



The American Community School of Abu Dhabi's mission is to empower all students to define and shape their futures for learning, service and global citizenship.

OUR SCHOOL

Established in 1972, 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 more than 1,300 students between the ages of 4-18 representing more than 60 nationalities. **The language of instruction at ACS is English.**

CORE VALUES

COURAGE | CURIOSITY | COMPASSION | INTEGRITY



444
STUDENTS IN
GRADES 9-12

107
STUDENTS IN THE
CLASS OF 2025



47
NATIONALITIES
REPRESENTED IN
GRADES 9-12

58%
OF FACULTY HAVE
ADVANCED DEGREES



CLASSES MEET FOR
75 MINUTES
EVERY OTHER DAY

1:9
FACULTY/STUDENT
RATIO



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United Arab Emirates

Ministry of Education

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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

NACAC

National Association for College
Admissions Counseling

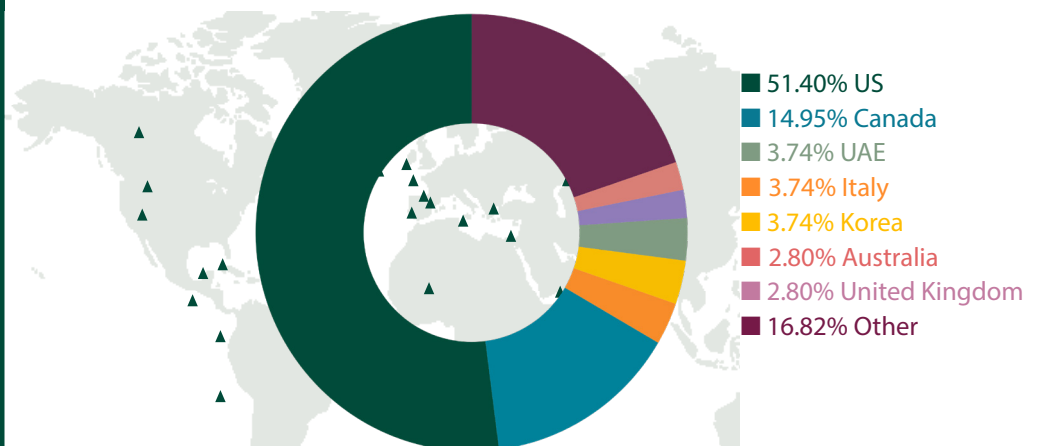
International ACAC

International Association for College
Admissions Counseling

IBO

International Baccalaureate
Organization

PASSPORT HOLDERS OF THE CLASS OF 2025





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 DP), 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 2024-2025

CREATIVE ARTS

Foundations Art & Design
Sculpture & Ceramics
Drawing & Painting
Stagecraft/Tech Theatre 1 & 2
Theatre 1 & 2
IB Visual Arts SL/HL
Chamber Choir
Concert Band
Mixed Choir
Film Studies 1 & 2
IB Film SL/HL
Intro to Film & Media Production
Advanced Film & Media Production

DESIGN INNOVATION

AP Computer Science A
AP Computer Science Principles
AP 2D Art & Design
Intro to Design & Engineering
Advanced Design & Engineering
Advanced Software & Engineering

ENGLISH

English 9, 10
Foundations of English
AP English Language & Composition
AP English Literature & Composition
IB English A: Language & Literature SL/HL
IB English A: Literature SL/HL

ISLAMIC STUDIES

Islamic Studies in Arabic
Islamic Studies in English

LEARNING SUPPORT

Learning Lab

MATHEMATICS

Integrated Math 1, 2, 3
Applied Mathematics A/B
Foundations of Algebra
Pre-Calculus
AP Calculus AB
AP Statistics
IB Mathematics: Analysis & Approaches SL/HL
IB Mathematics: Applications & Interpretations SL

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

PE & Health 9
PE & Health 10
Fitness & Theory 1
Fitness & Theory 2
Active for Life

SCIENCE

Science 9
Science 10
IB Sports Exercise & Health Science SL/HL
AP Physics 1
IB Environmental Systems & Societies SL/HL
IB Biology SL/HL
IB Chemistry SL/HL
IB Physics HL

SOCIAL STUDIES

World History 9
Foundations of World History
US History in a Global Context
AP US History
AP Comparative Government & Politics
AP Psychology
AP US Government & Politics
IB Economics SL/HL
IB Geography SL/HL
IB Environmental Systems & Societies SL/HL
IB History SL/HL

WORLD LANGUAGES

Arabic: Novice, Intermediate, Advanced and Modern Standard 9/10
IB Arabic ab initio SL
IB Arabic B SL/HL
French: Novice High, Intermediate, Intermediate High, Advanced
French Language & Literature 9/10
IB French ab initio SL
IB French B SL/HL
IB French A: Language and Literature HL
Spanish: Novice, Novice High, Intermediate, Intermediate High
IB Spanish B SL/HL
IB School Supported Self-Taught Language A: SL

ELECTIVES

AP Seminar
IB Core/Theory of Knowledge
Self-Directed Studies

In addition, students have the opportunity to enroll in courses through Global Online Academy (GOA), Pamoja and VHS Learning

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 have more than 20 student-led High School clubs, which range from Model United Nations to Computer Programming. 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-	3.67	3.91	4.17
B+	3.33	3.58	3.83
B	3.00	3.25	3.50
B-	2.67	2.91	3.17
C+	2.33	2.58	2.83
C	2.00	2.25	2.50
C-	1.66	1.91	2.17
D+	1.33	1.58	1.83
D	1.00	1.25	1.50
D-	0.67	0.91	1.17
F	0.00	0.00	0.00

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 or reported on the ACS transcript.

GRADUATION CREDIT REQUIREMENTS

CORE	Minimum
English	4.0
Math	3.0
Science	3.0
Social Studies	3.0
World Languages	2.0
Arts	1.0
PE & Health	2.0
Electives	7.0
TOTAL	25.0

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

GRADUATION SERVICE REQUIREMENT

At ACS, service is integral to the school culture and supports core values, fostering empathy, compassion, and a sense of global responsibility in students. Through active participation in research, advocacy, indirect, and direct service, students are empowered to develop personally and reflect on their experiences. The school ensures that service opportunities are accessible to all and encourages students to document their involvement in an electronic portfolio. Service helps shape students' identities while promoting care for both local and global communities.



COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY APPLICATIONS

- Students are limited to twelve 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.

CLASS OF 2025 SAT SUMMARY

SECTION	ACS MID 50%	ACS MEAN
EBRW	540-700	637
MATH	550-700	632
COMBINED	1080-1380	1269
NUMBER OF TEST TAKERS: 82 STUDENTS		

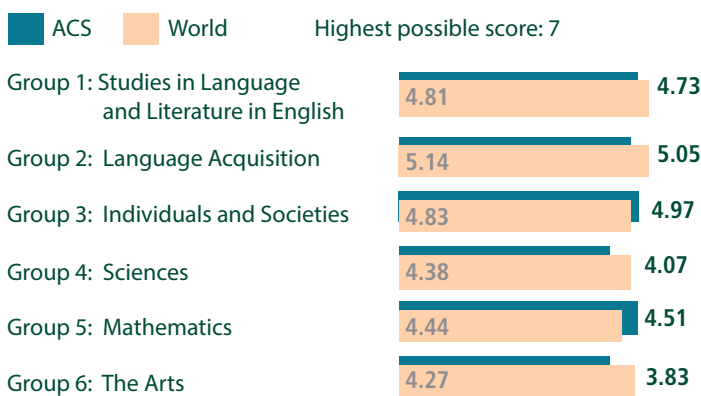
AP/IB ACCESS

- 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.

2024 INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE DP RESULTS

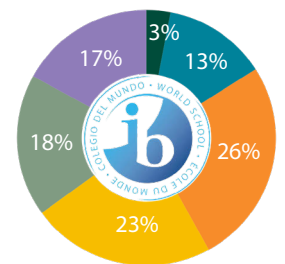


2024 AVERAGE IB SCORES BY SUBJECT

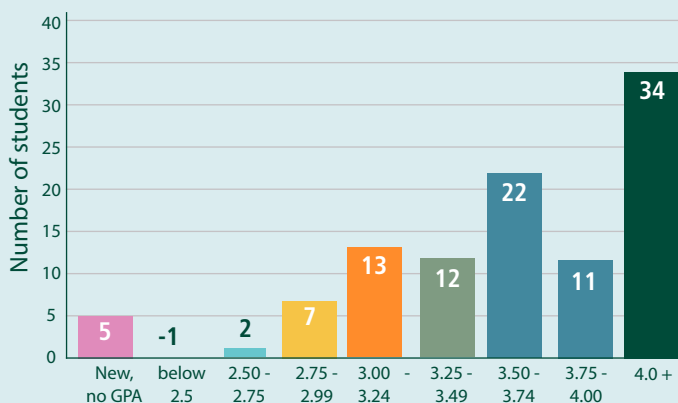


TOTAL POINTS EARNED BY CANDIDATES

- 40 - 45 points
- 35 - 39 points
- 30 - 34 points
- 26 - 29 points
- 23 - 25 points
- 19 - 22 points



CLASS OF 2025 GPA STATISTICS



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

2024 ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) SCORES

ACS Course	ACS	WORLD
COMPUTER SCIENCE A [17]	3.06	3.18
COMPUTER SCIENCE PRINCIPLES [35]	3.20	2.90
ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND COMPOSITION [37]	2.86	2.79
ENGLISH LITERATURE AND COMPOSITION [34]	3.65	3.16
CALCULUS AB [15]	2.73	3.22
STATISTICS [33]	2.85	2.96
US GOVERNMENT & POLITICS [18]	4.28	3.38
COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENT & POLITICS [19]	3.53	3.18
US HISTORY [43]	3.88	3.23
PHYSICS I [19]	2.79	2.59
PSYCHOLOGY [22]	3.55	2.97

- 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 2021-2024

Students were limited to ten applications globally. Starting with the Class of 2025, students will be limited to twelve applications globally, which leads to thoughtful choices and high yield.



UNITED STATES

Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences
American University (3)
Architectural Association School of Architecture
Arizona State University (3)
Auburn University
Austin College
Augustana College
Babson College
Bard College (2)
Barnard College
Bates College
Baylor University
Bennett College
Bennington College
Bentley University
Birmingham-Southern College
Boston College
Boston University (2)
Brandeis University
Brown University
Bryn Mawr College
Bucknell University
California College of the Arts
California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo
Carleton College
Carnegie Mellon University
Case Western Reserve University
Chaminade University of Honolulu
Chaplain College
Chapman University
Chatham University
Christopher Newport University
Clark University
Clemson University
College of Charleston
Colorado School of Mines
Colorado State University
Columbia College Chicago
Columbia University (3)
Cooper Union
Cuesta College
CUNY Bernard M Baruch College
CUNY Borough of Manhattan Community College
CUNY Hunter College
CUNY Lehman College
Dartmouth College
DePaul University (2)
DigiPen Institute of Technology
Drew University
Drexel University
Duke University
Eckerd College
Elmhurst University
Elon University
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University-Worldwide
Emerson College
Emmanuel College
Emory University
Florida Atlantic University
Florida International University
Florida State University
Fordham University (2)
Franklin and Marshall College
George Mason University
George Washington University (3)
Georgetown University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Glendale Community College
Grand Canyon University
Hamilton College
Hampshire College
Hampton University
Harvey Mudd College
Hastings College
Haverford College
Hawaii Pacific University
High Point University
Hofstra University
Hope College
Howard University
Illinois Institute of Technology (2)
Illinois State University
Indiana Institute of Technology
Indiana University at Bloomington
Institute of Culinary Education
Iowa State University
James Madison University
Jefferson University
John Carroll University
Johnson C. Smith University
Kean University
Keiser University - Ft. Lauderdale
Kent State University
Lake Forest College
Lamar University
Lehigh University
Lesley University
Longwood University
Los Angeles Pierce College
Louisiana State University
Loyola Marymount University (3)

Loyola University Chicago
Loyola University Maryland
Lynn University
Marist College
Marquette University
Mary Baldwin University
Maryland Institute College of Art
Marymount Manhattan College
Massachusetts College of Art and Design
Miami University-Oxford
Michigan State University (2)
Michigan Technological University
Milwaukee School of Engineering
Minerva University
Monmouth University
Montclair State University
Montgomery College
New Jersey Institute of Technology
New York University (13)
North Carolina Central University
North Carolina State University at Raleigh
Northeastern University (11)
Northern Arizona University
Northern Michigan University
Northern Virginia Community College (2)
Northwestern University
Nova Southeastern University
Oakland University
Occidental College
Ohio State University
Ohio University
Oral Roberts University
Oregon State University
Pace University
Pasadena City College
Pennsylvania State University (2)
Pepperdine University
Pomona College
Portland State University
Pratt Institute
Principia College
Purdue University (3)
Reed College
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rhode Island School of Design
Rice University
Ringling College of Art & Design
Rochester Institute of Technology
Roger Williams University
Rutgers University (2)
Salve Regina University
Sam Houston State University
San Diego State University
San Francisco State University
San Jose State University
Santa Clara University
Sarah Lawrence College
Savannah College of Art and Design (5)
School of the Art Institute of Chicago
School of Visual Arts
Scripps College
Seattle University
Seton Hall University
Shenandoah University
Simmons University
Skidmore College
Smith College
Southern Methodist University
St. Bonaventure University
St. John's University
St. Mary's University
St. Olaf College (2)
Stanford University (3)
Stevens Institute of Technology
Stonehill College
Stony Brook University
Suffolk University
SUNY, Brockport
SUNY, Buffalo State
Syracuse University
Tarleton State University
Temple University
Texas A&M University (4)
Texas Christian University
Texas State University
Texas Tech University
The College of New Jersey
The New School – All Divisions
Towson University
Trinity College
Trinity University
Tufts University
Tulane University
Union College
United States Military Academy
United States Naval Academy
University of Arizona (2)
University at Buffalo, SUNY
University of California, Berkeley (4)
University of California, Davis
University of California, Irvine
University of California, Los Angeles (2)
University of California, Merced
University of California, Riverside

University of California, San Diego
University of California, Santa Barbara
University of California, Santa Cruz
University of Central Florida
University of Chicago (5)
University of Cincinnati
University of Colorado, Boulder (2)
University of Colorado, Colorado Springs
University of Connecticut
University of Dayton
University of Delaware
University of Denver
University of Detroit Mercy
University of Florida
University of Hawaii
University of Houston
University of Idaho
University of Illinois at Chicago
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (3)
University of Iowa
University of Kentucky
University of La Verne
University of Mary Washington
University of Maryland, Baltimore County
University of Maryland, College Park
University of Massachusetts, Amherst
University of Massachusetts, Boston
University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth
University of Massachusetts, Lowell
University of Miami
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor (4)
University of Michigan, Dearborn
University of Michigan, Flint
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
University of Missouri, Columbia
University of Missouri, Kansas City
University of New Hampshire at Durham
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
University of North Carolina at Wilmington
University of North Florida
University of Notre Dame
University of Oregon
University of Pittsburgh
University of Rochester
University of San Diego
University of San Francisco
University of South Florida
University of Southern California (2)
University of Tampa (3)
University of Tennessee, Knoxville
University of Texas, Arlington
University of Texas, Austin
University of Texas, Dallas
University of Vermont
University of Virginia (4)
University of Washington
University of Wisconsin-Madison
Ursinus College
Utah State University
Valparaiso University
Vanderbilt University
Virginia Commonwealth University (2)
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (3)
Virginia Western Community College
Wake Forest University
Wake Technical Community College
Washington University, St. Louis (2)
Wayne State University
Wellesley College (2)
Wesleyan University
West Texas A&M University
Western Illinois University
Western Washington University
Wheaton College IL
William and Mary
Woodbury University
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Xavier University
Yale University

CANADA

Bishop's University
Brock University
Camosun College
Capilano University
Carleton University (2)
Concordia University (9)
Dalhousie University
Emily Carr University of Art and Design
HEC Montreal
Huron University College at Western
McGill University (2)
McMaster University (3)
Mount Allison University
Ontario Tech University

Queen's University (5)
RUBIKA Montreal
Saint Mary's University
Seneca Polytechnic
Sheridan College
Simon Fraser University
Toronto Metropolitan University
Trent University
University of Alberta
University of British Columbia (7)
University of Calgary
University of Guelph
University of New Brunswick
University of Ottawa
University of Toronto (16)
University of Victoria (2)
University of Waterloo
University of Windsor
Vancouver Film School
Vancouver Island University
Western University (3)
Wilfrid Laurier University
York University

UNITED KINGDOM

Abertay University
Aberystwyth University
Anglia Ruskin University
Arts University Boumemouth
Birkbeck, University of London
Brunel University London
Cardiff University
City University of London
Coventry University
Durham University
Edinburgh Napier University
Goldsmiths, University of London
Hult International Business School, London
King's College London
Kingston University
Lancaster University
Loughborough University
Manchester Metropolitan University
Royal Holloway, University of London
Northumbria University
Nottingham College
Queen Mary University of London
Regent's University London
Richmond American University London
Royal College of Surgeons
Royal Holloway, University of London
SOAS, University of London
Southampton Solent University
University College London
University for the Creative Arts
University of Aberdeen
University of Bath
University of Birmingham
University of Brighton
University of Bristol (2)
University of Central Lancashire
University of Dundee
University of Edinburgh
University of Exeter
University of Glasgow
University of Greenwich
University of Huddersfield
University of Kent
University of Leeds
University of Leicester
University of Liverpool
University of Manchester
University of Nottingham
University of Plymouth
University of Portsmouth
University of St. Andrews
University of Surrey
University of Sussex
University of Warwick
University of West London
University of Westminster
University of York
University of the Arts London

EUROPE

American College of Greece
American University of Paris
American University of Rome
Amsterdam University College
BI Norwegian Business School, Norway
Catholic University of the Sacred Heart
CEU San Pablo, Spain (2)
Charles University in Prague (2)
College Universitaire de Sciences Po, France
EHL Hospitality Business School
Eindhoven University of Technology
Erasmus Universiteit Rotterdam, Netherlands (3)
Erasmus University College, Netherlands (1)
ESADE Business School
EU Business School, Barcelona
Florence Institute of Design International,

Italy
Franklin University, Switzerland
Hague University of Applied Sciences
Hanzehogeschool Groningen, Netherlands
Humanitas University
IE University, Madrid Campus, Spain
IE University, Segovia Campus, Spain (2)
Jyväskylä University Applied Sciences, Finland
Les Roches Schools of Hotel Management
Luiss Guido Carli
LUNEX University
Medical University of Gdansk
Mikkeli University Applied Sciences
NHL Stenden University of Applied Sciences
NHTV Breda University of Applied Sciences
Nord University
Nova School of Business and Economics
Queen Mary University Malta
Saxion University of Applied Sciences
Semmelweis University of Medical Sciences
SRH University, Berlin
Technical University of Delft
Technical University of Eindhoven
Trinity College Dublin, Ireland
Universidad Europea de Madrid
Universita Bocconi, Italy (2)
Universiteit Leiden, Netherlands
Universiteit Maastricht, Netherlands
Universiteit Utrecht, Netherlands
University College Cork
University of Amsterdam (2)
University of Galway
University of Groningen, Netherlands
University of Liege
University of Limerick, Ireland
Universidad Navarra, Spain
University of Pecs
Utrecht University of Applied Sciences
Vita-Salute San Raffaele University
Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam (2)
Webster University, Geneva
Zuyd University Applied Sciences, Finland

MIDDLE EAST

American University in Dubai
American University of Beirut, Lebanon
American University of Sharjah, UAE (5)
Gulf Medical University
Heriot-Watt University, Dubai
Middlesex University Dubai
Mohammed Bin Rashid University of Medicine and Health Sciences
New York University Abu Dhabi, UAE (7)
Northwestern Qatar
RAK Medical and Health Sciences University
Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland - Medical University of Bahrain
Sorbonne University, Abu Dhabi
University of Birmingham Dubai
Zayed University, UAE

OTHER

De La Salle University, Philippines
Hong Kong University of Science & Technology
Monash University, Malaysia
National Kaohsiung University of Hospitality & Tourism
University of Nottingham, Malaysia
St. George's University

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

2024 UNIVERSITY MATRICULATION

63.2 %	USA
17.7 %	Canada
9.7 %	Europe
5.5 %	UAE
3.2 %	UK