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Our Vision

Nurturing education as
driving force for → **curiosity,**
passion , purpose ,
and transformation.

School Accreditations

New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC)
International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO)
Ecuadorian Ministry of Education

School & Community

Academia Cotopaxi American International School (AC) is a private, independent, coeducational, and inclusive American international day school serving students from Preschool through Grade 12. We are a member of American International Schools in the Americas (AMISA). The School was founded in 1959 and is located in Ecuador's capital city, Quito. The student body consists of 558 students in three divisions, Elementary School, Middle School, and High School. 75% of our teachers have Master's Degrees.

We expect the class of 2026 to have 37 graduates. Academia Cotopaxi is proudly international in its student body, enrolling students from 35 countries. 60% of our students are international and 40% are Ecuadorian. Of the international students, 28% are North American.

Academic Program

Students in the high school follow a U.S. college preparatory curriculum. Academia Cotopaxi does not offer Advanced Placement (AP) classes. The language of instruction is English and graduates earn a U.S. secondary school diploma. In addition, students can also pursue an Ecuadorian diploma and can choose to pursue a full International Baccalaureate (IB) diploma during their junior and senior years, or enroll in individual IB courses. All IB diploma candidates are required to engage in and complete the assessments associated with Theory of Knowledge and the Extended Essay, as well as complete CAS (Creativity, Activity and Service).

All students are required to complete the requirements of CAS whether they are enrolled in the full diploma or taking a mix of IB and non IB courses. The high school provides extensive extracurricular activities including National Honors Society, Model United Nations, Music, Drama and Student Council. Athletic opportunities include soccer, basketball, volleyball, and swimming.

Grading Scale

Academia Cotopaxi has adopted the seven point IB Grading Scale. This scale is used for our GPA calculations. As of 23-24, 0.25 bonus points are awarded for SL classes and 0.5 bonus points are awarded for HL classes in the weighted GPA. Academia Cotopaxi does not rank students.

AC Grade	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	I
Descriptor	Excellent	Very Good	Good	Satisfactory	Mediocre	Poor	Very Poor	Incomplete

2026-2027 Courses Available to the Class of 2027

English 11-12	IB Biology HL/SL
IB English Lang & Lit HL/SL	IB Chemistry HL/SL
IB English Literature HL/SL	IB Physics HL/SL
IB English B SL	PreCalculus
English for Academic Purposes	Statistics & Probability
Spanish 1	IB Math AA HL/SL
Spanish 2	IB Math AI SL
Spanish 3	Arts Exploration
Spanish 4	Art in Action
Spanish 11/12	IB Visual Arts HL/SL
IB Spanish ab initio SL	HS Drama and Film Production
IB Spanish B HL/SL	Ensemble
IB Spanish Lang & Lit HL/SL	Screenplay
Intro to Economics	Digital Art
Intro to Psychology	Dance
International Relations	Piano
Latin American Studies	History of Rock
IB Economics HL/SL	Yearbook
IB Global Politics HL/SL	Health and Physical Education
HS Environmental Systems	Global Citizenship
HS Earth and Space Science	Study Support
HS Design Technology	Theory of Knowledge 12
Adv. Design Technology	Personalized Learning Pathway
IB Design Technology HL/SL	
HS Robotics	

Class of 2026 Academia Cotopaxi Cumulative Weighted GPA Distribution

GPA	% of Students	# of Students
Above 6.5	22%	9
6.0-6.49	24%	10
5.5-5.99	34%	14
Below 5.49	20%	8

*Please note that these GPAs only include grades earned at Academia Cotopaxi.

SAT Summary Class of 2026

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Section	Mean Score	Students Tested
Evidence Based Reading and Writing	600	15
Math	608	15
Total	1200	15

The IB Diploma is open to all AC High School Students.

	Full IB Diploma Candidates	IB Diploma Pass Rate	Average Passing Points	IB Diploma Highest Score	IB Certification Candidates
Class of 2026* (Predicted)	15 students	93%	34	41	15 students
Class of 2025	25 students	96%	32	41	9 students
Class of 2024	16 students	88%	30	38	11 students
Class of 2023	8 students	100%	33	36	12 students
Class of 2022	18 students	100%	32	39	3 students

Class of 2026 Acceptances and Matriculations

*Bold indicates Matriculation

Canada

McGill University
McMaster University
University of Alberta
University of Ottawa
University of Toronto
University of British Columbia
Humber College
Huron at Western University
Saint Mary's University (Halifax)
University of Manitoba
Queen's University
University of Calgary
University of Victoria

Europe

IE University - Madrid Campus
Toulouse Business School - Toulouse
Lancaster University - Leipzig
Forward College
Franklin University
Webster University - Geneva
University of Galway
Trinity College Dublin
Basque Culinary Institute
LUISS University
Dublin City University
Studienkolleg - Gisma University of Applied Sciences

Latin America

Universidad San Francisco de Quito
Universidad de los Andes
Universidad CES
Tecnológico de Monterrey
IUniversidad de Buenos Aires

United Kingdom

UCL (University College London)
The University of Edinburgh
King's College London, University of London
University of the West of England, Bristol

United States

American University
Arizona State University
Augustana College
Bates College
Ball State University
Beloit College
Binghamton University - SUNY
Brigham Young University
Butler University
California Lutheran University
Carnegie Mellon University
Central Connecticut State University
Chaminade University of Honolulu
Christopher Newport University
College of Charleston
Colorado School of Mines
Columbia College Chicago
Concordia College
Cornell University
Cotley College
Duke University
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
Emerson College
Emory University
Florida International University
Fordham University
Georgetown University
Glenville State University
High Point University
Hobart and William Smith Colleges
Hofstra University
Hollins University

United States (cont'd)

Houston Christian University
Illinois College
Indiana University - Bloomington
Iowa State University
Ithaca College
Johnson & Wales University
Juniata College
Lewis University
Long Island University
Louisiana State University - Baton Rouge
Loyola Marymount University
Lynn University
Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences
Middlebury College
Milwaukee School of Engineering
Missouri Southern State University
New York Institute of Technology
New York University
Newman University
Northeastern University
Northwest Missouri State University
Ohio Northern University
Ohio Wesleyan University
Pace University
Penn State University
Pratt Institute
Purdue University Fort Wayne
Purdue University Northwest
Queens College, City University of New York
Quinnipiac University
Rollins College
Saint Ambrose University
Sarah Lawrence College
Savannah College of Art and Design
Seattle University
Snow College
Springfield College
St. Olaf College
Stanford University
Stevens Institute of Technology
SUNY - Geneseo
SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry
SUNY - Buffalo
Syracuse University
Temple University
The New School
Tulane University
University of Arizona
University of California - Berkeley
University of California - Davis
University of California - Los Angeles
University of California - San Diego
University of California - Santa Barbara
University of California - Santa Cruz
University of Connecticut
University of Dayton
University of Denver
University of Hawaii - Manoa
University of Illinois - Chicago
University of Missouri
University of Mount Union
University of Nevada - Reno
University of Redlands
University of South Dakota
University of Southern California
University of Tennessee - Martin
University of the Incarnate Word
University of Washington - Seattle
US Naval Academy
Washington College
Wesleyan College
Whittier College
Woodbury University
Xavier University
York College of Pennsylvania