

# GEMS AMERICAN ACADEMY QATAR

## 2025-2026 HIGH SCHOOL PROFILE

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### SCHOOL CALENDAR

Our school year consists of two semesters running from late August to mid-June.

## IDENTITY

GEMS American Academy Qatar (GAAQ) offers our multi-cultural and multi-national student body a rigorous American education from KG1 through Grade 12. In addition to U.S. Common Core standards-based academics that culminate with the Advanced Placement Program, we also provide a robust co-curricular program to support the development of the whole child. We maintain a relentless focus on excellence with support as our students develop.

Our school, located in Al Wakrah, is a state-of-the-art facility that inspires learning through world-class standards, enabling students to make independent decisions, solve problems effectively, and interact positively with tolerance.

We firmly believe that education is about overall student development, and as a GEMS international school community, we promote growth through learning, global citizenship, and leadership through innovation.

## Mission and Vision

**Mission:** GAAQ will become one of the best schools worldwide, and we believe the best schools produce learners who are purposeful, tenacious, innovative, and respectful leaders.

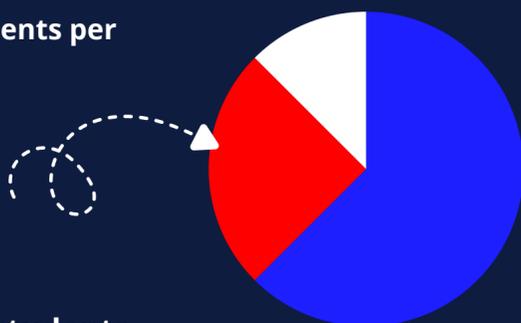
**Vision:** GAAQ will empower students to attain their goals and to become successful citizens of our global community.

## GAAQ Enrollment

496 High School Students  
83 nationalities

Number of Students per  
Grade Level

Grade 9: 127  
Grade 10: 113  
Grade 11: 132  
Grade 12: 124



K-12: 1600 students  
83 nationalities

## Top High school Nationalities Students Enrolled



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### SCHEDULES AND COURSE OFFERINGS

GAAQ has 180 school days per year. School starts at 7:30 each morning and ends at 2:15 in the afternoon. Students enroll in a maximum of eight courses and attend all of their classes for three 55 minute periods Sunday through Monday. On Thursday they have every class for 40 minutes

### ACADEMIC PROGRAM

GAAQ provides a college preparatory educational program. Courses offered are aligned to Common Core standards, and the language of instruction is English. In grades 9 to 12, we offer a wide variety of courses in all subject areas, and students are also given the option to enroll in Advanced Placement (AP) classes. Graduation requirements include a minimum of 24 credits and 10 community service hours for each year enrolled at our campus.

### GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Required Courses	Minimum Requirements
English Language Arts	4.0 Credits
Mathematics	4.0 Credits
Science	4.0 Credits
Social Studies	4.0 Credits
Fine and Performing Arts	2.0 Credits
World Languages	2.0 Credits
Physical Education and Health	1.0 Credits
Student Choice Electives	3.0 Credits

At GAAQ, 24 credits minimum are required for graduation. One credit (1.0) is awarded for the successful completion of each full-year course passed with a minimum mark of "D" or 60%. Students enroll in courses according to graduation requirements, abilities, interests, and previous education experience. Every student who fulfills minimum graduation requirements will graduate from GAAQ with an American High School Diploma.

### GRADING SCALE AND POLICIES

The purpose of a grading system is to communicate student understanding and performance. Grade point average calculations are unweighted. Faculty members assess student academic and non-academic performance by assigning the following grades.

#### Grading Scale

Letter Grade	Numerical Equivalent	GPA	Descriptor
A	90 - 100	4.0	Excellent
B	80 - 89	3.0	Very Good
C	70 - 79	2.0	Good
D	60 - 69	1.0	Pass
F	0 - 59	0	Fail

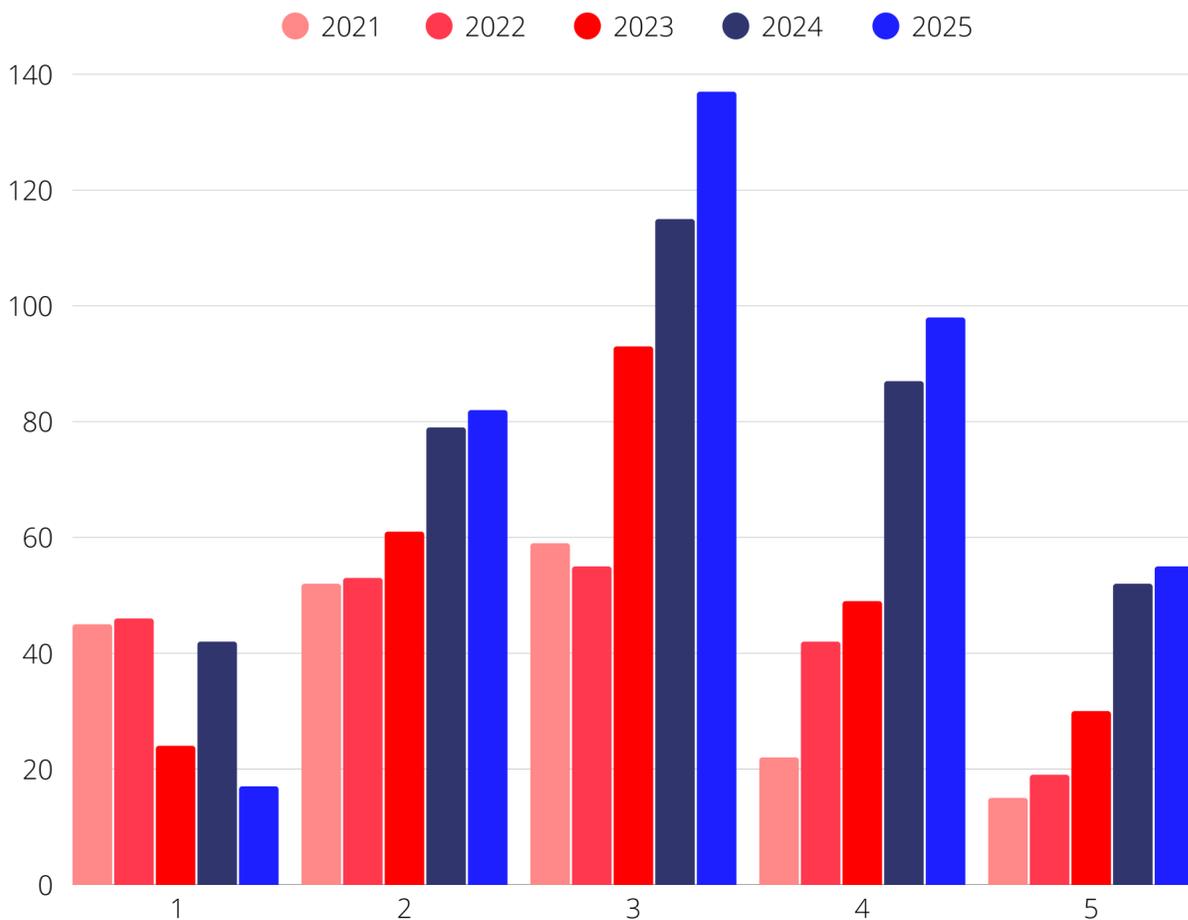
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### ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM

The Advanced Placement Program (AP) gives students the opportunity to complete undergraduate university-level curricula and examinations to high school students. GAAQ has proudly been offering the AP Program since 2018.

### AP Scores 2021-2025



#### AP Program in Numbers

- AP Course Offerings: 24 AP Subjects
- AP Tests Taken: 463 exams
- Students taking AP Exam: 279 students
- % Students with score of 3 or higher: 80%
- GAAQ AP Score Average: 3.55

#### AP Scholar Awards

- AP Scholars: 41
- AP Scholars with Honor: 15
- AP Scholars with Distinction: 21
- AP International Diploma: 1
- AP Seminar and Research Certificate: 11
- AP Capstone Diploma: 12

### ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSE OFFERINGS

## 2025 - 2026

AP Calculus AB  
 AP Calculus BC  
 AP Pre-Calculus  
 AP Statistics  
 AP Chemistry  
 AP Biology  
 AP Physics  
 AP Psychology

AP English Language and Composition  
 AP English Literature and Composition  
 AP French Language and Culture  
 AP Spanish Language and Culture  
 AP Spanish Literature and Culture  
 AP Computer Science Principles  
 AP Computer Science A  
 AP Environmental Science

AP 2D Art and Design  
 AP 3D Art and Design  
 AP Drawing  
 AP Music Theory  
 AP Seminar  
 AP Research  
 AP Human Geography  
 AP Microeconomics

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### UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCES AT GAAQ 2020-2025

\*Bolded are Universities/Colleges ranked in the top 150 in the world according to QS Rankings\*  
Ivy League and Russell Group Acceptance Highlighted Purple

#### AUSTRALIA / ASIA

##### **Flinders University (Australia)**

Monash University (Australia)

##### **University of Adelaide (Australia)**

The University of Western Australia (Australia)

University of New South Wales (Australia)

University of Queensland (Australia)

University of South Australia (Australia)

Zhejiang University (China)

University of Guam (Guam)

Hongkong Science and Technology University (Hong Kong)

Airlangga University (Indonesia)

Kyoto University of Advanced Science (Japan)

Institut Teknologi Bandung (Indonesia)

Universitas Gadjah Mada (Indonesia)

Management and Science University (Malaysia)

University College Sedaya International (Malaysia)

University of Nottingham (Malaysia)

University of Southampton (Malaysia)

Swinburne Sarawak (Malaysia)

Ateneo de Manila University (Philippines)

Massey University (New Zealand)

##### **The University of Auckland (New Zealand)**

##### **National University of Singapore**

Acibadem University (Turkey)

Altinbas University (Turkey)

Bahçeşehir Üniversitesi (Turkey)

Biruni University (Turkey)

Istanbul Atlas University (Turkey)

Istanbul Aydın University (Turkey)

Istanbul Gelişim University (Turkey)

Medipol University (Turkey)

Istinye University (Turkey)

Izmir University of Economics (Turkey)

Lokan Hekim Üniversitesi (Turkey)

Özyeğin University (Turkey)

#### EUROPE

Masaryk University (Czech Republic)

Talinn University of Technology (Estonia)

École Catholique des Arts et Métiers (France)

The American University of Paris (France)

Iliia State University (Georgia)

Constructor University (Germany)

Lancaster University Leipzig (Germany)

MetFilm School Berlin (Germany)

SRH Hochschule Berlin (Germany)

National University of Athens (Greece)

Semmelweis University (Hungary)

University of Debrecen (Hungary)

University of Obuda (Hungary)

University of Pecs (Hungary)

University of Szeged (Hungary)

Polimoda Florence (Italy)

Istituto Marangoni (Italy)

##### **Sapienza University (Italy)**

##### **Royal College of Surgeons (Ireland)**

##### **University of Dublin (Ireland)**

##### **Eindhoven University (Netherlands)**

HZ University (Netherlands)

The Hague Pathway College (Netherlands)

##### **University of Groningen (Netherlands)**

University of Twente (Netherlands)

##### **Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam (Netherlands)**

European University of Valencia (Spain)

IED Barcelona (Spain)

IE University (Spain)

Suffolk University-Madrid (Spain)

St. Louis University- Madrid (Spain)

UIC Barcelona | Universitat Internacional de Catalunya (Spain)

Universidad Católica de Murcia (Spain)

Universidad Europea de Madrid (Spain)

Franklin University (Switzerland)

Swiss Hotel Management School (Switzerland)

Hotel Institute Montreux (Switzerland)

Les Roches Crans Montana (Switzerland)

#### QATAR / MIDDLE EAST

Royal College University (Bahrain)

German Jordanian University (Jordan)

##### **American University of Beirut (Lebanon)**

Lebanese American University (Lebanon)

University of Balamand (Lebanon)

British University (Egypt)

Cairo University (Egypt)

European Universities in Egypt

German International University (Egypt)

Misr International University (Egypt)

Newgiza University (Egypt)

The American University in Cairo (Egypt)

The Knowledge Hub Universities (Egypt)

AFG College with the University of Aberdeen (Qatar)

Arkansas State University (Qatar)

##### **Carnegie Mellon University (Qatar)**

CUQ Ulster University Qatar

##### **Georgetown University (Qatar)**

Hamad Bin Khalifa University (Qatar)

Northwestern University in Qatar

Oryx Universal College (Qatar)

Qatar University (Qatar)

Stenden University (Qatar)

Texas A&M University (Qatar)

University of Doha for Science and Technology (Qatar)

Virginia Commonwealth University School of the Arts in Qatar (Qatar)

##### **Weill Cornell University in Qatar (Qatar)**

American University in Dubai (UAE)

American University of Sharjah (UAE)

Ajman University (UAE)

Curtin University (UAE)

Gulf Medical University (UAE)

Hult International Business School (UAE)

Rochester Institute of Technology (UAE)

Schiller Language School (UAE)

University of Middlesex (UAE)

University of Wollongong in Dubai (UAE)

#### SOUTH/CENTRAL AMERICA

Pontifical Catholic University of Rio Grande do Sul (Brazil)

St. George University (Grenada)

### COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY APPLICATIONS

All recommendation letters are kept confidential. Due to the transient nature of staff in the international sector, students are encouraged to begin securing letters of recommendations at the end of their junior year.

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### **United Kingdom**

Aberystwyth University  
Aston University  
Bangor University  
Birmingham City University  
Bristol University  
**Cardiff University**  
City, University of London  
Coventry University  
De Montfort University  
**Durham University**  
Goldsmiths, University of London  
Heriot-Watt University  
Hult International Business School  
INTO Manchester  
John Moore University  
**King's College London**  
Kingston College London  
Lancaster University  
Leeds Art University  
Leeds Beckett University  
Liverpool Institute of Performing Arts  
Liverpool Hope University  
London Metropolitan University  
London South Bank University  
Loughborough University  
Manchester Metropolitan University  
**Newcastle University**  
Northeastern University London  
Northumbria University  
Nottingham Trent University  
**Queen's University Belfast**  
**Queen Mary University of London**  
Royal Holloway University  
St. George's University  
Teeside University  
UK College of Business and Computing  
Ulster University  
University of Aberdeen  
**University of Birmingham**  
**University of Bristol**  
University of Buckingham  
University of Central Lancashire  
University of Chester  
University for the Creative Arts  
University of Dundee  
University of East London  
**University of Edinburgh**  
University of Essex  
University of Greenwich  
University of Huddersfield  
**University of Leeds**  
University of Leicester  
**University of Liverpool**  
**University of Manchester**  
**University of Nottingham**  
University of Plymouth  
University of East Anglia UEA

University of Portsmouth  
University of Reading  
University of Salford  
**University of Sheffield**  
**University of Southampton**  
University of Sterling  
**University of St. Andrews**  
**University of Sussex**  
University of the West of England  
University of Wolverhampton

### **United States/Canada**

Alfred University (USA)  
Arizona State University (USA)  
Arkansas State University (USA)  
Berkley College of Music (USA)  
Cal State University, Monterey Bay (USA)  
Chicago State University (USA)  
Columbia College, Chicago (USA)  
Colorado State University (USA)  
Dallas College (USA)  
Drexel University (USA)  
Ferris State University (USA)  
Florida Institute of Technology (USA)  
Florida International University (USA)  
**Florida State University (USA)**  
George Mason University (USA)  
Hillsborough Community College (USA)  
Hofstra University (USA)  
Houston Baptist University (USA)  
Lewis & Clark College (USA)  
Liberty University (USA)  
Louisiana State University (USA)  
Lynn University (USA)  
Maharishi International University, Iowa (USA)  
Manhattan College (USA)  
Marymount University (USA)  
Miami Dade College (USA)  
Michigan State University (USA)  
Millersville University (USA)  
Milligan University (USA)  
New York Film Academy (USA)  
North Carolina State University (USA)  
Northern Michigan University (USA)  
Ohio State University (USA)  
Old Dominion University (USA)  
Orange Coast College (USA)  
Oregon State University (USA)  
**Penn State University (USA)**  
Portland State University, Oregon (USA)  
**Purdue University (USA)**  
Rowan University (USA)  
Roosevelt University (USA)  
Rutgers University (USA)  
Savannah College of Art and Design (USA)  
Saint Leo University (USA)  
Temple University (USA)  
**Texas A&M University (USA)**  
The University of Tampa (USA)  
The University of Texas at Arlington (USA)  
**The University of Texas at Austin (USA)**  
The University of Texas at Dallas (USA)

University of Alaska (USA)  
University of Arizona (USA)  
**University of California - Davis (USA)**  
University of Chicago (USA)  
University of Cincinnati (USA)  
**University of Colorado (USA)**  
**University of Delaware (USA)**  
**University of Houston (USA)**  
**University of Illinois Chicago (USA)**  
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign (USA)  
University of Maine (USA)  
University of Maryland (USA)  
University of Massachusetts, Boston (USA)  
**University of Miami (USA)**  
**University of Minnesota (USA)**  
University of Missouri (USA)  
University of Ohio (USA)  
**University of Pittsburgh (USA)**  
University of Rochester (USA)  
University of South Florida (USA)  
University of San Francisco (USA)  
University of Tennessee (USA)  
University of Utah (USA)  
University of Washington (USA)  
**University of Wisconsin-Madison (USA)**  
Valencia College (USA)  
Virginia Commonwealth University (USA)  
Viterbo University (USA)  
Washington College (USA)  
Washington State University (USA)  
West Virginia Tech (USA)  
West Virginia University (USA)  
Western Michigan University (USA)  
Brock University (Canada)  
Carleton University (Canada)  
Concordia University (Canada)  
Dalhousie University (Canada)  
Emily Carr University of Art and Design (Canada)  
McGill University (Canada)  
**McMaster University (Canada)**  
Memorial University (Canada)  
Mount Royal University (Canada)  
Ontario Tech University (Canada)  
Queen's University (Canada)  
Simon Fraser University (Canada)  
Toronto Metropolitan University (Canada)  
Trent University (Canada)  
**University of Alberta (Canada)**  
**University of British Columbia (Canada)**  
University of Calgary (Canada)  
University of Guelph (Canada)  
University of Lethbridge (Canada)  
University of Manitoba (Canada)  
University of Ottawa (Canada)  
University of Regina (Canada)  
University of Toronto (Canada)  
University of Victoria (Canada)  
**University of Waterloo (Canada)**  
University of Western Ontario (Canada)  
University of Windsor (Canada)  
**Western University (Canada)**  
York University (Canada)