

GEMS AMERICAN ACADEMY QATAR

2020-2021 HIGH SCHOOL PROFILE

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SCHOOL CALENDAR

Our school year consisting of two semesters, runs from early September to the end of June.

COVID-19 RESPONSE

Due to COVID-19, GAAQ moved to a fully remote learning model 5 days a week in March 2020 and ended the academic year on June 25th. Based upon Qatar's MOE directives, GAAQ started school this year on September 1st using a blended learning model. Currently 50% of our students attend campus each day, and students are in school twice per week.

IDENTITY

GEMS American Academy Qatar (GAAQ) offers our multi-cultural student body a rigorous American curriculum from Pre-Kindergarten 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 extra-curricular program to support the development of the whole child. Our school, which is located in Al Wakrah, Qatar, is a state-of-the-art center of inspirational learning that enables students to make decisions independently, 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, the pursuit of excellence, and leadership through innovation.

VISION

At GAAQ, we have developed our core values and learning principles to empower students to attain their goals and to become successful citizens of our global community.

Our Learning Principles are:

1. Developing healthy connections
2. Goals first
3. Authentic assessment and constructive feedback
4. Effective use of time
5. Nurturing independence and inquiry

GAAQ ENROLLMENT

239 High School Students

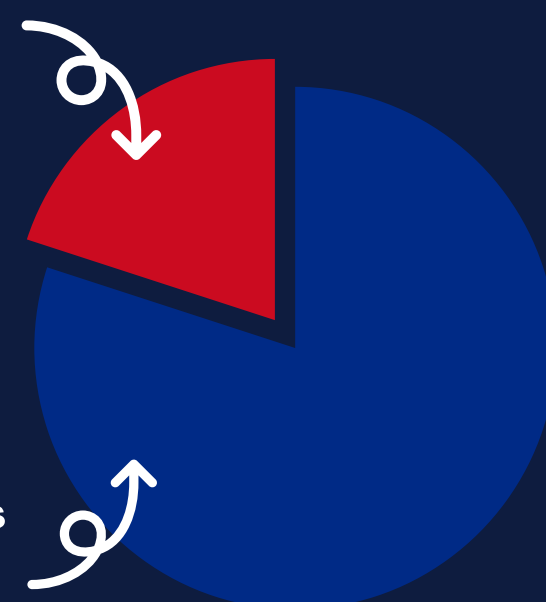
49 nationalities

Number of Students per Grade Level

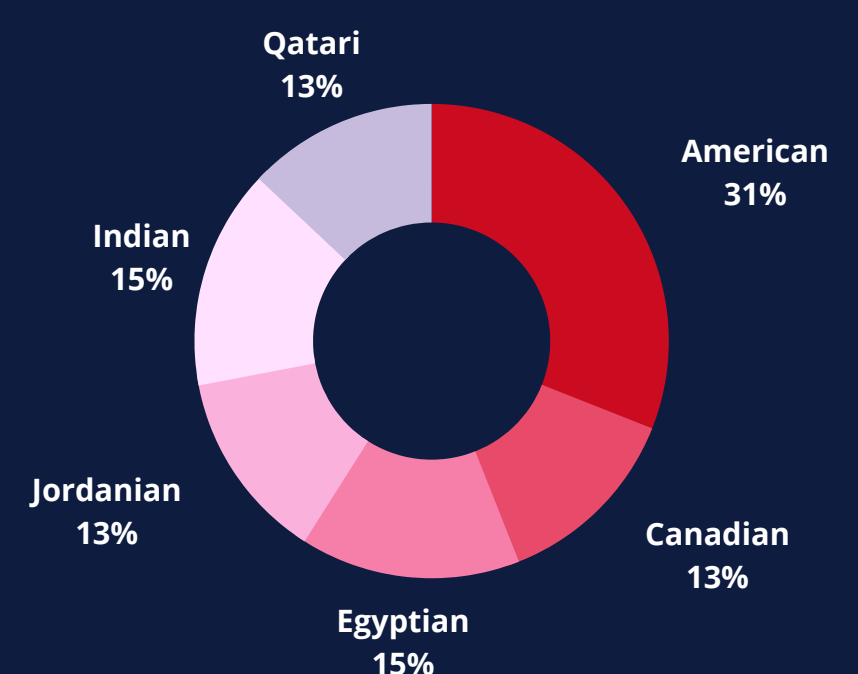
Grade 9: 53
Grade 10: 65
Grade 11: 70
Grade 12: 51

K-12: 1090 students

72 nationalities



TOP HIGH SCHOOL NATIONALITIES



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SCHEDULES AND COURSE OFFERINGS

GAAQ has 182 school days per year. School starts at 7:30 each morning and ends at 2:15 in the afternoon. Upper school implements a five day schedule consisting of eight, forty-five minute classes. Courses offered are aligned to common core standards. In grades 9 to 12 we offer a wide variety of courses in all subject areas including 14 AP courses.

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

GAAQ provides a preparatory educational program. The language of instruction is English. Students enroll in a maximum of eight courses and attend every class Sunday through Wednesday for 40 minutes and Thursday (early dismissal) for 30 minutes. Graduation requirements include a minimum of 24 credits and 25 community service hours for each year enrolled at our campus. Students are also given the option to enroll in Advanced Placements (AP) classes.

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	2.0 Credits
Student Choice Electives	2.0 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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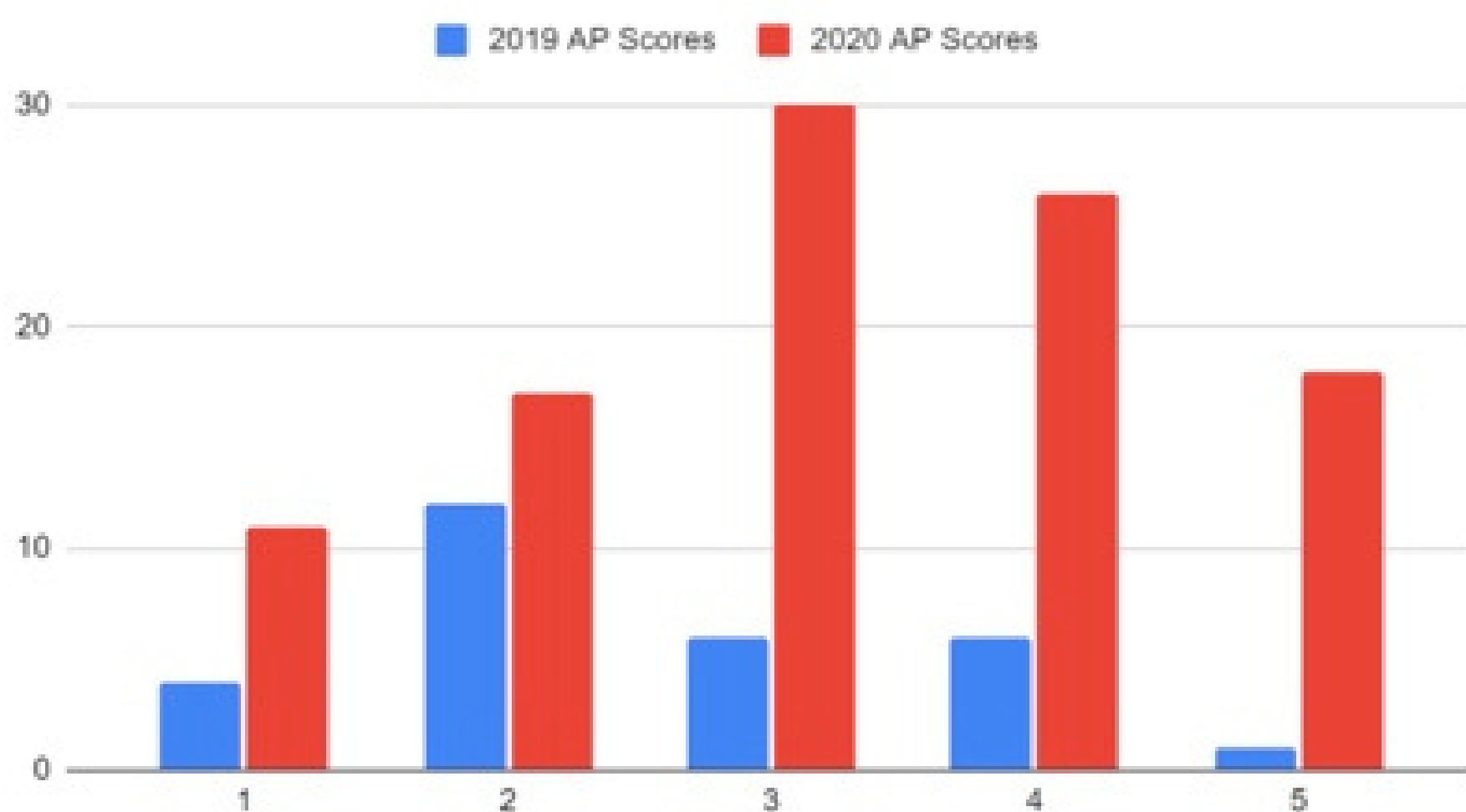
ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM

The Advanced Placement Program (AP) gives students the opportunity to complete college-level work while in high school.

Students are not allowed to enroll in more than four AP courses any given school year with a GAAQ instructor.

Students are also advised to not pursue independent study AP courses if it will result in course overload.

2019 AP Scores and 2020 AP Scores



2020 AP Scholar Summary
(Total Scholars: 6; Average Score: 3.92)

	AP Score	AP Score with Honor	AP Score with Distinction
Number of Scholars	3	2	1
Average Score	3.78	3.7	4.6

ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSE OFFERINGS

2018-2019

- AP CALCULUS AB
- AP ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE
- AP EUROPEAN HISTORY
- AP SPANISH LANGUAGE AND CULTURE
- AP SPANISH LITERATURE AND CULTURE

2019-2020

- AP ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND COMPOSITION
- AP CALCULUS AB
- AP COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENT
- AP PSYCHOLOGY
- AP SPANISH LANGUAGE AND CULTURE
- AP SPANISH LITERATURE AND CULTURE
- AP COMPUTER SCIENCE PRINCIPLES

2020-2021

- AP ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND COMPOSITION
- AP CALCULUS AB
- AP CHEMISTRY
- AP ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE
- AP EUROPEAN HISTORY
- AP HUMAN GEOGRAPHY
- AP COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENT
- AP SPANISH LANGUAGE AND CULTURE
- AP SPANISH LITERATURE AND CULTURE
- AP COMPUTER SCIENCE PRINCIPLES
- AP 2D ART AND DESIGN
- AP 3D ART AND DESIGN
- AP DRAWING
- AP SEMINAR

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UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCES FOR THE CLASSES OF 2019 & 2020

*Bold print indicates class of 2020 acceptances

AUSTRALIA / ASIA

Monash University (AUS)
City University (MYS)
Management and Science University (MYS)
Swinburne Sarawak (MYS)

CANADA

Algonquin College
Carleton University
 Concordia University
 Dalhousie University
 International College of Manitoba
McMaster University
Memorial University
Queen's University
 Simon Fraser International College
Trent University
University of Alberta
University of Calgary
University of Lethbridge
 University of Manitoba
 University of Ottawa
University of Regina
University of Waterloo
York University

CENTRAL / SOUTH AMERICA

Universidad Francisco Marroquín
 (Guatemala)

EUROPE

FTE Jerez (Spain)
 IE University (Spain)
MetFilm School Berlin (Germany)
Royal College of Surgeons (Ireland)
Suffolk University-Madrid (Spain)

Universidad Europea de Madrid (Spain)
Universitat Internacional de Catalunya-Barcelona (Spain)
Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam (Netherlands)

QATAR / MIDDLE EAST

AFG College with the University of Aberdeen

Carnegie Mellon University
 Georgetown University
 Qatar University

Stenden

Tajmeel Qatar International
 Beauty Academy
 Texas A&M University

American University of Beirut (Turkey)

Bahçeşehir Üniversitesi (Turkey)
Istanbul Medipol University (Turkey)
Özyeğin University (Turkey)

UNITED KINGDOM

Airways Aviation
 Anglia Ruskin University
 Brunel University London
 CAE Oxford
 Coventry University
Hult International Business School
 Keele University
 Kingston College
 Leeds Beckett University
 London Metropolitan University
 Nottingham Trent International College
 Richmond the American
 University London
 Royal Holloway University of London

University College of Birmingham
University of Aberdeen
 University London
 University of Brighton
 International College
 University of Greenwich
 University of Hertfordshire
 University of Huddersfield
 University of Portsmouth
 University of the West of England
 Bristol
 University of West London
 University of Westminster

UNITED STATES

Columbia College Chicago
George Mason University
Houston Baptist University
Marymount University
 Michigan State University
 Montgomery College
New York Film Academy
 Oakland Community College
Old Dominion University
Temple University
 University of Arizona
University of Missouri

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.

Disciplinary infractions resulting in an out of school suspension are disclosed if requested.