, Netherlands (8)**
**Erasmus University College,
Netherlands (2)**
EU Business School, Geneva
Florence Institute of Design
International, Italy
Fontys University of Applied
Sciences
Franklin University, Switzerland
Hague University of Applied
Sciences
Hanzehogeschool Groningen,
Netherlands
**IE University, Madrid Campus,
Spain (2)**
Jyvaskyla University Applied
Sciences, Finland
Katholieke Universiteit Leuven,
Belgium
Maastricht University
Mikkeli University Applied Sciences
National University of Ireland,
Galway
NHL Stenden University of Applied
Sciences

NHTV Breda University of Applied
Sciences
Nord University
Paracelsus Private Medical
University
Paris College of Art, France
Ramon Llull University
Rijksuniversiteit Groningen,
Netherlands
**Royal College of Surgeons in
Ireland, Ireland (2)**
Saint Louis University, Madrid,
Spain
SciencesPo/Columbia University,
France
**Tallinn University of
Technology, Estonia**
**Technische Universiteit Delft,
Netherlands**
Trinity College Dublin, Ireland
Universidad Carlos III de Madrid
Universita Bocconi, Italy (2)
Universiteit Leiden, Netherlands
Universiteit Maastricht,
Netherlands
**Universiteit Utrecht,
Netherlands (2)**
**Universiteit van Amsterdam,
Netherlands (2)**
University College Cork, Ireland
**University College Utrecht,
Netherlands**
**University of Groningen,
Netherlands**
University of Limerick, Ireland
Universidad Navarra, Spain
University of Nicosia
University of Tartu, Estonia
University of Twente, Netherlands
**University of Veterinary
Medicine, Budapest**
Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam
Vrije Universiteit Brussels
Webster University, Geneva,
Switzerland
Zuyd University Applied Sciences,
Finland

MIDDLE EAST
Abu Dhabi University, UAE
American University of Beirut,
Lebanon
**American University of Sharjah,
UAE (4)**
Heriot-Watt University, Dubai
Lebanese American University,
Lebanon
**New York University Abu Dhabi,
UAE (2)**
RAK Medical and Health Sciences
University
Royal College of Surgeons, Bahrain
Sorbonne University, Abu Dhabi
University of Balamand, Lebanon
Zayed University, UAE

🌏 OTHER
De La Salle University, Philippines
Hong Kong University of Science &
Technology
NYU Shanghai
**University of Hong Kong, Hong
Kong**
**Savannah College of Art and
Design, Hong Kong**
Yale-NUS College, Singapore (2)

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

2021 UNIVERSITY MATRICULATION

53%	USA
15%	Canada
6%	Netherlands
2%	UK
3%	UAE
9%	Other Europe
12%	Gap Year / Military / Other