HIGH SCHOOL PROFILE 2026-2027

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MSA
Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools

NESA
NearEast 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

The mission of the American Community School of Abu Dhabi 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 1,500 students between the ages of 4 and 18 representing more than 70 nationalities. The language of instruction at ACS is English.

CORE VALUES

COURAGE | CURIOSITY | COMPASSION | INTEGRITY

526 STUDENTS IN GRADES 9-12

119 STUDENTS IN THE CLASS OF 2027

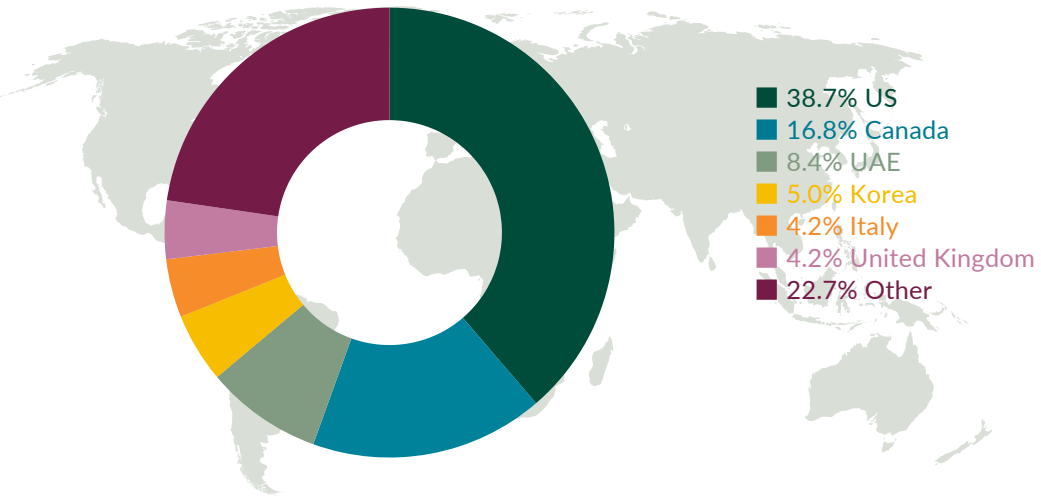
50 NATIONALITIES REPRESENTED IN GRADES 9-12

72% OF FACULTY HAVE ADVANCED DEGREES

CLASSES MEET FOR **75 MINUTES** EVERY OTHER DAY

1:10 FACULTY/STUDENT RATIO

PASSPORT HOLDERS OF THE CLASS OF 2027



DISRUPTION DURING REGIONAL CONFLICT

On February 28, 2026, a regional conflict in the Gulf significantly disrupted daily life across the region. In accordance with UAE regulations, ACS transitioned to remote learning until May 11, 2026. Many students were evacuated, while others continued their studies remotely or enrolled temporarily in local schools in other countries. These circumstances significantly disrupted the educational experience of the Class of 2027.

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

ACS offers a challenging, standards-based American curriculum from Pre-K through 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 2026-2027

CREATIVE ARTS
Foundations Art & Design
Sculpture & Ceramics
Drawing & Painting
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
Technical Theater Design
Acting for Stage & Screen
Theater Production
Chamber Orchestra
Popular Music

DESIGN INNOVATION
AP Computer Science A
AP Computer Science Principles
AP Cybersecurity
AP 2D/3D Art & Design
Intro to Design & Engineering
Advanced Design & Engineering
Advanced Software Engineering
Intro to Cybersecurity & Networking

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 & 2
Sports Development & Leadership
Science of Sport & Movement

SCIENCE
Science 9
Science 10
IB Sports Exercise & Health Science SL/HL
AP Physics 1
AP Biology
AP Chemistry
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 US Government & Politics
AP Comparative Government & Politics
AP Psychology
Principles of Business Management
IB Business Management SL/HL
IB Economics SL/HL
IB Geography SL/HL
IB Environmental Systems & Societies SL/HL
IB History SL/HL

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

ELECTIVES
Decoding Media in the Digital Age
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 30 Junior Varsity and Varsity athletic teams and around 15 service clubs that are linked to the Sustainable Development Goals outlined by the United Nations. In addition, we have around 30 student-led clubs, which range from Model United Nations to Robotics. ACS teams compete in the Middle East South Asia Conference (MESAC).

GRADING SCALE

	Standard	IBSL	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

Courses and credits earned from other High Schools are not calculated in the cumulative GPA or reported 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
	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, and direct and indirect 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 that the college/university is their first choice among all universities worldwide.
- Disciplinary infractions resulting in out-of-school suspension are disclosed to colleges and universities, if requested.

CLASS OF 2027 SAT SUMMARY

SECTION	MID50%	MEAN
EBRW	570-680	618
MATH	555-680	621
COMBINED	1125-1350	1239

NUMBER OF TEST TAKERS: **65 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.

2026 INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE DP RESULTS

The IB DP results for the Class of 2026 were calculated using the IB Non-Exam Contingency Measure (NECM), an exceptional process used when students are unable to sit their examinations due to circumstances such as government direction, safety concerns, or conflict-related disruption.

41 HIGHEST SCORE EARNED

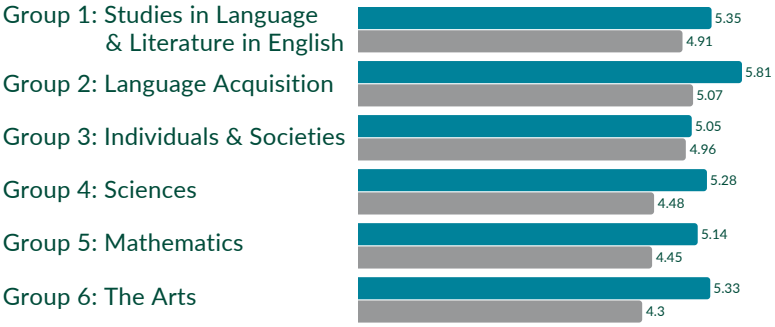
35 AVERAGE TOTAL POINTS EARNED

39 of 114 SENIORS WERE IB DIPLOMA CANDIDATES

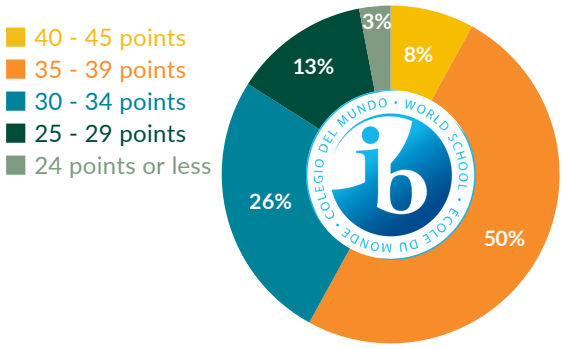
5.44 AVERAGE SCORE ON ALL IB EXAMS BY DIPLOMA CANDIDATES

2026 AVERAGE IB SCORES BY SUBJECT

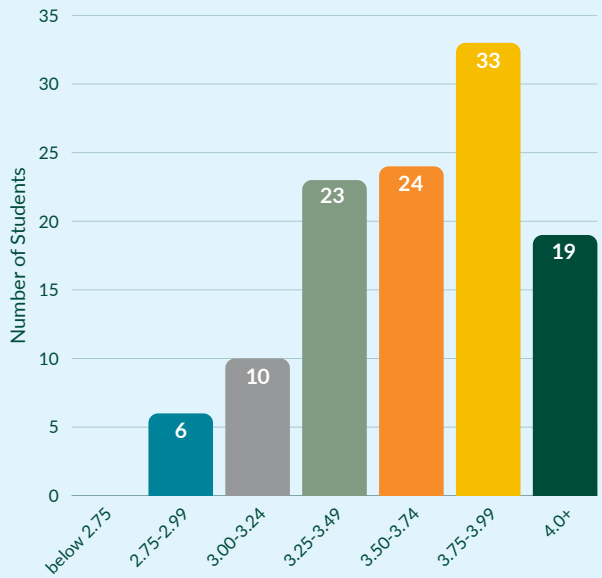
ACS World **Highest possible score: 7**



TOTAL POINTS EARNED BY CANDIDATES



CLASS OF 2027 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.

2026 ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) RESULTS

41 AP SCHOLARS

14 AP SCHOLARS WITH HONOR

34 AP SCHOLARS WITH DISTINCTION

1 AP INTERNATIONAL DIPLOMA

ACS Course	ACS	World
US Government & Politics [36]	4.17	3.42
US History [33]	3.91	3.29
Comparative Government & Politics [27]	3.67	3.15
English Language & Composition [35]	3.49	3.21
English Literature & Composition [24]	3.78	3.21
Computer Science A [18]	3.17	3.26
Computer Science Principles [44]	3.02	2.89
Psychology [24]	4.04	3.33
Statistics [44]	3.55	3.02
Calculus AB [21]	2.80	3.25
Physics 1 [15]	3.79	3.19
Chemistry [18]	3.56	3.35
Biology [32]	3.47	3.19

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

AMERICAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL OF ABU DHABI
UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCES AND MATRICULATION FOR THE CLASSES OF 2023-2026

Students are limited to submit twelve applications globally, which leads to thoughtful choices and high yield.

UNITED STATES

Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences
Albany State University
American University
Arizona State University
Auburn University
Austin Peay State University
Babson College
Bard College
Barnard College
Bates College
Baylor University
Bennington College
Bentley University
Berklee College of Music
Binghamton University
Boston College
Boston University (2)
Brandeis University
Brigham Young University
Brown University
Bryant University
Bryn Mawr College
Bucknell University
California College of the Arts
California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo
California State University - Dominguez Hills
California State University - Monterrey Bay
Carleton College
Carnegie Mellon University
Case Western Reserve University
Chatham University
Christopher Newport University
Clark University
Clemson University
College of Charleston
Colorado School of Mines
Colorado State University
Columbia University
Cooper Union
Creighton University
Cuesta College
CUNY Borough of Manhattan Community College
CUNY Lehman College
Dartmouth College
Delaware State University
DePaul University
Drew University
Drexel University
Duke University (2)
Duquesne 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)
George Mason University
George Washington University
Georgetown University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Glendale Community College
Gustavus Adolphus College
Hampshire College
Hampton University
Harvey Mudd College
Hastings College
Haverford College
High Point University
Hofstra University
Houston Community College
Howard University
Illinois Institute of Technology
Illinois State University
Indiana Institute of Technology
Indiana University at Bloomington
Institute of Culinary Education
Iowa State University
James Madison University
Johns Hopkins University
Kean University
Kennesaw State University
Kent State University
Lake Forest College
Lamar University
Lehigh University
Lesley University
Longwood University
Los Angeles Pierce College
Loyola Marymount University
Loyola University Chicago
Loyola University Maryland
Lynn University
Macalester College
Marquette University
Mary Baldwin University
Marymount Manhattan College
Massachusetts College of Art and Design
Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health
Miami University-Oxford
Michigan State University
Michigan Technological University
Middlebury College
Middle Tennessee State University
Milwaukee School of Engineering
Minerva University
Missouri Southern State University
Monmouth University
Montclair State University
Montgomery College
Morgan State University
New Jersey Institute of Technology
New York University
North Carolina Central University
North Carolina State University at Raleigh
Northeastern University
Northern Arizona University
Northern Michigan University
Northern Virginia Community College
Northwestern University
Nova Southeastern University
Oakland University
Occidental College
Ohio State University
Oral Roberts University
Oregon State University
Pace University
Pasadena City College
Pennsylvania State University
Pepperdine University
Pomona College
Portland State University
Pratt Institute
Principia College
Purdue University (3)
Purdue University Indianapolis
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rice University
Rochester Institute of Technology
Rockhurst University
Rutgers University
Saint Mary's College of California
Sam Houston State University
San Diego State University
San Jose State University
Santa Clara University
Sarah Lawrence College
Savannah College of Art and Design
Scripps College
Seattle University
Shenandoah University
Siena College
Simmons University
Skidmore College
Smith College
Southern Methodist University
Southwestern University
St. Bonaventure University
St. John's University
St. Mary's University
St. Olaf College
Stanford University
Stevens Institute of Technology
Stonehill College
Stony Brook University
Suffolk University
SUNY, University at Albany
SUNY, University at Buffalo
SUNY, Brockport
SUNY, Buffalo State
Sweet Briar College
Syracuse University
Tarleton State University
Texas A&M University
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 (3)
Tulane University
Union College
United States Military Academy
United States Naval Academy
University of Arizona
University of Arkansas
University of California, Berkeley
University of California, Davis
University of California, Irvine
University of California, Los Angeles
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 (4)
University of Cincinnati
University of Colorado, Boulder
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 Georgia
University of Hawaii
University of Houston
University of Idaho
University of Illinois at Chicago
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
University of Indianapolis
University of Iowa
University of Kansas
University of Kentucky
University of Louisville
University of Mary Washington
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
University of Michigan, Flint
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
University of Missouri, Columbia
University of Missouri, Kansas City
University of Nebraska-Lincoln
University of New Hampshire at Durham
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
University of North Carolina at Charlotte
University of North Carolina at Wilmington
University of North Dakota
University of North Florida
University of Notre Dame
University of Oklahoma-Norman Campus
University of Oregon
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh
University of Rochester
University of San Diego
University of South Carolina
University of South Florida
University of Southern California
University of Southern Indiana
University of Tampa
University of Tennessee, Knoxville
University of Texas, Arlington
University of Texas, Austin
University of Texas, Dallas
University of Vermont
University of Virginia
University of Washington
University of Wisconsin-Madison (2)
Ursinus College
Utah State University
Vanderbilt University
Virginia Commonwealth University
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Virginia Western Community College
Wake Forest University
Wake Technical Community College
Washington University, St. Louis
Washington State University
Wayne State University
Western Illinois University
Western Washington University
Wheaton College IL
William and Mary
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Yale University

CANADA

Acadia University
Bishop's University
Briercrest College
Brock University
Camosun College
Capilano University
Carleton University
Concordia University
Dalhousie University
HEC Montreal
Huron University College at Western
McGill University (4)
McMaster University (3)
Mount Allison University
Queen's University
RUBIKA Montreal
Saint Mary's University
Simon Fraser University
Toronto Metropolitan University
Trent University
University of Alberta
University of British Columbia
University of Calgary
University of Guelph
University of Ottawa
University of Toronto (4)
University of Victoria
University of Waterloo
University of Windsor
Vancouver Island University
Western University
Wilfrid Laurier University
York University

UNITED KINGDOM

Aberystwyth University
Anglia Ruskin University
Arts University Bournemouth
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
London School of Economics and Political Science
Manchester Metropolitan University
Northeastern University, London
Northumbria University
Nottingham College
Open University
Queen Mary University of London
Regent's University London
Royal Holloway, University of London
SOAS, University of London
St Mary's University, Twickenham
Southampton Solent University
University College London
University of Aberdeen
University of Bath
University of Birmingham
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University of Bristol
University of Central Lancashire
University of Dundee
University of Edinburgh
University of Exeter
University of Glasgow
University of Greenwich
University of Kent
University of Leeds
University of Leicester
University of Liverpool
University of Manchester
University of Nottingham
University of Oxford
University of Plymouth
University of Portsmouth
University of Sheffield
University of St. Andrews
University of Southampton
University of Surrey
University of Sussex
University of Warwick
University of West London
University of Westminster
University of York

EUROPE

American University of Paris
American University of Rome
BI Norwegian Business School
Breda University of Applied Sciences
Catholic University of the Sacred Heart
Cardinal Herrera-CEU University
CEU San Pablo, Spain
Charles University in Prague
College Universitaire de Sciences Po, France
EDHEC, France
EHL Hospitality Business School
Eindhoven University of Technology
Erasmus Universiteit Rotterdam
Erasmus University College
ESADE Business School, Spain
ESCP Business School, France
ETH Zurich
EU Business School, Barcelona
European University of Madrid
Florence Institute of Design International
Fontys University of Applied Sciences
Hague University of Applied Sciences
Humanitas University, Italy
IE University, Madrid Campus
IE University, Segovia Campus (3)
IPAG, France
John Cabot University, Italy
Les Roches Schools of Hotel Management
Luiss Guido Carli
LUNEX University
Medical University of Gdansk, Poland
NHL Stenden University of Applied Sciences
Nord University, Norway
Norwegian School of Economics
Polytechnic University of Milan
Queen Mary University Malta
Radboud University, Netherlands
Rey Juan Carlos University, Spain
Rotterdam University of Applied Sciences
Saint Louis University - Madrid
Saxion University of Applied Sciences, Netherlands
Semmelweis University of Medical Sciences, Hungary
SRH University, Berlin
Stockholm School of Economics
Technical University of Delft
Technical University of Eindhoven
Tilburg University, Netherlands
Trinity College Dublin
Universidad Europea de Madrid
Universidad Francisco de Vitoria
Universita Bocconi, Italy
Universiteit Leiden, Netherlands
Universiteit Maastricht, Netherlands
Universiteit Utrecht, Netherlands
University College Cork
University College Groningen
University College Roosevelt
University of Amsterdam
University of Cadiz, Spain
University of Galway
University of Groningen
Universidad Navarra, Spain
University of Pecs, Czech Republic
University of Zurich
Utrecht University of Applied Sciences
Vita-Salute San Raffaele University
Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam
Willem de Kooning Academy

MIDDLE EAST

Abu Dhabi University
American University in Dubai
American University of Beirut, Lebanon
American University of Sharjah
Canadian University of Dubai
Georgetown, Qatar
Gulf Medical University, UAE
Heriot-Watt University, Dubai
Lebanese American University
Middlesex University Dubai
Mohammed Bin Rashid University of Medicine and Health Sciences
Mohamed bin Zayed University of Artificial Intelligence
New York University Abu Dhabi
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
University of Wollongong in Dubai
Weil-Cornell Medical College Qatar
Zayed University

OTHER

American University in Cairo
De La Salle University, Philippines
Duke Kunshan University, China
Ewha Womans University
Griffith University, Australia
Hanyang University, South Korea
Hong Kong Polytechnic University
Hong Kong University of Science & Technology
James Cook University, Australia
Korea University, South Korea
Kyoto University of Advanced Science (KUAS), Japan
Monash University, Malaysia
Monash University, Australia
Nanyang Technological University, Singapore
National Kaohsiung University of Hospitality & Tourism
Sogang University, South Korea
Sungkyunkwan University, South Korea
University of New South Wales, Australia
University of Nottingham, Malaysia
University of the Virgin Islands
University of Sydney, Australia
St. George's University
Yonsei University, South Korea

KEY

Listed = Acceptances
Bold Type = 2026 Matriculation
( ) = Number of Students Matriculated

2026 UNIVERSITY MATRICULATION

47% USA
9% Canada
18% Europe
6% Middle East
12% UK
8% Other