



SCHOOL PROFILE

2020 - 2021

Code: CEEB 945260

The Uruguayan American School (UAS) is a private college preparatory day school enrolling approximately 300 students from Nursery through Grade 12. It was established in 1958 by a group of Uruguayan and American citizens residing in Montevideo. The school is located on a three-hectare campus in the eastern Montevideo suburb of Carrasco. Facilities include an elementary and a secondary wing, a large library, computer labs, a Maker Space lab, fully equipped science laboratories, a gymnasium and fitness center, outdoor sports fields, an auditorium, and a cafeteria. As a member of the South American Activities Conference (SAAC), UAS participates in athletic and fine arts tournaments with six other international schools in the region.

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HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Twenty-six (26) percent of students in the High School are United States citizens. Thirty-two (32) percent are Uruguayan citizens. Forty-two (42) percent are third-country nationals from 18 countries. The average class size in academic courses is 11.

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

High School students study an American curriculum in Grades 9 and 10 and the International Baccalaureate program in Grades 11 and 12. Each class meets 240 minutes a week, 180 days a year, split into 2 semesters. The language of instruction is English. To graduate, students must earn 28 credits.

ACCREDITATION & MEMBERSHIPS

UAS offers three accredited programs of study, including the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program (IBDP). We are fully accredited by the U.S. accrediting body New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) and by the Uruguayan Ministry of Education's Secondary School Education Council (ANEP-CODICEN).

THE INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCE

Students in Grade 12 participate in an internship experience of their choice. As part of the graduation requirement, students must complete 60 hours, a reflection journal, and a presentation for their internship. Students may intern in Montevideo or other countries. UAS students have completed internships at embassies, United Nations agencies, technology, financial and marketing firms, and a wide range of other organizations.

THE OUTDOOR EDUCATION EXPERIENCE

Each year High School students embark on a four-day trip with their grade-level classmates to explore a different part of Uruguay. The format ensures that all students have an outdoor experience, become more familiar with Uruguayan flora, fauna, and culture, and build closer connections with their classmates. All of the trips have adventure, environmental education, and service components.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS / COURSES OFFERED

CONTENT AREA	CREDITS REQUIRED	COURSES OFFERED
English	4 credits	English 9, English 10, IB HL/SL English A1 Literature & Language, IB HL/SL English A1 Literature, English Language Learner (ELL)
Social Studies	3 credits	History 9, US History, IB HL/SL History IB HL/SL Economics, IB Theory of Knowledge
Mathematics	4 credits	Geometry, Algebra II, IB Math Studies, IB HL/SL Math
Sciences	3 credits	Biology 9, Chemistry/Physics 10, IB HL/SL Biology, IB HL/SL Physics, IB HL/SL Chemistry
Foreign Language / Spanish UP	4 credits	Spanish Language Learner (SLL), Portuguese, Spanish, Literature, AP Spanish Language, IB HL Spanish A1 Literature, IB HL/SL Portuguese
Technology	1 credit	Computers, IB HL/SL ITGS
Fine/Performing Arts	1 credit	Music, Drama, Art, IB HL/SL Visual Arts
Physical Education	1.5 credits	Physical Education, Fitness
Health	0.5 credits	Health/Wellness
Electives	6 credits	Additional courses at UAS, online or Independent Study, Integrated Uruguayan Program

ATHLETICS

UAS offers soccer, basketball, volleyball, and swimming to students. Additionally, our students host and travel to participate in the South American Activities Conference Tournaments all over South America.

VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS

UAS offers courses in music, drama, and visual arts. Additionally, our students travel to participate in the South American Arts Conference collaborating and working with participating schools. They are given the opportunity to explore their talents and deepen their knowledge in each discipline.

CO-CURRICULARS

Leadership roles within the school are open to students serving on the Student Council (STUCO) and National Honor Society (NHS). UAS also offers TedEd Club, Robotics, and Model United Nationals (MUN). Participation in these organizations is very high.

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE

In 2013 UAS was authorized to offer the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program. The IB Diploma Program is a rigorous two-year pre-university course of study designed to develop students who are knowledgeable, inquiring, and caring, and who foster intercultural understanding and respect. Each student chooses three courses at the Higher Level and three Standard Level courses in addition to the Theory of Knowledge, CAS, and Extended Essay requirements. Courses offered include English Literature, English Language and Literature, Spanish Literature, Language B: English, Spanish and Portuguese, U.S. History, ITGS, Economics, Biology, Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics (Applications and Interpretation/ Analysis and Approaches), and Visual Arts. The first Diploma class was the Class of 2015.

	% of Grade as Diploma Candidates	Candidates that earned the IB Diploma	Bilingual Diplomas
2018	90%	95%	53%
2019	79%	79%	63%
2020	42%	100%	80%

INTEGRATED URUGUAYAN PROGRAM

In 1999, an agreement between the Uruguayan education authorities and the United States government established the Integrated Uruguayan Program, the only one of its kind in the country. UAS students may choose to take five courses taught in Spanish —History, Law, Sociology, AP Spanish Language, and IB Spanish Literature— and graduate with both a U.S. high school diploma and the prerequisites to continue university studies in Uruguay.

RANK: Our student population is complex with regard to language, culture, and scholastic background. Our graduating classes are small. Our turnover rate is high. Therefore, we do not rank our students.

GRADING SYSTEM

GPA	PERCENTAGES	GPA	PERCENTAGES
4.00 = A+	100 - 98	2.00 = C	76 - 73
4.00 = A	97 - 93	1.67 = C-	72 - 70
3.67 = A-	92 - 90	1.33 = D+	69 - 67
3.33 = B+	89 - 87	1.00 = D	66 - 63
3.00 = B	86 - 83	0.67 = D-	62 - 60
2.67 = B-	82 - 80	0.00 = F	59 - 0
2.63 = C+	79 - 77		

Class of 2020 - 21

18 students from 10 countries

Average Scores

SAT 2019
560 Reading and Writing
602 Math

SCHOLARSHIP OFFERS

The class of 2020 (12 students) received \$ 515,000 in scholarship offers.

UNIVERSITIES & COLLEGES

A selective list of university acceptances from Classes of 2015-2020.

NORTH AMERICA

UNITED STATES

Arizona State University
Babson College
Berklee College of Music
Boston University
Brown University
Clemson University
College of Charleston
Colorado State University
De Paul University
Eckerd College
Elon University
Emerson College
Fashion Institute of Technology, NYC
Florida International University
Georgetown University
George Mason University
George Washington University
Grinnell College
Hofstra University
Indiana University
Ithaca College
James Madison University
Johns Hopkins University
Kenyon College
Lehigh University
Loyola Marymount University
Mary Washington University
Marymount Manhattan
Michigan State University
New York University
Northeastern University
Northwestern University
Penn State
Purdue University
Rollins College
Rutgers University
Savannah College of Art & Design
SUNY--Albany, Binghamton, Buffalo,
Stony Brook
University of Miami

CANADA

Carleton University
Concordia University
McGill University
McMasters University
Ryerson University
University of British Columbia
University of Ottawa
University of Toronto

EUROPE

UNITED KINGDOM

Cardiff University
Imperial College London
King's College London
Lancaster University
Loughborough University
Newcastle University
Royal Holloway, University of London
Swansea University
University of Bath
University of Birmingham
University of Bristol
University of East Anglia
University of Exeter
University of St Andrews
University of Southampton
University of Surrey
University of Sussex
University of Warwick

FRANCE

Paris College of Art

NETHERLANDS

Erasmus University Rotterdam
University of Groningen
University of Amsterdam
Delft University of Technology

SPAIN

IE Business School
Universidad de Navarra

SWITZERLAND

Ecole Hôtelière de Lausanne
Les Roches

LATIN & SOUTH AMERICA

ARGENTINA

Instituto Tecnológico de Buenos Aires
Universidad Católica Argentina
Universidad del Salvador

BRAZIL

UNISA

ECUADOR

Universidad de San Francisco

PANAMA

Florida State University, Panama

URUGUAY

UdelaR
Universidad Católica de Uruguay
Universidad ORT Uruguay
Universidad de Montevideo