



المدرسة الأمريكية الدولية في أبو ظبي ذ.م.م. The American International School in Abu Dhabi L.L.C.

2012 – 2013 High School Profile

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School and Community

The American International School in Abu Dhabi (AISA), was founded in 1995 to serve the educational needs of the local and expatriate residents of Abu Dhabi. AISA is administered by Educational Services Overseas Limited (ESOL), an organization that also manages fully accredited schools in Dubai, Egypt, and Cyprus. The school is centrally located in the Embassy Zone of Abu Dhabi, approximately 10 kilometers from the city center. AISA currently enrolls 1,273 students in grades K-12 and has a full time teaching staff of 145, which provides an ideal student to teacher ratio. The total enrollment in the high school is 346 students, with 86 students in the Class of 2012. AISA's classes are co-educational from grades K-5. All middle and high school classes are gender segregated. The high school student body represents 50 nationalities. Approximately 33% of the students are from the UAE, 15% from the USA, 15% from Europe, 12% from the surrounding Middle East, 7% from Asia, 7% from Canada, 7% from Oceania, and 4% from South Africa. School facilities include one main high school building with 32 classrooms, a library, a drama center, three computer labs, two art rooms, six science labs, two gymnasiums, and a cafeteria.

AISA Mission Statement

Our mission is to produce reflective, responsible, independent, and respectful students, who possess strong global citizenship, integrity, and an appreciation for lifelong learning. Through our academics and extra-curricular programs, we strive to provide a quality education that gives students the ability to reach their full potential, both academically and personally, and to make a worthwhile contribution to society.

Accreditation

AISA is fully accredited by Middle States Association of Schools and Colleges (U.S.A.) and the Council of International Schools. AISA is licensed by the U.A.E. Ministry of Education. AISA is authorized by the International Baccalaureate Organization to offer the International Baccalaureate Diploma as well as the Primary Years Program. The High School Counselor is a member of the Overseas and National Association for College Admission Counseling and abides by their Statement of Good Practice.

Academic Curriculum

AISA provides an American style college preparatory program in the English language for all students in grade 9-12. In grade 10, students may either continue with the college preparatory program for the remainder of high school or pursue the one-year International Baccalaureate Preparatory Program. This program prepares students to apply for the two-year International Baccalaureate Diploma Program in grades 11 and 12, which was instituted at AISA in 1996.

College Preparatory Program - Graduation Requirements and Grading Scale

All students pursuing the college preparatory program are required to complete 24 course credits. One credit is awarded for each year-long course completed with a passing mark of a D- or above. Only courses taken at AISA are factored into the GPA. The required 24 course credits must be completed in the following areas:

English	4 credits
Social Science	4 credits
Mathematics	3 credits
Science	3 credits
Second Language	3 credits
Computer Studies	1 credit
Electives (including P.E.)	6 credits

A+	97-100	4.33
A	93-96	4.00
A-	90-92	3.67
B+	87-89	3.33
B	83-86	3.00
B-	80-82	2.67
C+	77-79	2.33
C	73-76	2.00
C-	70-72	1.67
D+	67-69	1.33
D	63-66	1.00
D-	60-62	0.67
F	0-59	0.00

* Arab students must complete four years of Arabic, four years of Islamic Studies, and one year of Arabic Social Studies, as per the requirement by the U.A.E. Ministry of Education. A passing grade of a 60% is required in all classes except for Arabic where a 50% and higher is passing.

College Preparatory Program - Course Offerings

English

English 9
English 10
English 11
English 12
Creative Writing/Public Speaking

Second Languages

Arabic I, II, III, IV
French I, II, III, IV
Conversational Spanish

Social Science

Geography
World History
U.S. History
Economics
Psychology
International Studies
Political Issues & Debates

Arts

Drama
Art I
Art II
Music

Science

Biology I
Chemistry I
Physics I
Chemistry II
Biology II

Physical Education

PE 9-12

Mathematics

Algebra I
Geometry
Algebra II
Pre-Calculus
Calculus

Technology

Information Technology
Publications

International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme

AISA is an IB World School and is authorized to offer the International Baccalaureate Organization. Grade 11 and 12 students have the opportunity to complete this highly regarded two-year program. All students who complete the IB Program will also be awarded an AISA high school diploma in conjunction with their IB Diploma, awarded by the IBO. IB Higher Level courses are weighted (+.67) as are IB Standard Level and IB Preparatory Courses (+.33). AISA currently offers the following IB courses:

IB English A1 (Higher Level and Standard Level)
IB French B (Higher Level and Standard Level)
IB Spanish AB Initio (Standard Level)
IB Arabic A2 (Standard Level)
IB Mathematics (Higher Level and Standard Level)
IB Math Studies (Standard Level)
IB Economics (Higher Level and Standard Level)

IB Business and Management (Higher Level and Standard Level)
IB History (Higher Level and Standard Level) .
IB Physics (Higher Level and Standard Level)
IB Biology (Higher Level and Standard Level)
IB Chemistry (Higher Level and Standard Level)
IB Environmental Systems and Societies (Standard Level)
IB Visual Arts (Higher Level and Standard Level)

Class Rank

The American International School in Abu Dhabi only provides a rank for the top two students in the graduating class. Each year, a valedictorian and a salutatorian from the college preparatory program and a valedictorian and salutatorian from the IB Diploma Program are recognized at the graduation ceremony. A student must be enrolled their entire junior and senior year to be considered for valedictorian or salutatorian.

Extracurricular Activities

The academic experience at AISA is accompanied by an array of after school activities. AISA encourages students to participate in the six athletic programs, which include soccer, basketball, track and field, badminton, softball, and volleyball. In addition, AISA offers MUN, Amnesty International, choir, drama club, art club, international club, school newspaper, yearbook, student council, student ambassadors, and a literary magazine.

University Acceptances for the Class of 2012

United States

Academy of Art University, San Francisco
American University of Washington
Brandeis University, Massachusetts
Brigham Young University, Idaho
Brigham Young University, Hawaii
Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah
Brown University, Rhode Island
California College of Art & Design
Case Western Reserve University, Ohio
De Paul University, Illinois
Drew University, New Jersey
Florida Institute of Technology, Florida
George Mason University, Virginia
Hampshire College, Massachusetts
Iowa State University, Iowa
New Jersey Institute of Technology
New York University, New York
Northern Virginia Community College
Oregon State University
OTIS College of Art & Design, California
Pennsylvania State University
Reed College, Oregon
Suffolk University, Massachusetts
Syracuse University, New York
University of California, Irvine, California
University of California, Riverside, California
University of Delaware
University of Kansas
University of Tampa
University of Texas, Arlington
University of Utah
University of Washington
University of William & Mary, Virginia

Europe

University of Oldenburg, Germany
Istituto Marangoni, Italy
Erasmus University, Netherlands
Suffolk University, Spain
Ecole Hoteliere de Lausanne, Switzerland
Franklin College, Switzerland
IHTTI School of Hotel Management, Switzerland
Universite de Friburg, Switzerland
Universite de Lausanne, Switzerland

United Kingdom

Brunel University
Into City University, London
European Business School
King's College
Lancaster University
London Metropolitan University
London School of Fashion
London School of Business and Finance
Queen's University, Belfast, Ireland
Queens Mary University
Regents Business School
Richmond University
Royal Holloway
University of Sussex
University for the Creative Arts
University of East London
University of Edinburgh
University of Manchester
University of Richmond
University of West England, Bristol
University of Westminster

Australia, South Africa & Asia

Blue Mountains Intl Hotel School, Australia
Curtin University, Australia
Deakin University, Australia
Edith Cowan University, Australia
Melbourne University, Australia
Monash University, Australia
Murdoch University, Australia
Queensland University, Australia
Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology, Australia
University of Hong Kong
Manipal University, India
Amity University, India
Otago University, New Zealand
University of Auckland, New Zealand
National University of Singapore, Singapore
University of Cape Town, South Africa
South Africa Chef's Academy, South Africa
University of Pretoria, South Africa
University of Stellenbosch, South Africa
University of Western Cape, South Africa
University of Witwatersrand, South Africa

United Arab Emirates

American University of Dubai
American University of Sharjah
Emirates University
Gulf Medical University, Ajman
Higher Colleges of Technology
Khalifa University
New York University, Abu Dhabi
Paris-Sorbonne Abu Dhabi
School of Audio Engineering, Dubai
Zayed University

Canada

York University
Brock University
Carleton University
Concordia University
Dalhousie University
McMaster University
Okanagan College
Ontario College of Art & Design
Queen's University
Ryerson University
Trent University
University of Alberta
University of British Columbia
University of Calgary
University of Guelph
University of Ottawa
University of Saskatchewan
University of Toronto 2
University of Victoria
University of Waterloo
University of Western Ontario
University of Windsor
Wilfrid Laurier University
College Preparatory Program - Course Offerings

Middle East

American University in Cairo - Egypt