ACS BEIRUT

HIGH SCHOOL PROFILE
2026-2027

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 by faculty members of the American University of Beirut, the American Community School Beirut (ACS Beirut) is an independent, not-for-profit institution that combines its deep Lebanese roots with the best of American educational practices and pedagogy.

ACS Beirut offers an educational program from nursery through secondary school, serving more than 1,000 Lebanese and international students. Its high school program is college-preparatory, with 100% of graduates pursuing higher education at colleges and universities worldwide.

Located in Beirut, a cosmopolitan city on the eastern Mediterranean, ACS Beirut remains steadfast in its commitment to educational excellence. Despite ongoing instability in Lebanon and the wider region, the school continues to demonstrate resilience and dedication to its students' academic progress, personal development, overall well-being, and college readiness.

ACS STUDENTS

ACS Beirut's student body reflects the demographic diversity of Beirut, bringing together students from a wide range of linguistic and cultural backgrounds. This multilingual and multicultural community is deeply engaged with the major opportunities and challenges facing the world today.

25 NATIONALITIES

355 HS STUDENTS

81 SENIORS
CLASS OF 2027

7:1 STUDENT TO TEACHER RATIO

20 STUDENTS PER CLASS
MAXIMUM NUMBER

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- ENGLISH 4
- MATH 4
- SCIENCES 4
- WORLD LANGUAGES 4
- SOCIAL SCIENCES 4
- FINE ARTS 2
- PHYSICAL EDUCATION 2
- ELECTIVES 2

GRADING SYSTEM

Letter Grades and Their Equivalents

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

26 CREDITS
MINIMUM REQUIREMENT FOR GRADUATION

AMERICAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL BEIRUT

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ACCREDITATION

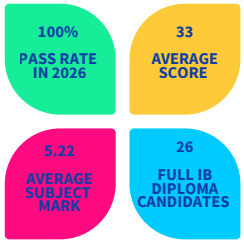
New York State EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
Knowledge › Skill › Opportunity

THE CURRICULUM

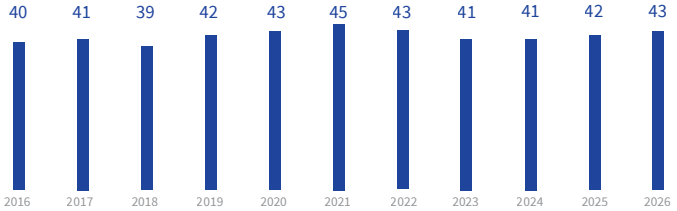
ACS Beirut offers a rigorous and challenging curriculum designed to prepare students for higher education. At the high school level, three diploma programs are offered: the Lebanese Baccalaureate, the U.S. High School Diploma, and the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma. All ACS Beirut graduates earn a U.S. High School Diploma, with 44% of last year's graduates also earning the IB Diploma. In addition, all students are required to complete four school-approved, full-day community service activities. By graduation, all Grade 12 students have completed a program of study that meets or exceeds the academic expectations of a typical American High School.

ACS Beirut does not provide class rankings. The school follows a semester-based academic calendar, with GPAs calculated each term. Fall semester grades are available in mid-January, while spring semester grades are available by the end of June.
The cumulative GPA is unweighted and calculated exclusively based on coursework completed at ACS Beirut. Grades or marks earned at previous schools are not included in the GPA calculation.

IB PROGRAM



HIGHEST DIPLOMA POINTS AWARDED TO A CANDIDATE



ACS Beirut is proud to be the first school in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region to introduce **Harkness Learning**, which it implemented in the 2023–24 academic year. The Harkness method promotes student-centered learning through collaborative, discussion-based instruction. In Harkness classrooms, students strengthen their critical thinking and communication skills by exploring diverse perspectives, expressing their ideas, listening actively, and engaging in respectful dialogue around the Harkness table.

SUBJECT OFFERINGS	AMERICAN DIPLOMA PROGRAM (26 CREDITS)	IB DIPLOMA PROGRAM (27 CREDITS)	LEBANESE PROGRAM (LIMITED TO GRADE 9)
ENGLISH	ENGLISH (GR. 9/10/11/12)	IB ENGLISH A I: LANG. & LIT. (GR. 11) IB ENGLISH A II: LANG. & LIT. SL/HL (GR. 12)	
SOCIAL SCIENCES	WORLD HISTORY 1850-1990 (GR. 9) MIDDLE EAST HISTORY 1900-PRESENT (GR. 10) BUSINESS MANAGEMENT (GR. 11) GLOBAL POLITICS (GR. 12) HISTORY (GR. 11/12) SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY (GR. 11)	IB ECONOMICS I (GR. 11) IB ECONOMICS II SL/HL (GR. 12) IB GLOBAL POLITICS I (GR. 11) IB GLOBAL POLITICS II SL/HL (GR. 12) IB PSYCHOLOGY I (GR. 11) IB PSYCHOLOGY II SL/HL (GR. 12)	LB HISTORY/GEOGRAPHY/CIVICS (GR. 9)
MATHEMATICS	ALGEBRA & GEOMETRY (GR. 9) ALGEBRA II (GR. 10) MATH (GR. 11/12)	IB MATH APPLICATIONS & INTERPRETATION SL (GR. 11/12) IB MATH ANALYSIS & APPROACHES SL (GR. 11/12) IB MATH ANALYSIS & APPROACHES HL (GR. 11/12)	LB MATH (GR. 9)
SCIENCES	BIOLOGY (GR. 9) CHEMISTRY (GR. 10) PHYSICS (GR. 10) PHYSICS (GR. 11) COMPUTER SCIENCE DISCOVERIES (GR. 11/12) ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEMS SCIENCES (GR. 11/12) BIOLOGY II SL (GR. 12) CHEMISTRY II SL (GR. 12) SPORTS, EXERCISE AND HEALTH SCIENCE II (GR. 12)	IB BIOLOGY I (GR. 11) IB BIOLOGY II SL/HL (GR. 11/12) IB CHEMISTRY I (GR. 11) IB CHEMISTRY II SL/HL (GR. 11/12) IB PHYSICS I (GR. 11) IB PHYSICS II SL/HL (GR. 12) IB SPORTS, EXERCISE AND HEALTH SCIENCE I (GR. 11) IB SPORTS, EXERCISE AND HEALTH SCIENCE II SL/HL (GR. 12)	LB BIOLOGY/CHEMISTRY/PHYSICS (GR. 9)
WORLD LANGUAGES	ARABIC AB I (GR. 9/10) ARABIC B SL/HL (GR. 9/10) FRENCH A1 (GR. 9/10) FRENCH A2 (GR. 9/10) FRENCH B1 (GR. 9/10) FRENCH B1 SL (GR. 11) FRENCH AB INITIO I/II (GR. 11/12) FRENCH B2 SL (GR. 12)	IB ARABIC AB INITIO I/II (GR. 11/12) IB ARABIC B I SL/HL (GR. 11) IB ARABIC B II SL/HL (GR. 12) IB FRENCH AB INITIO I/II (GR. 11/12) IB FRENCH B I SL/HL (GR. 11) IB FRENCH B II SL/HL (GR. 12)	LB ARABIC (GR. 9)
PHYSICAL EDUCATION	PE (GR. 9/10) ADVANCED PE (GR. 11/12)		LB PE (GR. 9)
FINE ARTS	2D VISUAL ARTS (GR. 9/10) 3D VISUAL ARTS (GR. 9/10) VISUAL ARTS I/II (GR. 11/12) CERAMICS (GR. 9/10) GRAPHIC DESIGN (GR. 9/10) DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY (GR. 9/10) DRAMA (GR. 9/10) MUSIC BAND (GR. 9/10) PUBLIC ART (GR. 9/10) VISUAL ARTS (GR. 11/12)	IB VISUAL ARTS I (GR. 11) IB VISUAL ARTS II SL/HL (GR. 11/12)	
OTHER		IB THEORY OF KNOWLEDGE (GR. 11/12)	

In grades 11 and 12, American diploma students take semester-based English and Social Sciences courses.
Each semester course is worth 0.5 credit. Students must earn 1 credit in each English and Social Sciences subject at the end of each year.

2025 & 2026
UNIVERSITY ADMISSION ACCEPTANCES

Canada
Concordia University
McGill University
University of British Columbia
Toronto Metropolitan University
University of Ottawa
University of Toronto
York University

France
Parsons Paris–The New School
Sciences Po-Columbia University Dual Degree
The American University of Paris
Toulouse Business School

Germany
Lancaster University Leipzig
Technical University of Munich
University of Europe for Applied Sciences

Italy
Bocconi University
Istituto Marangoni

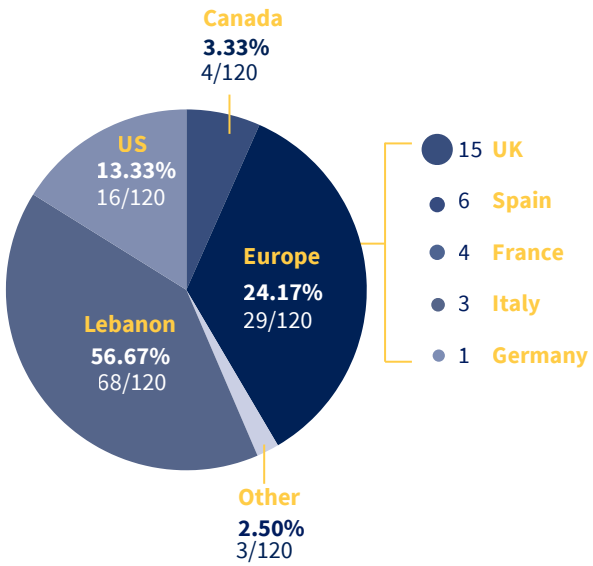
Lebanon
American University of Beirut
Lebanese American University
Lebanese University

Netherlands
Maastricht School of Management
NHL Stenden University of Applied Sciences
Saxion University of Applied Sciences
The Hague University of Applied Sciences
University of Amsterdam
University of Groningen
University of Twente
Utrecht University

Spain
CEU San Pablo University
ESIC Business and Marketing School–Barcelona
EU Business School–Barcelona
European University of Madrid
ICADE Business School
IE University–Madrid Campus
Marbella Design Academy
University of Deusto

UK
City St George's, University of London
King's College London, University of London
London South Bank University
Northeastern University London
Queen Mary University of London
Regent's University London
Royal Holloway, University of London
SOAS University of London
UCL (University College London)
University of Bristol
University of Exeter
University of Manchester
University of Nottingham
University of Surrey
University of the Arts London
University of Warwick
University of Westminster, London

USA
American University
Babson College
Bard College
Bentley University
Boston College
Boston University
Case Western Reserve University
Clark University
Drew University
Duke University
Florida Atlantic University
Florida International University
Fordham University
George Washington University
Haverford College
Indiana University–Bloomington
Kent State University
Macalester College
New York University
Northeastern University
Pace University
Reed College
Rhodes College
Rollins College
Stony Brook University
Suffolk University
Syracuse University
The New School
The Pennsylvania State University–Main Campus
The University of Tampa
University of Arkansas
University of California–Davis
University of California–Irvine
University of California–Merced
University of California–Riverside
University of California–Santa Barbara
University of California–Santa Cruz
University of Colorado Boulder
University of Maryland–College Park
University of Massachusetts Amherst
University of Massachusetts Boston
University of Massachusetts Dartmouth
University of Pennsylvania
University of Rochester
University of San Francisco
University of South Carolina–Columbia
University of South Florida
University of Southern California
University of Utah
University of Vermont
University of West Florida
University of Wisconsin–Madison

Others
American University of Beirut–Mediterraneo, Cyprus
American University in Dubai
American University of Sharjah
New York University Abu Dhabi

College Matriculation by Region - 2025 & 2026