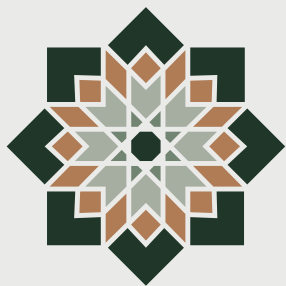


# HIGH SCHOOL PROFILE 2019-2020



AMERICAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL  
OF ABU DHABI SINCE 1972

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## MISSION STATEMENT

The American Community School of Abu Dhabi empowers all students to define and shape their futures for learning, service, and global citizenship.

## ACS CORE VALUES

COURAGE | CURIOSITY | COMPASSION | INTEGRITY

## OUR SCHOOL

Established in 1972, on land donated by the late H.H. Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nayan, 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 1,200 students between the ages of 4-18 representing more than 55 nationalities. **The language of instruction at ACS is English.**

376

Students in  
Grades 9-12

93

Students in the  
Class of 2020

38

Nationalities Represented  
in Grades 9-12

## ACCREDITATION AND MEMBERSHIPS

**United Arab Emirates Ministry of Education** Abu Dhabi Educational Zone, Lic. #19/1

**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

**International ACAC** International Association for College Admissions Counseling

**IBO** International Baccalaureate Organization

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FACULTY/STUDENT RATIO

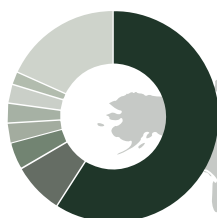


67% OF FACULTY HAVE  
ADVANCED DEGREES



CLASSES MEET FOR 80 MINUTES  
EVERY OTHER DAY

## PASSPORT HOLDERS OF THE CLASS OF 2020



- 59% US
- 8% India
- 4% Germany
- 3% Canada
- 3% France
- 3% Korea
- 2% UAE
- 18% Other



## 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), 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 2019/2020

### CREATIVE ARTS

Foundations Art & Design  
Advanced Sculpture & Ceramics  
Advanced Drawing & Painting  
Acting  
Advanced Theater I & II  
Stagecraft  
Advanced Stagecraft  
Symphonic Band  
Wind Ensemble  
Chamber Orchestra  
Concert Choir  
Women's Choir  
Chamber Choir

### ENGLISH

English 9, 10, 11, 12

### MATHEMATICS

Math 9  
Math 9 Extended  
Math 10  
Math 10 Extended  
Applied Mathematics

### SCIENCE

Science 9  
Science 10  
Environmental Systems & Societies

### SOCIAL STUDIES

Global Studies  
US History  
Activism & Entrepreneurism

### DESIGN INNOVATION

Intro to Computer Science  
Design Tech  
Design Tech II  
Graphic Design  
Intro to Film and Media Production  
Advanced Film and Media Production  
Intro to Visual Effects & 3D Modeling

### LEARNING LAB

Learning Lab

### ISLAMIC STUDIES

Islamic Studies in Arabic  
Islamic Studies in English

### PHYSICAL EDUCATION

PE 9  
PE10 / Health 10  
Active for Life

Fitness & Theory 101

Fitness & Theory 102

### WORLD LANGUAGES

Arabic: Novice, Intermediate, Intermediate High, Advanced  
French: Novice, Intermediate, Intermediate High, Advanced  
Spanish: Novice, Intermediate, Intermediate High, Advanced

### AP COURSES

Calculus AB  
Computer Science A  
Computer Science Principles  
English Literature and Composition  
Statistics  
US Government & Politics  
US History

### IB COURSES

English A: Language and Literature SL/HL  
English A: Literature SL/HL  
School Supported Self-Taught Language A: SL  
Arabic ab initio SL  
Arabic B SL/HL  
French ab initio SL  
French B SL/HL  
French A: Language and Literature SL/HL  
Spanish ab initio SL  
Spanish B SL/HL  
Modern History SL/HL  
Economics SL/HL  
Geography SL/HL  
Environmental Systems & Societies SL  
Biology SL/HL  
Chemistry SL/HL  
Physics SL/HL  
Mathematics: Analysis and Approaches SL/HL  
Mathematics: Applications and Interpretations SL/HL  
Mathematical Studies SL  
Mathematics SL/HL  
Film SL/HL  
Music SL/HL  
Theater Arts SL/HL  
Visual Arts SL/HL

## CO-CURRICULAR OFFERINGS

The High School has an extensive co-curricular program, based around student clubs, athletics, service and the arts. We have 22 JV and Varsity athletic teams, more than 15 service clubs that are linked to the Sustainable Development Goals outlined by the United Nations. In addition, we offer Chess, Forensics, Jazz Band, Model United Nations (MUN), National Honor Society, Robotics, Sailing, Stream Team and Wrestling. 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-	3.667	3.917	4.167
B+	3.333	3.583	3.833
B	3.000	3.250	3.500
B-	2.667	2.917	3.167
C+	2.333	2.583	2.833
C	2.000	2.250	2.500
C-	1.667	1.917	2.167
D+	1.333	1.583	1.833
D	1.000	1.250	1.500
D-	0.667	0.917	1.167
F	0.000	0.000	0.000
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 but are reported (and credits awarded) on the ACS transcript.

## GRADUATION CREDIT REQUIREMENTS

	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
Core Electives	3.0
Non-Core Electives	4.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>25.0</b>

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

## GRADUATION SERVICE REQUIREMENT

The Service Learning requirement serves to instill all ACS students with a sense of community and an understanding of our responsibilities as global citizens. Service experiences should be meaningful, authentic, and provide opportunities for learning. Students document their ongoing commitment to service with reflections posted in the online portfolio, ManageBac, throughout each school year.

## CLASS OF 2020 GPA STATISTICS

3.75 - 4.00	21 Students	
3.50 - 3.74	26 Students	
3.25 - 3.49	19 Students	
3.00 - 3.24	12 Students	
2.75 - 2.99	6 Students	
2.50 - 2.75	4 Students	
below 2.5	2 Students	
New, no GPA	3 Students	

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



## 2019 ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) SUBJECT SCORES

	ACS	WORLD
Computer Science Principles [22]	4.59	3.44
US History [32]	3.53	3.05
Statistics [13]	2.8	3.35
Calculus [8]	2.75	3.37
English Language and Composition [29]	2.66	3.03

- Number in brackets indicates the number of ACS students who sat the exam

## CLASS OF 2020 SAT SUMMARY

SECTION	ACS MID 50%	ACS MEAN
EBRW	570-670	623
MATH	570-700	640
COMBINED	1160-1360	1248

NUMBER OF TEST TAKERS: 83 STUDENTS

## CLASS OF 2020 ACT SUMMARY

SECTION	ACS MID 50%	ACS MEAN
READING	20-29	24
SCIENCE	24-30	26
ENGLISH	20-26	24
MATH	23-28	26
COMPOSITE	21.75-30.5	25

NUMBER OF TEST TAKERS: 15 STUDENTS

## TESTING RESTRICTIONS ON INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS & US CITIZENS ABROAD

In recent years, and particularly this year, our students have had reduced access to SAT and SAT Subject and ACT tests because of fewer test dates abroad, fewer sites offering the test, score cancellations, technology difficulties, and higher fees. We ask that all higher education institutions take this into account when evaluating our students' applications.

## COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY APPLICATIONS

- Students are limited to ten applications 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.

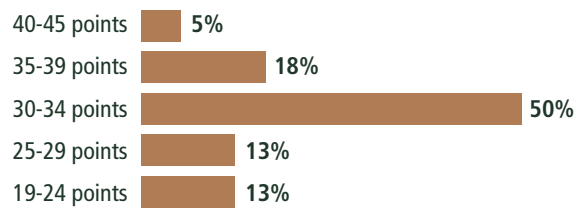
## AP/IB ACCESS

- All students are encouraged to participate in the IB Diploma Programme and AP courses.
- We encourage students to enroll in no more than three HL or three AP courses.

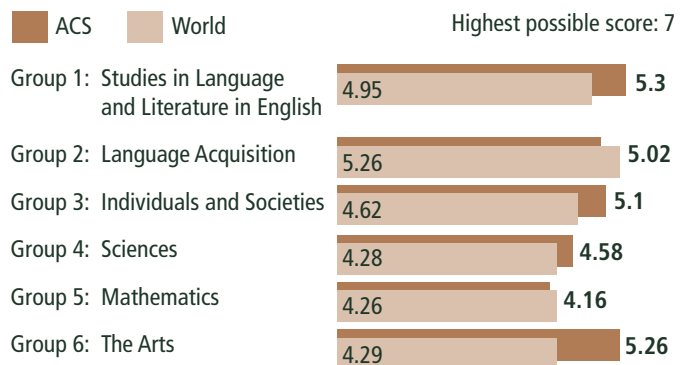
## 2019 INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE DP RESULTS

<b>38 of 83</b> SENIORS WERE IB DIPLOMA CANDIDATES	<b>44</b> HIGHEST SCORE EARNED
<b>33</b> AVERAGE TOTAL POINTS EARNED	<b>4.9</b> AVERAGE SCORE ON ALL IB EXAMS BY DIPLOMA CANDIDATES

Total points obtained by candidates:



## 2019 AVERAGE INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE (IB) SCORES BY SUBJECT GROUPS



## 2019 IB PREDICTED SCORES

**92%** Scores by subject were within one point of teacher prediction

**40%** Scores by subject matched teacher predictions

# AMERICAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL OF ABU DHABI UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCES AND MATRICULATION FOR THE CLASSES OF 2016-2019



## UNITED STATES

Adelphi University  
**American University (5)**  
 Amherst College  
**Arizona State University**  
 Baldwin Wallace University  
**Bard College**  
 Baruch College of the CUNY  
**Baylor University**  
**Belmont University**  
 Bentley University  
**Berklee College of Music**  
**Binghamton University**  
 Birmingham-Southern College  
 Black Hills State University  
**Boston College**  
**Boston University (5)**  
 Bowling Green State University  
 Brandeis University  
**Brigham Young University (2)**  
**Brigham Young University, Idaho (5)**  
 Bryant University  
 Bryn Mawr College  
 Butler University  
**Cabrillo College**  
 California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo  
 California State Polytechnic University – Pomona  
 California State University, Chico  
 California State University, Long Beach  
 California State University, Monterey Bay  
 California State University, Sacramento  
**Campbellsville University**  
**Carleton College**  
**Carnegie Mellon University**  
**Carroll College**  
 Case Western Reserve University  
**Catholic University of America**  
 Central Washington University  
**Chapman University (3)**  
**Claremont McKenna College**  
 Clark University  
 Clarkson University  
 Cleveland State University  
 Colby College  
 Colgate University  
**College of San Mateo**  
**College of William & Mary**  
**Colorado College (2)**  
**Colorado School of Mines**  
**Colorado State University**  
 Columbia University  
**Columbia University-Trinity College**  
 Connecticut College  
 Cornell University  
 Dakota State University  
**DePaul University**  
 Dickinson College  
 DigiPen Institute of Technology  
**Dominican University**  
**Drexel University (2)**  
**Duke University**  
 East Carolina University  
**Eckerd College**  
**Elon University (2)**  
 Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University  
**Emerson College**  
**Emory University (2)**  
**Everett Community College**  
**Evergreen State College**  
 Fashion Institute of Technology  
 Florida Atlantic University  
**Florida Institute of Technology**  
**Florida State University**  
**Fordham University (2)**  
**Full Sail University**  
 George Fox University  
**George Mason University (2)**  
**George Washington University (2)**  
**Georgetown University (2)**  
 Georgia College  
 Georgia Institute of Technology  
 Gonzaga University  
 Grande Prairie Regional College  
 Grinnell College  
 Hampshire College  
 Haverford College  
**Hofstra University**  
 Hunter College of the CUNY  
**Indiana University at Bloomington (2)**  
 Ithaca College

Johns Hopkins University  
 Kansas State University  
 Kent State University  
**Lee University**  
 Lehigh University  
 Lehman College of the CUNY  
 Lesley University  
 Lewis & Clark College  
 Liberty University  
 Long Island University, Post  
**Louisiana State University**  
**Loyola Marymount University**  
 Loyola University Chicago  
 Luther College  
 Lynn University  
**Macalester College**  
 Manhattan College  
 Marist College  
 Maryland Institute College of Art  
 Marymount Manhattan College  
 Marymount University  
 Massachusetts College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences  
 Michigan State University  
**Mississippi State University**  
**Monmouth University**  
**Montana State University**  
 Montgomery College  
 Mount Holyoke College  
 Multnomah University  
 New Jersey Institute of Technology  
**New School (2)**  
 New York Institute of Technology  
**New York University (11)**  
**North Carolina State University (2)**  
 Northeastern Illinois University  
**Northeastern University (7)**  
**Northern Arizona University**  
**Northwest Christian University**  
 Norwich University  
 Occidental College  
 Ohio Northern University  
 Ohio State University  
 Ohio University  
 Ohio Valley University  
**Oklahoma State University**  
 Otterbein University  
 Oxford College of Emory University  
**Pace University, New York City**  
**Pennsylvania State University (5)**  
**Pepperdine University**  
 Plymouth State University  
 Portland State University  
 Pratt Institute  
 Purchase College, SUNY  
**Purdue University (3)**  
 Quinnipiac University  
 Radford University  
 Regent's University London  
 Regis College  
 Rhodes College  
**Richland College**  
**Rochester Institute of Technology**  
 Roger Williams University  
**Rutgers University**  
 Saint Louis University  
 Saint Michael's College  
 Sam Houston State University  
 San Bernardino Valley College  
 San Diego State University  
 San Francisco State University  
 Santa Clara University  
**Savannah College of Art and Design (2)**  
**School of the Art Institute of Chicago**  
 School of Visual Arts  
 Scripps College  
 Seton Hall University  
 Sewanee: The University of the South  
 Skidmore College  
 Smith College  
 South Seattle Community College  
 Southeast Missouri State University  
 Southern Methodist University  
 St. Edward's University  
 St. John's College  
 St. John's University  
**St. Olaf College**  
 Stephen F. Austin State University  
 Stony Brook University  
**Suffolk University**  
 SUNY, Geneseo  
**Swarthmore College**  
**Syracuse University**

Temple University  
**Texas A&M University (5)**  
**Texas Southern University (2)**  
**Texas Tech University (2)**  
**Towson University**  
**Trinity College**  
**Trinity University**  
**Tufts University**  
 Tulane University  
 University at Buffalo – SUNY  
 University of Akron  
 University of Alabama  
 University of Alaska  
**University of Arizona (5)**  
**University of California, Berkeley (3)**  
**University of California, Davis (5)**  
 University of California, Irvine  
**University of California, Los Angeles (4)**  
 University of California, Merced  
 University of California, Riverside  
**University of California, San Diego (5)**  
**University of California, Santa Barbara (2)**  
 University of California, Santa Cruz  
**University of Central Missouri**  
**University of Chicago (2)**  
 University of Cincinnati  
**University of Colorado**  
 University of Colorado, Colorado Springs  
 University of Connecticut  
**University of Dayton**  
 University of Delaware  
**University of Denver**  
 University of Evansville  
 University of Florida  
**University of Georgia**  
 University of Hartford  
 University of Houston  
 University of Illinois at Chicago  
**University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign**  
**University of Iowa**  
 University of Kentucky  
 University of La Verne  
**University of Louisville**  
 University of Maine  
 University of Mary Washington  
**University of Maryland, Baltimore County**  
**University of Massachusetts**  
 University of Massachusetts, Boston  
**University of Miami (2)**  
**University of Michigan**  
**University of Michigan, Dearborn**  
**University of Minnesota**  
 University of Minnesota, Duluth  
 University of Minnesota, Morris  
 University of Missouri  
 University of Nebraska at Lincoln  
 University of Nebraska at Omaha  
 University of New Hampshire  
 at Durham  
 University of North Carolina at Asheville  
**University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill**  
 University of North Carolina at Charlotte  
 University of North Carolina at Greensboro  
 University of North Florida  
 University of Northern Colorado  
 University of Oklahoma  
**University of Oregon**  
**University of Pennsylvania**  
 University of Pittsburgh  
 University of Portland  
 University of Redlands  
**University of Rhode Island**  
 University of Richmond  
 University of Rochester  
 University of San Diego  
 University of San Francisco  
**University of South Dakota (2)**  
**University of South Florida**  
 University of Southern California  
 University of Southern Mississippi  
 University of Tampa  
**University of Texas, Arlington**  
**University of Texas, Austin (3)**  
**University of Texas, Dallas**  
 University of Texas, El Paso

**University of Texas, San Antonio (2)**  
 University of Texas, Tyler  
 University of the Pacific  
 University of Toledo  
**University of Tulsa**  
 University of Utah  
**University of Vermont (2)**  
 University of Virginia  
 University of Washington  
**University of Wisconsin**  
**Utah Valley University**  
 Vanderbilt University  
 VanderCook College of Music  
**Virginia Commonwealth University**  
**Virginia Tech (5)**  
 Wake Forest University  
 Washington State University  
 Wellesley College  
 Wentworth Institute of Technology  
 West Virginia University  
 Western Michigan University  
 Western Washington University  
**Wheaton College II**  
 Whitman College  
 Woodbury University  
**Worcester Polytechnic Institute**

**CANADA**  
 Acadia University  
 Alberta College of Art and Design  
**Algonquin College of Applied Arts & Technology**  
 Bishop's University  
 Brock University  
**Carleton University**  
 College of Makeup Art & Design  
**Concordia University (6)**  
**Dalhousie University (2)**  
**Emily Carr University of Art + Design**  
 Fanshawe College  
**McGill University (5)**  
**McMaster University (2)**  
**Memorial University of Newfoundland**  
 Mount Allison University  
 Niagara University  
 Nova Scotia College of Art and Design  
 Ontario Tech University  
**Queen's University**  
 Ryerson University  
**Saint Mary's University**  
**Simon Fraser University**  
 St. Francis Xavier University  
**University of British Columbia (5)**  
 University of Calgary  
**University of Guelph (3)**  
 University of New Brunswick  
**University of Ottawa**  
**University of Toronto (12)**  
 University of Waterloo  
 Vancouver Island University  
**Western University**  
 Western University (Brescia College)  
 Wilfrid Laurier University  
**York University (2)**

**UNITED KINGDOM**  
 Aston University  
 Bangor University  
**Brunei University London**  
**Central Saint Martins College of Art & Design**  
**City University of London**  
**Hult International Business School – London (2)**  
 Imperial College London  
**Keele University**  
**King's College London**  
**Kingston University**  
 Lancaster University  
 London School of Economics and Political Science  
 London South Bank University  
**Manchester Metropolitan University**  
 Newcastle University  
**Northern School of Art**  
 Northumbria University  
 Queen Mary University of London  
**Richmond, The American International University in London**

Royal Holloway, University of London  
 School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London  
**Swansea University**  
**University College London (2)**  
 University of Aberdeen  
 University of Bath  
 University of Birmingham  
 University of Bristol  
 University of Central Lancashire  
 University of Dundee  
**University of Edinburgh**  
 University of Exeter  
 University of Gloucestershire  
 University of Greenwich  
**University of Hertfordshire**  
 University of Huddersfield  
 University of Kent  
**University of Leeds**  
 University of Leicester  
 University of Liverpool  
 University of Manchester  
 University of Manchester Institute of Science & Technology  
**University of Nottingham**  
 University of Reading  
 University of Roehampton  
 University of Sheffield  
**University of St Andrews (3)**  
 University of Stirling  
 University of Sussex  
**University of Warwick**  
**University of Westminster**

**EUROPE**  
 Amsterdam Fashion Institute, Netherlands  
 Catholic University of Lyon, France  
**De Haagse Hogeschool (2)**, Netherlands  
**Ecole Hoteliere de Lausanne**, Switzerland  
**Erasmus Universiteit Rotterdam (3)**, Netherlands  
**Erasmus University College**, Netherlands  
 EU Business School – Geneva, Switzerland  
 Hanzehogeschool Groningen, Netherlands  
**Hogeschool van Amsterdam**, Netherlands  
**Hotel Institute Montreux**, Switzerland  
**IE University – Madrid Campus (2)**, Spain  
**Jacobs University**, Germany  
 Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium  
 Paris College of Art, France  
 Polimoda International Institute of Design and Marketing, Italy  
**Rijksuniversiteit Groningen**, Netherlands  
**Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland**, Ireland  
**Saint Louis University**, Madrid, Spain  
**Saxion Hogeschool**, Netherlands  
**SciencesPo/Columbia University**, France  
**Stockholm School of Economics**, Sweden  
 Stockholm University, Sweden  
 Tallinn University of Technology, Estonia

**Technische Universiteit Delft (2)**, Netherlands  
 Amsterdam Fashion Academy, Netherlands  
 Trinity College Dublin, Ireland  
 Umea University, Sweden  
**Universidade Catolica Portuguesa**, Portugal  
**Universita degli Studi di Roma 'Tor Vergata'**, Italy  
**Universita Bocconi**, Italy  
 Universiteit Leiden, Netherlands  
 Universiteit Maastricht, Netherlands  
**Universiteit Utrecht**, Netherlands  
 Universiteit van Amsterdam, Netherlands  
 University College Cork, Ireland  
 University College Utrecht, Netherlands  
 University of Bergen, Norway  
**University of Geneva**, Switzerland  
**University of Gothenburg**, Sweden  
 University of Tartu, Estonia  
**University of Veterinary Medicine, Budapest**, Hungary  
 Vesalius College, Belgium  
 Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, Netherlands  
 Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Belgium  
 Webster University Geneva, Switzerland  
**Webster University Vienna**, Austria

**MIDDLE EAST**  
**Abu Dhabi University**, UAE  
**American University of Beirut (2)**, Lebanon  
**American University of Sharjah (2)**, UAE  
 Carnegie Mellon University in Qatar, Qatar  
 Lebanese American University, Lebanon  
**New York University Abu Dhabi (3)**, UAE

**OTHER**  
 Australian National University, Australia  
 James Cook University, Australia  
 La Trobe University, Australia  
 Monash University, Australia  
 University of Melbourne, Australia  
 University of Sydney, Australia  
**Universidad CES (2)**, Colombia  
 University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong  
 Savannah College of Art and Design – Hong Kong  
 University of Auckland, New Zealand  
 University of Otago, New Zealand  
**Yale-NUS College**, Singapore

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

## 2019 UNIVERSITY MATRICULATION

48%	USA
14%	Canada
10%	Netherlands
5%	UK
5%	UAE
10%	Europe
8%	Gap Year / PG / Military