



Uruguayan  
American  
School

# EDUCATION WITHOUT BORDERS

**WHY UAS?**

# **OUR MISSION**

The Uruguayan American School is a multicultural, academically challenging learning community that prepares students to be responsible global citizens and lifelong learners through U.S., international and Uruguayan curricula.

# **OUR VISION**

A multicultural community committed to fostering global citizenship and providing a premier education in South America.

# 1. Academic Excellence



UAS provides a challenging university preparatory program. All students are expected to meet rigorous, world-class academic standards and to pursue the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma. Our academic program prepares students for success in college. UAS graduates have been admitted to some of the world's finest colleges and universities, including:

- **Arizona State University**
- **Boston University**
- **Brown University**
- **Erasmus University Rotterdam**
- **Georgetown University**
- **King's College, London**
- **McGill University**
- **New York University**
- **Northeastern University**
- **Northwestern University**
- **Penn State University**
- **Purdue University**
- **The New School**
- **University of Edinburgh**
- **Universidad Católica Argentina**
- **Universidad Católica de Uruguay**
- **Universidad de la República**
- **Universidad ORT**
- **University of British Columbia**
- **University of Colorado**
- **University of Michigan**
- **University of New Zealand**
- **University of Texas**
- **University of Toronto**
- **University of Virginia**
- **Westminster University**

UAS offers college readiness assessments and university admissions exams. We are the only approved SAT and ACT test administration site in Uruguay. Our college counselor assists students applying to U.S., Uruguayan and other international universities.

## 2. English Language Program



UAS provides an English-language educational program based on a North American educational philosophy. All classes are taught in English, except Spanish language courses and those that are part of the Uruguayan Program. UAS teachers are either native English-speakers or fully bilingual English and Spanish speakers. Our English immersion approach ensures a rapid and profound acquisition of the language. Language acquisition specialists also provide additional support for English language learners.

## 3. Individualized Attention



UAS is committed to maintaining small class sizes and an ideal student/teacher ratio. Our teachers know their students as learners and as individuals. They are able to tailor instruction to meet students' needs and learning styles. UAS also has learning specialists and counselors to support students' learning needs.

## 4. Multicultural Learning Environment



UAS is an international school with students representing more than 35 nationalities, including our host country of Uruguay. The teaching faculty is composed of certified international educators from the United States, Uruguay, and 10 other countries. At UAS differences in culture, religion, nationality, language, physical ability and appearance are embraced and celebrated.

## 5. Development of the Whole Child



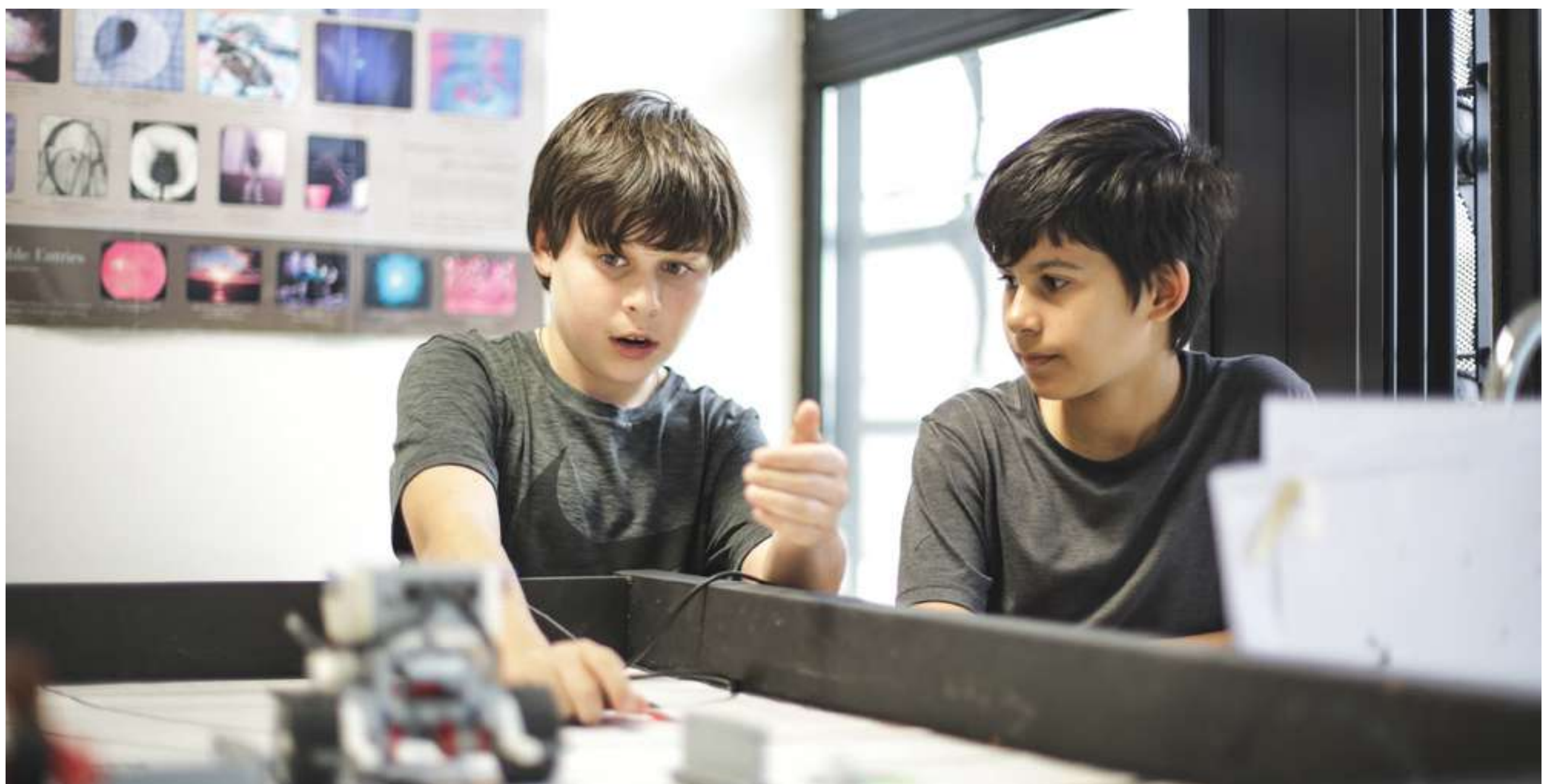
At UAS we believe that a superior education develops students' academic, physical, social, emotional, and artistic potential. UAS offers arts and technology electives, character education lessons, an outdoor education program and numerous local and international community service projects. In addition, our counselors work with students, parents, teachers, and administrators to ensure the optimal development of every student's academic, personal and social potential.

## 6. U.S. Accreditation, Uruguayan Education Ministry Approval, and IB Certification



UAS offers three accredited programs of study. We are fully accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. We are also accredited by the Uruguayan Ministry of Education's Secondary School Education Council (ANEP-CODICEN) and Primary School Education Council (ANEP-CEIP). Since 2013, UAS has been certified to offer the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme. UAS students can earn up to three diplomas: a U.S. high school diploma, a Uruguayan high school diploma, and an IB diploma.

## 7. Technology



UAS prepares our students for their future, rather than for the present or for the world in which educators were raised. For this reason we infuse technology into classroom instruction from Early Childhood through High School. Students learn to use Mac and Windows platforms on tablets, laptops, and desktop computers. Using the Google Applications for Education suite, UAS students learn to work efficiently and collaboratively online. Through coding and programming units of study and robotics, students learn to create and innovate with technology.

## 8. Northern Hemisphere School Calendar



The UAS school year follows a northern hemisphere calendar with classes beginning in August and ending in June. Our calendar aligns with other international schools around the world and with universities in the northern hemisphere.

## 9. After School Activities and Athletics Program



Outside the classroom, all UAS students are encouraged to develop a skill, hobby or passion through one of the numerous after school athletics and activities options available to Elementary and Secondary students. Students can choose to join Chess Club, Karate, Model United Nations, Robotics, TEDEd Club and many more activities. Secondary students may join UAS's swimming, volleyball, basketball and/or soccer teams. As a member of the South American Activities Conference (SAAC), UAS teams travel to compete against other international schools. UAS art students also travel to participate in an international arts festival.

# 10. First-Rate Facilities



UAS's campus and facilities create the ideal learning environment where students can thrive. The school is situated on three well-maintained hectares in a residential suburb of Montevideo. The 7,100 square meter building has fully equipped science laboratories, purpose-built art rooms with kilns, an auditorium, and a gymnasium with a complete weight room. Outside there is an impeccably manicured soccer field, a basketball court, and three playground areas. In 2016 UAS added a 1,000 square meter extension to Secondary School, including a large, colorful, and naturally-lit flexible learning space.





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