

GEMS AMERICAN ACADEMY QATAR

2023-2024 HIGH SCHOOL PROFILE

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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

417 High School Students

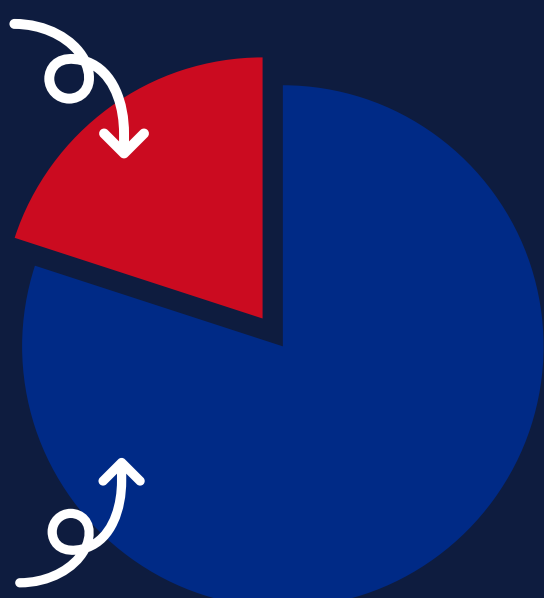
44 nationalities

Number of Students per Grade Level

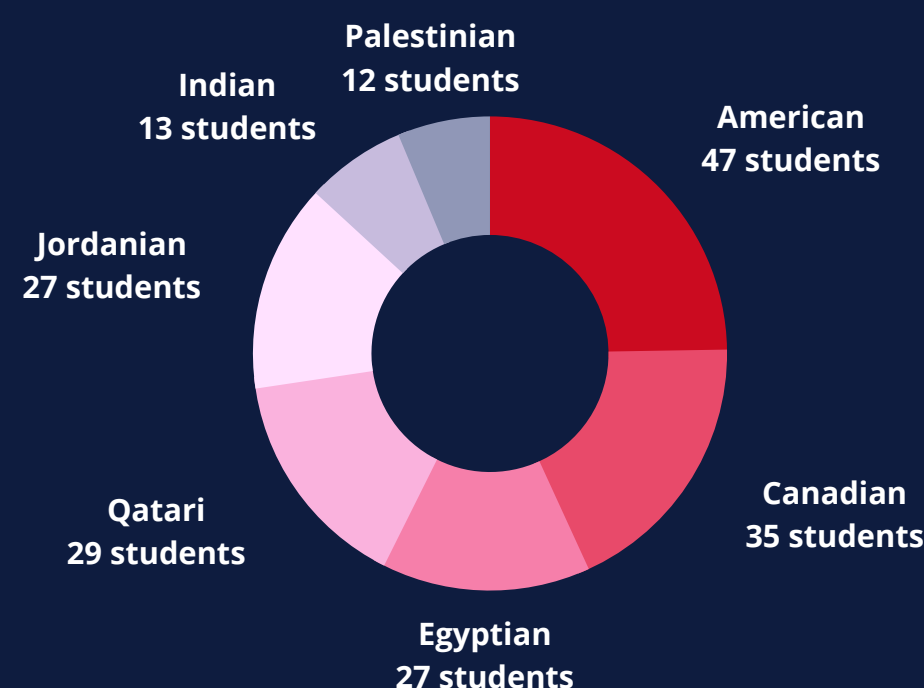
Grade 9: 114
Grade 10: 98
Grade 11: 118
Grade 12: 87

K-12: 1361 students

73 nationalities



TOP HIGH SCHOOL NATIONALITIES



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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 45 minutes each on Sundays and Mondays, half of their classes for 90 minutes each on Tuesdays and then the other half of their classes for 90 minutes each on Wednesdays, and then all of their classes again on Thursdays (early dismissal) for 40 minutes each.

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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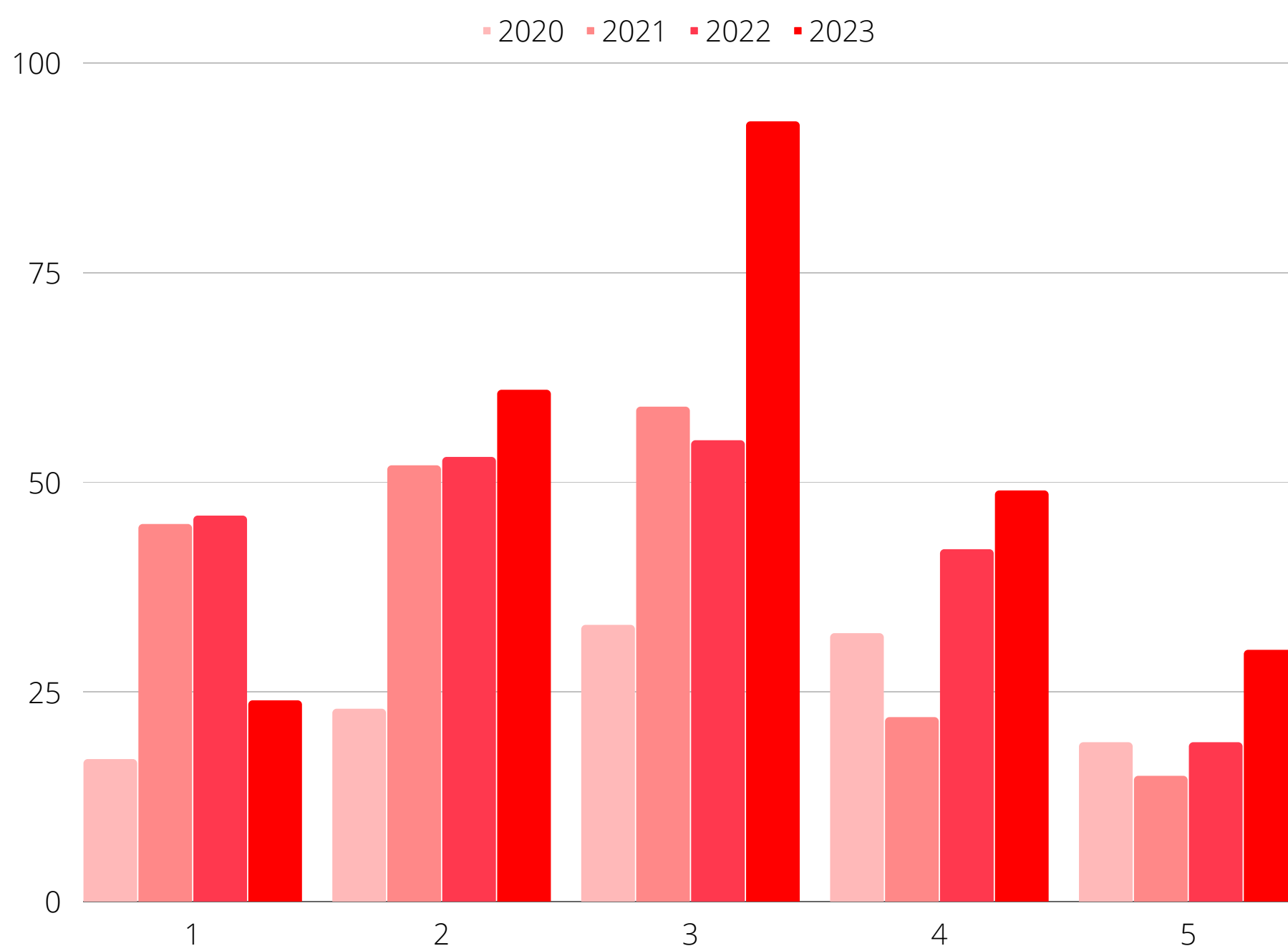
ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM

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

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

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

AP Scores 2020-2023



2023 AP Awards Summary (Total Scholars Awards: 32)

	AP Scholar	AP Scholar with Distinction	AP Scholar with Honor	AP Capstone Diploma
Total Number	20	8	4	1
Average Score	3.36	3.67	4.3	3.88

AP Program in Numbers

	2020	2021	2022	2023
Total Number of Students Taking AP Exam	79	102	122	156
Total Exams Taken	124	193	215	257
# of Exams With Average Scores of 3 or Higher	9	8	11	13

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

2021-2024

AP ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND COMPOSITION
AP CALCULUS AB
AP CALCULUS BC
AP CHEMISTRY
AP BIOLOGY
AP HUMAN GEOGRAPHY
AP PSYCHOLOGY
AP ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE
AP FRENCH LANGUAGE AND CULTURE
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
AP RESEARCH
AP PRE CALCULUS

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UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCES FOR THE CLASSES OF 2021-2023

*Bold print indicates class of 2023 acceptances

AUSTRALIA / ASIA

Airlangga University (Indonesia)
Universitas Gadjah Mada (Indonesia)
 Management and Science University (MYS)
 Swinburne Sarawak (MYS)
University of Adelaide (Australia)
Massey University (New Zealand)
University College Sedaya International (Malaysia)
University of Nottingham (Malaysia)
National University of Singapore

CANADA

Carleton University
 McMaster University
 Memorial University
 Queen's University
 Trent University
University of Alberta
 University of British Columbia
University of Calgary
 University of Lethbridge
 University of Ottawa
 University of Regina
University of Toronto
 University of Waterloo
Western University
York University
Simon Fraser University

EUROPE

École Catholique des Arts et Métiers (France)
 Franklin University (Switzerland)
 Istituto Marangoni (Italy)
 MetFilm School Berlin (Germany)
 Royal College of Surgeons (Ireland)
 Suffolk University-Madrid (Spain)
IED Barcelona (Spain)
 Universitat Internacional de Catalunya-Barcelona (Spain)
 University of Groningen (Netherlands)
 Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam (Netherlands)
Swiss Hotel Management School (Switzerland)
Hotel Institute Montreux (Switzerland)
Ilia State University (Georgia)
University of Debrecen (Hungary)
National University of Athens (Greece)

QATAR / MIDDLE EAST

AFG College with the University of Aberdeen
American University of Beirut
 American University of Sharjah (UAE)
 Cairo University
 Carnegie Mellon University, Qatar
 Georgetown University, Qatar
 Gulf Medical University (UAE)
 Northwestern University in Qatar
 Stenden
University of Science and Technology in Qatar
Texas A&M University at Qatar
 Bahçeşehir Üniversitesi (Turkey)
 Istanbul Medipol University (Turkey)
 Özyeğin University (Turkey)
Istinye University (Turkey)
Acibadem University (Turkey)
University of Balamand (Lebanon)
Lebanese American University (Lebanon)
The Knowledge Hub Universities (Egypt)

SOUTH/CENTRAL AMERICA

Pontifical Catholic University of Rio Grande do Sul (Brazil)
St. George University (Grenada)

UNITED KINGDOM

City, University of London
 Coventry University
 Hult International Business School
Kings College London
 Liverpool Institute of Performing Arts
 Newcastle University
 Queen Mary University of London
 University of Aberdeen
 University of Bristol
 University of Leicester
 University of Leeds
 University of Liverpool
 University of Manchester
 University of Sheffield
 University of Southampton
University of Birmingham
University of Salford
Cardiff University (Wales)
London South Bank University

UNITED STATES

Arizona State University
 Berklee College of Music
 Columbia College, Chicago
 Drexel University
 George Mason University
 Houston Baptist University
 Manhattan College
 Marymount University
 New York Film Academy
 North Carolina State University
 Old Dominion University
 Ohio State University
Penn State University
 Purdue University
 Temple University
 Texas A&M University
 University of Arizona
 University of California, Davis
 University of Colorado
 University of Houston
 University of Illinois, Chicago
 University of Massachusetts, Boston
 University of Minnesota
 University of Missouri
 University of South Florida
 University of Texas at Austin
 University of Wisconsin, Madison
 Washington State University
Maharishi International University, Iowa
The Savannah College of Art and Design, Georgia
West Virginia University
Portland State University, Oregon
Lynn University, Boca Raton
Ferris State University, Michigan

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.