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# UNIVERSAL AMERICAN SCHOOL 2024/2025 HIGH SCHOOL PROFILE

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## EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Our academic program is richly supplemented by Visual and Performing Arts, Eco Club, National Honor Society, Model United Nations, Student Government, Senior Committee, Band, Experiential and Community Service trips abroad during Week Without Walls, and Athletics. (including Soccer, Volleyball, Swimming, Basketball, Golf, Academic Games, Badminton, Track) Sustainability Club, UAS Scoop.



 **Al-Futtaim**  
Education Foundation

### OUR VISION IS:

Forever driven  
By knowledge,  
inspired by success

### OUR MISSION IS:

To nurture an  
Internationally minded  
community of Integrity  
and Academic excellence

### OUR VALUES ARE:

Respect, Integrity,  
Collaboration,  
Excellence

## ABOUT US

Located in the Emirate of Dubai in the United Arab Emirates, UAS was founded in 2005. In 2018, UAS became a not-for-profit school governed by the Al Futtaim Education Foundation, one of the largest and most respected corporations in the lower Gulf Region.

As a result the School is now uniquely positioned to provide unparalleled learning experiences to its student body. Universal American School is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools and is authorized by the International Baccalaureate Organization as an IB World School.

## ACADEMICS

Universal American School is an IB World School that offers the American curriculum delivered through the Primary Years & Diploma Programme frameworks and New York State standards.

### High School Curriculum (Grades 9-12)

- English is the language of instruction throughout the school
- Arabic language is required for all students through Grade 9 and for Arab passport holders through Grade 12
- Islamic Studies is mandatory for all Muslim students through Grade 12
- Starting in SY 2020-21, students were placed in world language and creative arts courses based on ability level rather than grade level
- Credit is given for courses completed with a passing grade of D- on the A - F scale

### Class of 2024 students had the option to pursue:

- American High School Diploma (with optional AP Courses)
- American High School Diploma and IB Diploma
- Any student enrolled in an AP Course/IB Course must sit the AP/IB exam(s) to earn the designation of AP or IB on the transcript

### The International Baccalaureate (IB) Programme at UAS

The IBDP Candidates at UAS choose their program of six subjects—3 HL and 3 SL—to be studied over two years. IB courses available to the Class of 2024 are as follows:

**Group 1 Language A:** English A Language & Literature HL/SL, Arabic A Language & Literature HL/SL, School-Supported Self-Taught Language A SL

**Group 2 Language Acquisition:** French B HL/SL, French Ab Initio SL, Spanish B HL/SL, Spanish Ab Initio SL

**Group 3 Individual and Societies:** Business and Management HL/SL, Economics HL/SL, Geography HL/SL, History HL/SL, Psychology HL/SL

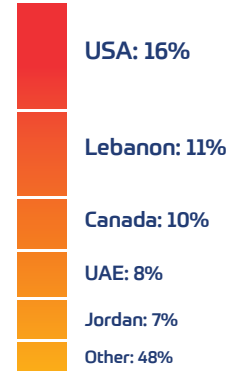
**Group 4 Experimental Science:** Biology HL/SL, Chemistry HL/SL, Environmental Systems and Societies SL, Physics HL/SL

**Group 5 Mathematics:** IB Mathematics Analysis and Approaches HL/SL, IB Mathematics Applications and Interpretation HL/S

**Group 6 Arts and Electives:** Visual Arts HL/SL, Music HL/SL, Theatre HL/SL

1238  
STUDENTS

77  
NATIONALITIES



### Additional course options for the Class of 2024 included:

- English, Mathematics, Advanced Mathematics, Pre-Calculus, Integrated Humanities, Psychology, Business, Comparative Government, Integrated Science, Chemistry, Physics, Environmental Science, AFL (Arabic as a Foreign Language), Arabic, French, Spanish, Art, Band, Choir, Drama, Media and Design, Programming and Robotics, Computer Programming, Model United Nations, Health Science, PE/Health, PE Electives, Teacher Assistant

- Students pursuing the full IB Diploma do not have access to all the above courses

### Advanced Placement Courses:

- The Class of 2024 had the ability to choose from the following AP options during their high school tenure:
  - SY 2022-23:** AP Psychology, AP English Language and Composition, AP Calculus, AP Computer Science A, AP Biology, AP Drawing, AP Research
  - SY 2023-24:** AP Physics 2, AP Chemistry, AP English Literature and Composition, AP Calculus AB, AP Pre-Calculus, AP Computer Science Principles

### Additional course options for the Class of 2024 included:

English, College Algebra, Pre-Calculus, Integrated Humanities, Psychology, Sociology, Business Entrepreneurship, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Environmental Science, AFL (Arabic as a Foreign Language), Arabic, French, Spanish, Art, Rock & Jazz Band, Choir, Music Technology, Introduction to Drama, Advanced Acting, Theater Production, Media & Design, Robotics, Computer Programming, Model United Nations, Fitness for Life.

Students pursuing the full IB diploma did not have access to all the above courses.

**Class of 2024: 89 students**

UAS ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) RESULTS		
School Statistics	2022	2023
Candidates registered for AP exams	44	59
AP exams taken	62	95
Percentage of students scoring 3 and above	43.18	52.54

### CLASS OF 2023 IBDP HIGHLIGHTS

**96%  
PASS RATE**

**OUR  
HIGHEST SCORE  
41**

**35%  
6's & 7's  
ACROSS ALL SUBJECTS**

**38%  
ACHIEVED  
35+**

**42%  
BILINGUAL DIPLOMA  
(ENGLISH A & ARABIC A)**

**34  
AVERAGE  
POINTS**

### UAS MEMBERSHIPS AND ACCREDITATIONS



### GPA SCALE & GPA CALCULATION

#### UAS uses a 4.0 GPA Scale

- ➔ GPA is calculated on credits earned each semester and is cumulative.
- ➔ IB and AP courses have an additional 0.25 points to the standard weighting.
- ➔ UAS does not rank students.

#### Cumulative GPA Quartiles

1st Quartile (26 students): 3.47 - 4.00  
 2nd Quartile (32 students): 3.46 - 3.00  
 3rd Quartile (26 students): 2.99 - 2.43  
 4th Quartile (15 students): 2.42 - 1.26

### UAS INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE DIPLOMA PROGRAMME RESULTS

School Statistics	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Candidates registered for IB final examinations (IBDC + IBDP)	76	52	46	51	56
IBDP Candidates registered in the session	56	36	42	33	24
IBDP Candidates who passed the IB Diploma	49	36	42	32	23
Average points by IBDP Candidates who passed the IB Diploma	30.4	32	34	35	34
Highest Diploma points awarded to an IBDP Candidate	44	44	41	43	41

### CLASS OF 2023 GRADING SCALE

IB Grade	Letter Grade	4.0 Scale for Most Courses	4.0 Scale for IB HL and AP Courses
7	A to A+	4.0	4.25
6 (High)	A-	3.7	3.95
6 (Low)	B+	3.3	3.55
5 (High)	B	3.0	3.25
5 (Low)	B-	2.7	2.95
4 (High)	C+	2.3	2.55
4 (Mid)	C	2.0	2.25
4 (Low)	C-	1.7	1.95
3	D+	1.3	1.55
3	D	1.0	1.25
2	D-	.5	.75
1	F	0	0

### GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

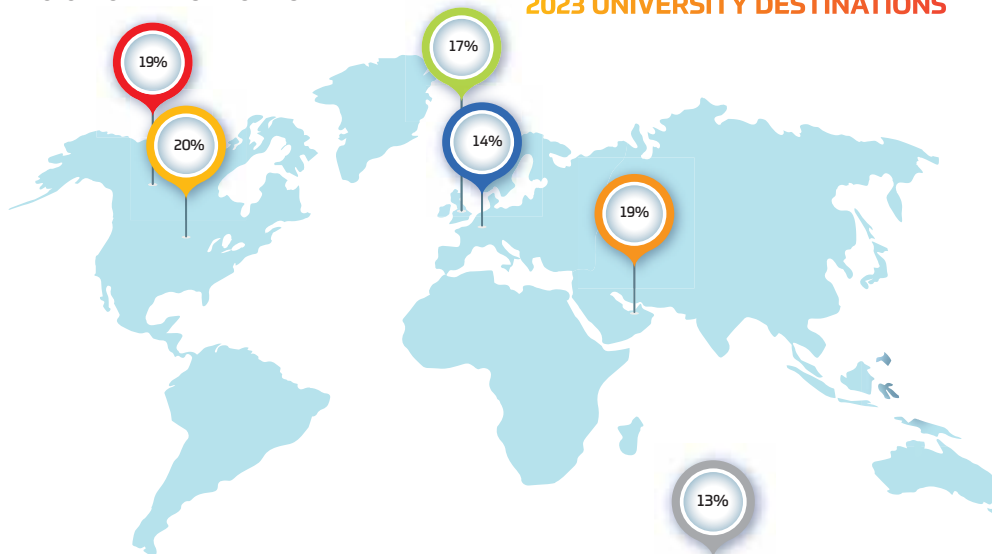
Subjects	Credits
English	4
Mathematics	4
Science	4
Humanities	3
World Language	2
Physical/Health Education	2
Creative Arts	0.5
Electives	4.5
Total credits required	24

grades according to the UAS grading scale. SAT exams were not available in Dubai during this time. For the school year 2020-21, students and families had a choice between in-person or online learning.

### NOTE ON THE IMPACT OF COVID-19:

UAS schooling was fully online from March 22, 2020 until the end of the school year, June 25, 2020. Students continued to earn academic

### 2023 UNIVERSITY DESTINATIONS



- USA 18 students
- UK 16 student
- CA 17 students
- EU 14 students
- UAE 17 students
- Other (includes Gap Year, Military Service & Other Countries) 11 students

## 2018 -2023 COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCES

\*List of Universities in which UAS graduates have enrolled over the last 5 years. Those in bold represent the Class of 2023

### United States

American University  
Arizona State University  
Boston University  
California Institute of the Arts  
**California State University, Fullerton**  
California State University, Long Beach  
California State University, Los Angeles  
Colorado College  
Columbia College Chicago  
DePaul University  
Drexel University  
Elon University  
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University  
Emerson College  
Florida Institute of Technology  
Florida State University  
Fordham University  
George Mason University  
Georgia Institute of Technology  
**George Washington University**  
**Georgia State University**  
Hofstra University  
Indiana University - Purdue University  
Indianapolis  
Indiana University Bloomington  
Liberty University  
**Loyola Marymount University**  
Loyola University Chicago  
Marist College  
Maryland Institute College of Art  
Massachusetts College of Art and Design  
Miami University  
Michigan State University  
New York Institute of Technology  
Niagara University  
**Northeastern University**  
**Nova Southeastern University (US)**  
Ohio University  
Otis College of Art and Design  
Parsons School of Design  
Pennsylvania State University  
Pratt Institute  
**Purdue University**  
Queens College, City University of New York  
Rhodes College  
Rochester Institute of Technology  
Rollins College  
Rutgers University  
Saint Louis University  
San Diego State University  
San Francisco State University  
**Sarah Lawrence College**  
**Savannah College of Art and Design**  
School of the Art Institute of Chicago  
**Seattle University**  
Skidmore College  
South Dakota School of Mines and Technology  
St. Louis College of Pharmacy  
Syracuse University  
Temple University  
Texas A&M University  
The College at Brockport, State University of New York  
The Los Angeles Film School  
The Ohio State University  
The University of Iowa  
The University of Texas at Austin  
Trinity University  
University at Buffalo  
University of Arizona  
**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 Cincinnati  
University of Colorado Boulder  
University of Connecticut  
University of Delaware

University of Denver  
University of Georgia  
University of Houston  
University of Illinois at Chicago  
University of Indianapolis  
University of Maryland  
University of Massachusetts - Boston  
University of Michigan  
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities  
University of Minnesota, Morris  
University of North Carolina Charlotte  
University of North Carolina Wilmington  
**University of Oklahoma**  
University of Oregon  
University of Pittsburgh  
University of Rochester  
**University of San Diego**  
University of San Francisco  
University of South Florida  
University of Tampa  
University of Texas at Austin  
University of Washington  
University of Wisconsin - Madison  
**Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University (Virginia Tech)**  
Whittier College  
Worcester Polytechnic Institute

### United Kingdom

**Anglia Ruskin University**  
The Academy of Contemporary Music  
Arts University Bournemouth  
BIMM Institute  
Birkbeck University of London  
Birmingham City University  
Brunel University London  
Cardiff Metropolitan University  
Cardiff University  
**City, University of London**  
Coventry University  
Durham University  
Edinburgh Napier University Goldsmiths,  
University of London  
Keele University  
**King's College London**  
**Kingston University**  
Lancaster University  
**Liverpool Hope University**  
Liverpool John Moores University  
London Metropolitan University  
London South Bank University  
Met Film School  
Middlesex University  
Newcastle University  
Northumbria University,  
Nottingham Trent University  
Oxford Brookes University  
**Queen Mary, University of London**  
Queen's University Belfast  
Regent's University London  
Royal Holloway, University of London  
SOAS, University of London  
Staffordshire University  
University College London  
University for the Creative Arts  
University of Aberdeen  
University of Bath  
University of Birmingham  
University of Bradford  
University of Brighton  
**University of Bristol**  
University of Buckingham  
University of Central Lancashire  
University of Derby  
University of East Anglia  
University of Edinburgh  
University of Essex  
University of Exeter  
**University of Glasgow**  
University of Greenwich  
University of Huddersfield  
University of Hull  
University of Kent  
**University of Leeds**  
University of Leicester

University of Lincoln  
**University of Liverpool**  
**University of Manchester**  
University of Northampton  
University of Nottingham  
University of Plymouth  
University of Portsmouth  
University of Reading  
University of Sheffield  
University of Southampton  
University of St Andrews  
University of Strathclyde, Glasgow  
University of Surrey  
**University of Sussex**  
University of the Arts London  
University of Warwick  
University of West London  
University of Westminster  
London University of York

### Canada

Brock University  
Carleton University  
**Concordia University**  
Dalhousie University  
HEC Montréal  
Lakehead University  
**McGill University (3)**  
McMaster University  
Memorial University of Newfoundland  
OCAD University  
Ontario Tech University  
Queen's University  
Saint Mary's University  
Simon Fraser University  
**Toronto Metropolitan University (formerly Ryerson University)**  
Trent University  
University of British Columbia  
University of Calgary  
University of Guelph  
University of Lethbridge  
University of New Brunswick  
University of Ottawa  
University of Saskatchewan  
**University of Toronto**  
University of Victoria  
University of Waterloo  
The University of Winnipeg  
Western University  
Wilfrid Laurier University  
York University

### Europe

**Acibadem University (Turkey)**  
American College of Thessaloniki (Greece)  
Amsterdam University of Applied Science (Netherlands)  
Bocconi University (Italy)  
Catholic University of Murcia (Spain)  
Ecole Hôtelière de Lausanne (Switzerland)  
Eindhoven University of Technology (Netherlands)  
Erasmus University Rotterdam (Netherlands)  
**EU Business School (Spain)**  
European University of Cyprus (Greece)  
Florence Classical Arts Academy (Italy)  
Fonty's University of Applied Sciences (Netherlands)  
German International University (Germany)  
HAN University of Applied Sciences (Netherlands)  
Humanitas University (Italy)  
**IE University (Spain)**  
Istanbul Medipol University (Turkey)  
**John Cabot College (Italy)**  
Koc University (Turkey)  
Maastricht University (Netherlands)  
Masaryk University (Czech Republic)  
Marbella International University Centre (Spain)  
Radboud University (Netherlands)

Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam  
Utrecht University  
Rotterdam University of Applied Sciences (Netherlands)  
The American University of Paris (France)  
**The Medical University of Warsaw (Poland)**  
Tilburg University (Netherlands)  
Trinity College Dublin (Ireland)  
**Universidad Europa de Madrid (Spain)**  
**Université Libre de Bruxelles (Belgium)**  
University College Dublin (Ireland)  
University of Amsterdam (Netherlands)  
University of Debrecen (Hungary)  
University of Groningen (Netherlands)  
University of Twente (Netherlands)  
Wageningen University & Research (Netherlands)  
WU (Vienna University of Economics & Business) (Austria)

### UAE & Middle East

**American University of Beirut (Lebanon)**  
American University in Cairo (Egypt)  
**American University in Dubai (UAE)**  
American University of Sharjah (UAE)  
Canadian University of Dubai (UAE)  
Dubai Institution of Design and Innovation (UAE)  
Emirates Aviation University (UAE)  
Gulf Medical University (UAE)  
**Heriot-Watt University Dubai (UAE)**  
Hult International Business School (UAE)  
**King Fahd University of Petroleum & Minerals (Saudi Arabia)**  
Lebanese American University (Lebanon)  
Mercer University (Georgia)  
Middlesex University Dubai (UAE)  
**Mohammed Bin Rashid University of Medicine and Health Sciences (UAE)**  
**New York University - Abu Dhabi (UAE) (2)**  
**Rochester Institute of Technology Dubai (UAE)**  
**Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland - Medical University of Bahrain (RCSI Bahrain)**  
**Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi (UAE)**  
**University of Birmingham - Dubai (UAE)**  
**University of Sharjah (UAE)**  
**University of Wollongong in Dubai (UAE)**  
Zayed University (UAE)

### Other

Deakin University (Australia)  
De La Salle-College of Saint Benilde (Philippines)  
Griffith University (Australia)  
**Hanyang University (South Korea)**  
James Cook University (Australia)  
La Trobe University (Australia)  
Monash University (Australia)  
Petronas University of Technology (Malaysia)  
Queensland University of Technology (Australia)  
Sophia University (Japan)  
Southville International School and Colleges (Philippines)  
**St. George's University School of Medicine (Grenada)**  
University Center of Belo Horizonte (Brazil)  
University of Melbourne (Australia)  
University of Queensland (Australia)  
University of Technology Sydney (Australia)  
University of Wollongong (Australia)  
The University of Auckland (New Zealand)  
Waseda University (Japan)



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AFEF is an initiative started by the Al Futtaim family to support the UAE Government's vision for the creation of a globally competitive knowledge economy while maximizing their social contribution to the community through this not-for-profit endeavor.

The vision of AFEF is to create excellence; to prepare our students for university and to give them the skills to successfully embrace global citizenship and future opportunities in the UAE and beyond.

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