UWC USA | PROFILE

UWC makes education a force to unite people, nations, and cultures for peace and a sustainable future.

Class of 2026, 105 Students

Part of a global network of 18 schools in the UWC movement, UWC-USA enrolls idealistic students who deeply care about today's major global challenges. About 25% of the 200+ students are from the US, while the other 75% represent roughly 80 countries from every region of the world. From the moment they arrive, students enhance their international and intercultural understanding, challenge themselves academically and personally, and engage in community service driven by practical idealism.
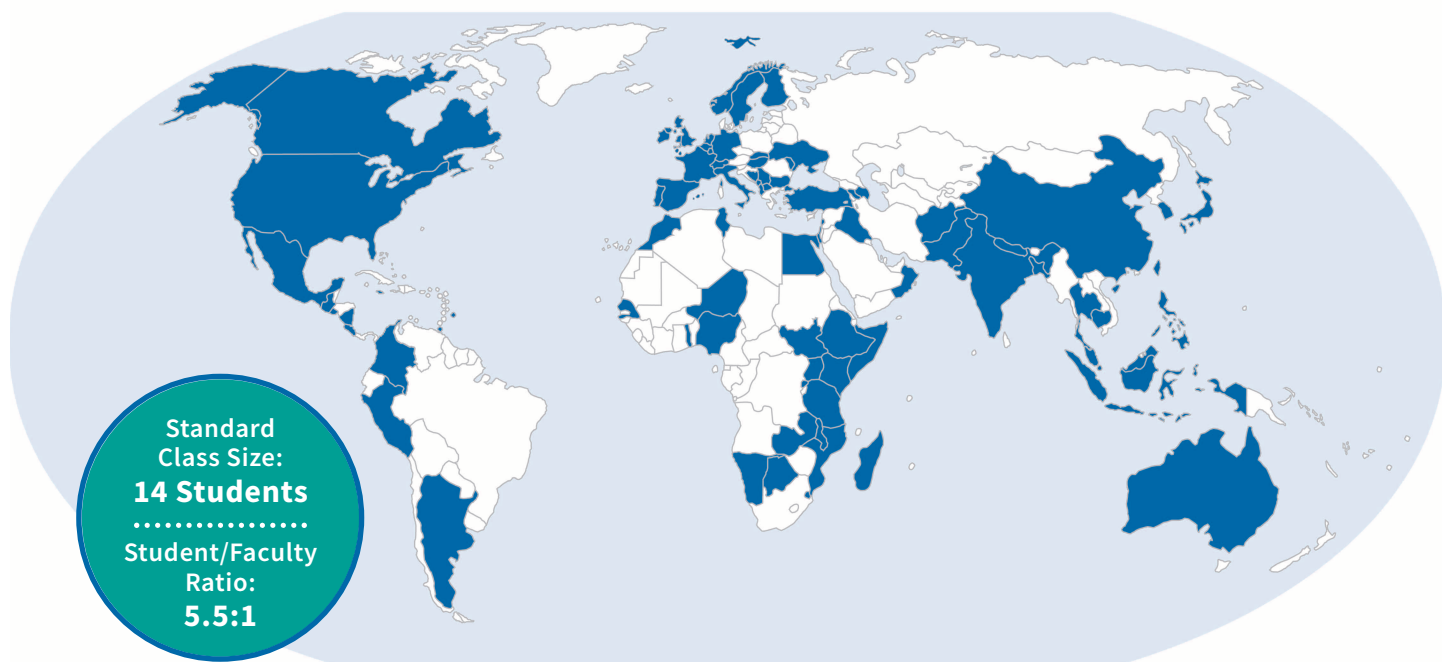
Admissions

Most applicants are nominated through a competitive selection process in their home countries. UWC national committees exist in over 150 countries and are composed of educational leaders and UWC alumni. Students nominated by national committees receive need-based scholarships funded by UWC-USA. Candidates are assessed based on 7 criteria: intellectual curiosity and motivation, active commitment, social competence, resilience, personal responsibility, and integrity, as well as support for UWC values.

Core Values

- International and intercultural understanding
- Celebration of difference
- Personal responsibility and integrity
- Mutual responsibility and respect
- Compassion and service
- Respect for the environment
- A sense of idealism
- Personal challenge
- Action and personal example

Home Countries 2025-2026 School Year

Standard Class Size: **14 Students**

Student/Faculty Ratio: **5.5:1**

- Afghanistan
- Albania•
- Argentina
- Armenia
- Australia
- Azerbaijan
- Bangladesh
- Barbados
- Belgium
- Bolivia
- Bosnia & Herzegovina
- Botswana
- Bulgaria
- Cambodia
- Canada
- China
- Colombia
- Costa Rica
- Egypt
- El Salvador
- Eswatini
- Ethiopa
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- Guatemala
- Hong Kong
- Hungary
- India
- Indonesia
- Iraq
- Israel
- Italy
- Jamaica
- Japan
- Kenya
- Lebanon
- Madagascar
- Malawi
- Malaysia
- Mexico
- Moldova
- Morocco
- Mozambique
- Namibia
- Nepal
- Netherlands
- Nicaragua
- Niger
- Nigeria
- North Macedonia
- Norway
- Oman
- Pakistan
- Palestine
- Peru
- Philippines
- Portugal
- Rwanda
- Senegal
- Singapore
- Slovenia
- Somaliland
- South Korea
- South Sudan
- Spain
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- Taiwan
- Tanzania
- Thailand
- Togo
- Trinidad and Tobago
- Tunisia
- Turkey
- Uganda
- United Kingdom
- Ukraine
- USA
- Zambia

The UWC-USA Experience

All students at UWC-USA are enrolled in the full International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Program. In addition to their IB coursework and trimester achievements, students also earn the UWC-USA High School Diploma, graduating with both qualifications. UWC-USA is accredited by the State of New Mexico and the Independent Schools Association of the Southwest. In addition to the academic qualifications students complete additional requirements as follows.

Academics: International Bacccalaureate Diploma Program

All UWC-USA students transfer from other schools, bringing at least two years of high school education in language, literature, humanities, science, math, arts, and physical education.

Querencia and Community Engagement

UWC-USA's Querencia program underscores a commitment to place-based learning, encouraging students to nurture a sense of home in northern New Mexico, whether through staging performances, leading backpacking trips, or volunteering in local schools, animal shelters, senior communities, or nonprofits. These activities foster leadership, peer empowerment, and practical skills.

Residential Life

UWC-USA is a residential school where all students live on campus, building connections with peers from around the world. A core aspect of residential life is student leadership, with second-year students trained by experienced staff to take on roles in multiple support systems and student governance. Residential life emphasizes personal, communal, and environmental sustainability and is a required element of the UWC-USA experience. The structure ensures students play a key role in shaping their community, while also receiving support.
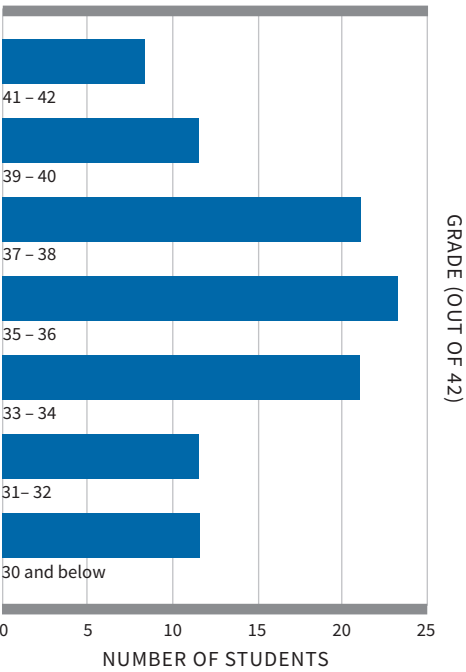
Student Leadership Opportunities

- **Wilderness Leaders** – Receive training in wilderness skills and first aid to serve as mentors and guides on wilderness trips.
- **Residential Assistants (RAs)** – empower students to build a supportive, productive school community. Students must apply for leadership roles and undergo a rigorous selection process by faculty and peers. RAs are divided into 4 groups:
  - **Student Wellness Education and Empowerment Team (SWEET)** – Resource for peers to improve mental or physical wellness
  - **Climate Action Team (CAT)** – Examines ways to minimize the school's environmental impact
  - **Constructive Transformation Team (CTT)** – Trained to defuse conflicts between roommates or peer groups
  - **Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Access (IDEA)** – Work to ensure all students feel a sense of belonging and have access to activities and resources
- **StuCo:** Students are selected for Student Council by their peers through a democratic process. StuCo is organized by the following geographic regions at UWC-USA:
  - LATAM Latin America, Spain & Caribbean
  - ACAR Africa & Caribbean
  - MIND Middle East & Indian Subcontinent
  - PAND Pacific & Asia
  - END Europe
  - NAD North America

Class of '26 SAT Scores

63 members of the Class of '26 have taken the SAT as of August.

- Middle 50th percentile range
- Median

1215	1315	1510
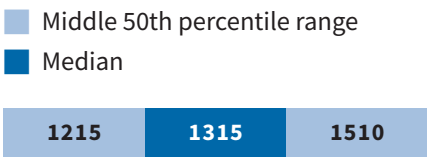
Class of '26 End of Year Achievement Grades

GRADE (OUT OF 42)

NUMBER OF STUDENTS

Class of '26 Financial Aid

Students graduating in the class of 2026 have been awarded $3.8 million in financial aid for tuition, room, and board for each of their two years at UWC-USA.

- Percentage of students receiving full COA.....................37%
- Percentage of students receiving partial need- or merit-based COA 42%
- Percentage of students responsible for full COA............21%
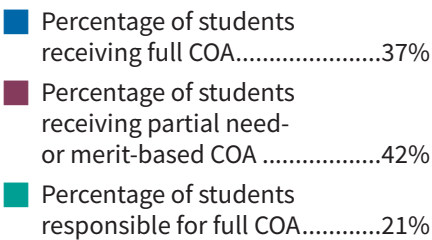
*Cost of attendance

University Application Limit Policy

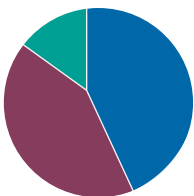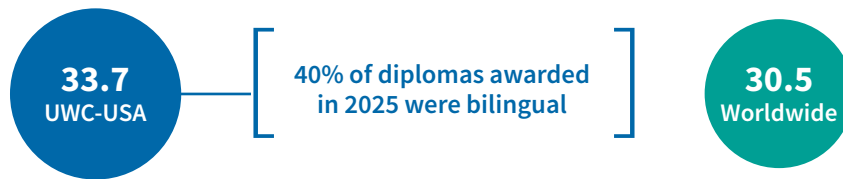Every UWC campus limits each student to submitting no more than eleven applications. The purpose of the application limit is to ensure quality over quantity and encourage students to remain focused on their UWC experience and the rigid second year of the IB Diploma. University admissions officers should be confident that any application received from a UWC student is a serious application.
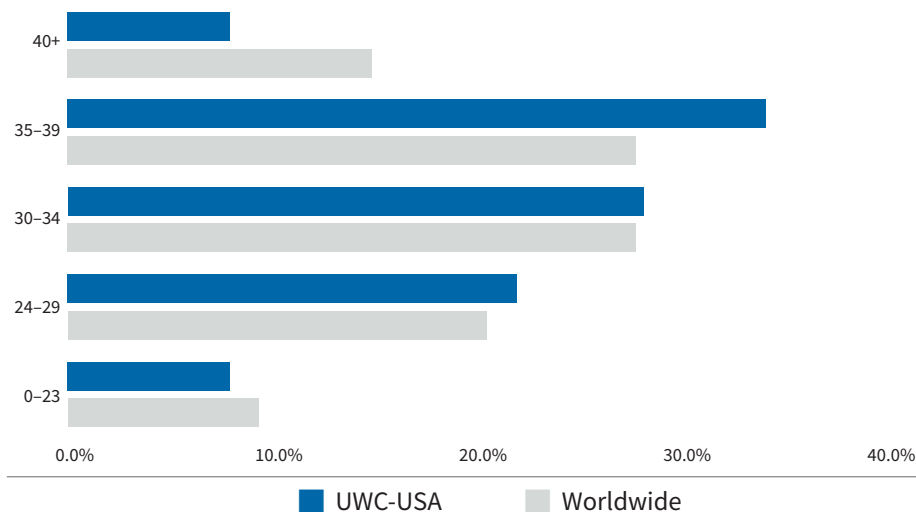
2025 IB Diploma Score* Comparison

Pass Rate

90% UWC-USA

81.3% Worldwide

Average Diploma Score

33.7 UWC-USA

40% of diplomas awarded in 2025 were bilingual

30.5 Worldwide

Points

	UWC-USA	Worldwide

Horizontal axis: 0.0% 10.0% 20.0% 30.0% 40.0%
Categories: 40+, 35–39, 30–34, 24–29, 0–23

Legend: ■ UWC-USA ▢ Worldwide

$4.74 million — Amount of first-year college/university tuition costs covered by merit and need-based aid for 2025 UWC-USA graduates.

Courses Offered

Group 1: Studies in language and literature
- English A: Literature HL
- English A: Language and Literature HL or SL
- Spanish A: Literature HL or SL
- French A: Literature HL or SL
- School supported self-taught/Mother tongue Language A SL; (there are 55 languages available for students)
- Language and Culture SL

Group 2: Language acquisition
- English B HL or SL French B HL or SL
- French ab initio SL
- Spanish B HL or SL
- Spanish ab initio SL

Group 3: Individuals and societies
- Economics HL or SL
- Global Politics HL or SL
- History HL or SL
- Digital Society HL or SL
- Social and Cultural Anthropology SL
- Environmental Systems and Society HL or SL
- Language and Culture SL

Group 4: Science
- Biology HL or SL
- Chemistry HL or SL
- Environmental Systems and Society HL or SL
- Physics HL or SL

Group 5: Mathematics
- Analysis and Approaches HL or SL
- Applications and Interpretation HL or SL

Group 6: Arts
- Dance HL or SL
- Theater Arts HL or SL
- Visual Arts HL or SL

Core
- Theory of Knowledge course: a total of 100 hours over two years; Extended Essay of 4000 words in an academic subject of their choice; and Creativity, Activity and Service (CAS)

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Acceptances and Matriculations 2022-25

Africa & Caribbean
Kingston University
University of Cape Town
University of West Indies

Asia-Pacific
Hong Kong University of Science
   and Technology
Northwestern University in Qatar
NYU Abu Dhabi
Peking University
Sophia University
University of Hong Kong
University of Sydney
Waseda University

Canada
Bishop's University
Carleton University
Concordia University
Concordia University
Dalhousie University
Huron University College
McGill University
McMaster University
Mount Allison University
OCAD University
Universite de Montreal
University of Alberta
University of British Columbia
University of Ottawa
University of Toronto
University of Victoria
University of Western Ontario
York University

Central & South America
InstitutoTecnologico y de Estudios
   Superiores de Monterrey
Universidad de Los Andes
Universidad de Panama

Europe
American University of Paris
Bard College Berlin
Budapest University of
   Technology and Economics
Columbia University -
   Sciences Po - Dual BA Program
Constructor University
Dublin City University
Erasmus University College
Erasmus University Rotterdam
IE University - Madrid
IE University - Segovia
Instituto de Empresa
   Business School
Johannes Kepler University - Linz
KU Leuven
Leiden University College Hague
Leipzig University
Paris Institute of Political Studies
   (Sciences Po)
Politecnico di Milano
Politecnico di Torino
Technische Universiteit Delft
Technische Universiteit Eindhoven
Tilburg University
Trinity College Dublin
Universidad de Navarra
Universidad de Sevilla
Universita Bocconi
Università degli Studi Roma Tre
Universität Bremen
Universiteit Leiden
Universiteit Maastricht
Universiteit Utrecht
Universiteit van Amsterdam
University College Dublin
University College Maastricht
University College Utrecht
University of Geneva
University of Groningen
University of Milano-Bicocca
University of Szeged
University of Zurich
Vienna University of
   Economics and Business

United Kingdom
Cardiff University
Durham University
Goldsmiths University of London
Imperial College London
King's College London
London Metropolitan University
London School of Economics
   and Political Science
Manchester Metropolitan University
Nottingham Trent University
Queen Mary University of London
University College London
University of Aberdeen
University of Arts London
University of Bath
University of Brighton
University of Bristol
University of Cambridge
University of Edinburgh
University of Glasgow
University of Leeds
University of Manchester
University of Nottingham
University of Reading
University of South Wales
University of St Andrews
University of Suffolk
University of Surrey
University of Sussex
University of Warwick
University of York

United States
American University
Amherst College
Amsterdam University College
Appalachian State University
Arizona State University-Tempe
Ashoka University
Auburn University
Augusta University
Babson College
Bard College
Barnard College
Bates College
Beloit College
Bennington College
Berklee College of Music
Boston College
Boston University
Bowdoin College
Brandeis University
Brown University
Bryant University
Bryn Mawr College
Bucknell University
California College of Arts
Carnegie Mellon University
Carthage College
Case Western Reserve University
Central Methodist University
Chapman University
Chicago State University
Clark University
Colby College
Colgate University
College of Atlantic
College of Idaho
Colorado College
Colorado School of Mines
Columbia University
Concordia College at Moorhead
Connecticut College
Cornell University
CUNY Brooklyn College
CUNY Hunter College
Dartmouth College
Davidson College
Denison University
DePaul University
Drexel University
Duke University
Earlham College
Eckerd College
Embry-Riddle
   Aeronautical University
Emerson College
Emory University
Fashion Institute of Technology
Florida Atlantic University
Florida International University
Florida State University
Fordham University
Fort Lewis College
Franklin and Marshall College
Furman University
George Mason University
George Washington University
Georgetown University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Georgia State University
Gettysburg College
Glendale Community College
Goucher College
Hampshire College
Harvey Mudd College
Hofstra University
Hood College
Howard University
Illinois Institute of Technology
Indiana University-Bloomington
Ithaca College
James Madison University
Kalamazoo College
Kettering University
King's College
Lake Forest College
Lawrence University
Lehigh University
Lewis & Clark College
Louisiana State University
Loyola Marymount University
Loyola University Chicago
Luther College
Macalester College
Maryland Institute College of Art
Massachusetts Institute
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Methodist University
Miami University of Ohio
Michigan State University
Middlebury College
Minerva University
Monmouth University
Montana State University
Montclair State University
Mount Holyoke College
New School
New York University
North Carolina A & T State University
Northeastern University
Northwestern University
Oberlin College
Occidental College
Ohio State University
Oklahoma State University
Oregon State University
Pace University
Pennsylvania State University
Pepperdine University
Pitzer College
Pomona College
Portland State University
Pratt College of Art & Design
Pratt Institute of Brooklyn
Princeton University
Purdue University
Queens University of Charlotte
Randolph-Macon College
Reed College
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rhode Island School of Design
Rhodes College
Ringling College of Art and Design
Rose-Hulman Institute
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Rutgers University
Saint Mary's College of California
Santa Clara University
Santa Monica College
Sarah Lawrence College
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Skidmore College
Smith College
Southern California
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Southwestern University
Spelman College
St. Olaf College
St. Francis College
St. John's College
St. Lawrence University
Stanford University
Stetson University
Stevens Institute of Technology
Stony Brook University
SUNY College-Geneseo
Swarthmore College
Temple University
Texas A & M University
Texas State University
Trinity College
Tufts University
Tulane University of Louisiana
Union College (NY)
University of Arizona
University of Arkansas
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University of Minnesota-Twin Cities
University of Missouri-Columbia
University of New Mexico
University of North Carolina
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University of North Carolina-
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University of Oklahoma
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh
University of Portland
University of Puget Sound
University of Redlands
University of Richmond
University of Rochester
University of South
University of South Carolina-
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University of South Florida
University of Southern California
University of St. Thomas (MN)
University of Tampa
University of Texas-
   Rio Grande Valley
University of Texas-Austin
University of Texas-Dallas
University of Vermont
University of Virginia
University of Washington
University of Wisconsin-Madison
Vanderbilt University
Vassar College
Virginia Tech
Warren Wilson College
Wartburg College
Washington and Lee University
Washington University
Wesleyan University
Wheaton College - Massachusetts
Whitman College
William & Mary
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Wofford College
Worcester Polytechnic Institute