

# **HIGH SCHOOL PROFILE**

2022-2023

# **MISSION STATEMENT**

ACS empowers students to solve problems with creativity and integrity, to lead well-balanced lives, and to serve Lebanon and the world community with understanding and compassion.

### THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Established in 1905, the American Community School Beirut (ACS Beirut) is an independent, not-for-profit institution with a multi-cultural student body and an international faculty. ACS Beirut offers a nursery through secondary program for over 900 students. The high school program is college preparatory, sending 100% of its graduates to colleges and universities all over the world. Located in Beirut, a cosmopolitan city on the Eastern Mediterranean, ACS Beirut remains vibrant despite continued political unrest. Enrollment this year has dropped due to an economic depression, banking crisis, political upheaval, the COVID-19 pandemic, and the aftermath of a catastrophic explosion that hit our city on August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Our community has suffered a lot, but our 117-years old institution remains resilient and committed to providing quality education in Lebanon and the Middle East.



Student enrollment is reflective of the demographic diversity in Beirut. ACS Beirut has a multilingual and multicultural student body. Students are passionate about issues surrounding social justice, environmental activism, and many more.

NATIONALITIES

246

**HS STUDENTS** 

SENIORS CLASS OF 2023

7:1

STUDENT TO TEACHER
RATIO

22

**STUDENTS PER CLASS** 

MAXIMUM NUMBER



# GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS



### **GRADING SYSTEM**

Letter grades and their equivalents

LETTER GRADE	PERCENTAGE EQUIVALENT
Α	93-100
A-	90-92
B+	87-89
В	83-86
B-	80-82
C+	77-79
С	73-76
C-	70-72
D+	67-69
D	65-66
F	BELOW 65

**26 CREDITS** 

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION

# AMERICAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL BEIRUT

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# CEEB CODE

**UCAS NUMBER** 

IB CODE

685100

48457

0830

# **ACCREDITATION**









# THE CURRICULUM

ACS Beirut offers a challenging curriculum designed for the college-bound student. Within the High School, there are three different diploma programs offered: the Lebanese Baccalaureate, the U.S. High School Diploma, and the International Baccalaureate Diploma (open enrollment in all IB courses). All ACS graduates earn a U.S. High School Diploma; additionally 35% of graduates earned the IB Diploma and 1.67% earned the Lebanese Baccalaureate. All students must complete FOUR school approved community service activities.

In Grade 11 all students receive extra weight on their GPA from their foreign language, Math and English courses. In Grade 12 Lebanese baccalaureate candidates and American High School diploma students receive extra weight on their GPA for the before mentioned subjects while IB candidates received extra weight on their HL courses. ACS Beirut does not provide class rank. GPA is calculated only on courses taken at the School. All  $12^{\rm th}$  grade students at ACS are college bound and complete a program of study that meets and exceeds the demands of a typical American High School.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENT (26 CREDITS)	ACS/ IB PROGRAM	LEBANESE PROGRAM
ENGLISH (4 CREDITS)	English (Gr. 9/10/12)  IB English A: Lang. & Lit. (Gr. 11) IB English A: Lang/Lit.SL/HL (Gr. 11/12)	English (Gr. 9/10)  IB English A: Lang. & Lit. (Gr. 11)  IB English A: Lang/Lit.SL/HL (Gr. 11/12)
SOCIAL SCIENCES (4 CREDITS)	World History 1750-1914 (Gr. 9) Middle East History 1914-present (Gr. 10)  IB Economics (Gr. 11/12) IB Global Politics (Gr. 11/12) IB Psychology (Gr. 11/12) Introduction to Business (Gr.12) Introduction to Psychology (Gr.12)	World History 1750-1914 (Gr. 10) Middle East History 1914-present (Gr. 11) History/Geography/Civics (Gr. 9 - LB)  IB Economics SL (Gr. 11) IB Global Politics SL (Gr. 11) IB Psychology SL (Gr. 11) History/Geography/Civics (Gr. 12 - LB) Philosophy / Civilization (Gr. 12 - LB)
MATHEMATICS (4 CREDITS)	Algebra & Geometry (Gr. 9) Algebra II (Gr. 10)  Math (Gr. 12) IB Math Applications & Interp SL (Gr. 11/12) IB Math Analysis & Approaches SL (Gr. 11/12) IB Math Analysis & Approaches HL (Gr. 11/12)	LB Math (Gr. 9/10/11/12)
EXPERIMENTAL SCIENCES (4 CREDITS)	Biology (Gr. 9) Physical Science (Gr. 10)  IB Biology Year I/II SL/HL (Gr. 11/12) IB Chemistry Year I/II SL/HL (Gr. 11/12) IB Physics Year I/II SL/HL (Gr. 11/12) IB Sports, Exercise and Health Sciences (Gr. 12) Environmental Systems Sciences (Gr. 12)	LB Biology/Chemistry/Physics (Gr. 9/10/11/12)
WORLD LANGUAGES (4 CREDITS)	Arabic B HL 9 Arabic AFL 10 Arabic B SL-HL (Gr. 10) IB Arabic B SL-HL (Gr. 11/12) IB Arabic A:Lang & Lit SL (Gr. 11/12) French Beginners (Gr. 9/10) French SL-HL (Gr. 9/10) IB French AB Initio (Gr. 11/12) IB French B SL-HL (Gr. 11/12)	Arabic (Gr. 9 - LB) Arabic (Gr. 12 - LB)
PHYSICAL EDUCATION (2 CREDITS)	PE (Gr. 9/10/12)	PE (Gr. 9/10)
FINE ARTS (2 CREDITS, IB DP & ACS 1 CREDIT, LB STUDENTS)	2D Visual Arts (Gr. 9/10) 3D Visual Arts (Gr. 9/10) Ceramics (Gr. 9/10) Computer Graphics (Gr. 9/10) Digital Photography (Gr. 9/10) Drama (Gr. 9/10) Music-Band (Gr. 9/10/11/12) Public Art (Gr. 9/10/11/12) Yearbook (Gr. 9/10/11/12)	
OTHER	IB Visual Arts / IB Theatre Arts (Gr. 11) IB Visual Arts HL-SL (Gr. 12) IB Theatre Arts HL - SL (Gr. 12)	
	Theory of Knowledge (Gr. 11/12)	

# **IB PROGRAM**



95.45 PASS RATE IN 2022

5.44 AVERAGE SUBJECT MARK 33 AVERAGE SCORE

22 FULL IB DIPLOMA CANDIDATES

# HIGHEST DIPLOMA POINTS AWARDED TO A CANDIDATE



# **COLLEGE MATRICULATION**

A student at ACS can be assured of receiving an education that is on par with quality international schools. Over the last five years our graduates have matriculated at the following Colleges & Universities:

### **AUSTRALIA**

The University of Melbourne University of Adelaide

### **BELGIUM**

Katholieke Universiteit Leuven

#### CANADA

Concordia University - Montreal McGill University Simon Fraser University University of British Columbia University of Toronto University of Victoria Western University YorkUniversity

#### **DENMARK**

University of Copenhagen

#### **EGYPT**

The American University in Cairo

#### FRANCE

EICAR-International Film School of Paris IESEG School of Management - Lille ESMOD

## **GERMANY**

Goethe-Institut

### **IRELAND**

Trinity College Dublin National University of Ireland Galway

# **ITALY**

**Humanitas University** 

### **KUWAIT**

American University of Kuwait

### **LEBANON**

American University of Beirut American University of Science & Technology Lebanese American University Lebanese International University Notre Dame University University of Balamand

# MALAYSIA

The University of Nottingham Malaysia

# **NETHERLANDS**

Erasmus Universiteit Rotterdam Erasmus University College Technische Universiteit Delft Universiteit Maastricht Universiteit Utrecht Universiteit van Amsterdam University College Utrecht

### **PHILIPPINES**

Ateneo de Manila University

### **SPAIN**

EU Business School Barcelona IE University - Madrid Campus IE University - Segovia Saint Louis University, Madrid Universidad Complutense de Madrid

### **SWITZERLAND**

Ecole Hoteliere de Lausanne

# **UNITED ARAB EMIRATES**

American University of Sharjah Emirates Aviation University Middlesex University Dubai

### **UNITED KINGDOM**

Architectural Association School of Architecture
Bournemouth University
Brunel University London
Cardiff University
City University of London
Guildhall School of Music & Drama
Hult International Business School - London
Imperial College London

King's College London
Queen Mary University of London

Regent's University London

School of Oriental and African Studies,

University of London
The University of Edinburgh
The University of Manchester
The University of Nottingham
The University of Sheffield
The University of Warwick
The University of Winchester
University College London
University of Exeter

University of Glasgow University of Kent University of Surrey University of Sussex

University of Sussex University of Westminster

# **UNITED STATES**

Academy of Art University

Bard College Barnard College Bennington College Binghamton University Boston College Boston University

Brooklyn College of the CUNY

**Brown University** 

California State University, Long Beach

Carleton College

Central Washington University Columbia College Chicago Columbia University

Cornell University Davidson College DePaul University Duke University

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University-

Daytona Beach Emmanuel College Emmanuel College Emory University Fordham University George Mason University Georgetown University Harvard University James Madison University

Johns Hopkins University

**Knox College** 

Loyola Marymount University

Macalester College Marist College Michigan State University

Minerva Schools at KGI New York University Northeastern University

Oberlin College of Arts and Sciences

Orange Coast College Pepperdine University Pima Community College Pomona College Purdue University

Rochester Institute of Technology San Diego State University SciencesPo- Columbia University

Dual BA Program

SouthernCalifornia Institute of Architecture

St. Francis College
St. Olaf College
Swarthmore College
Syracuse University
The Evergreen State College
The George Washington University
The University of Arizona
The University of Texas, Austin

University at Buffalo (The State University of New York)

University of California, Berkeley University of California, Los Angeles University of California, Riverside University of California, San Diego University of California, Santa Barbara University of California, Santa Cruz University of Chicago

University of Colorado at Boulder University of Denver

University of Florida

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

University of Kentucky
University of Mary Washington
University of Massachusetts, Amherst
University of Massachussets, Boston
University of Michigan, Dearborn
University of Pennsylvania

University of Michigan, Dearborn
University of Pennsylvania
University of Richmond
University of San Francisco
University of South Florida
University of Tempa
University of Virginia
University of Washington
University of Washington, Bothell
University of Wisconsin, Madison
Virginia Commonwealth

University Virginia Tech Wentworth Institute of Technology

Wheaton College MA Wheelock College Williams College