



The British Curriculum (IGCSE)

The British Curriculum (IGCSE) has achieved a worldwide reputation for quality and is recognized and respected around the world.

- One of the huge benefits is how transferable it is – students can move seamlessly from country to country.
- The British Curriculum is respected around the world and provides access to the world's top universities
- The British Curriculum is aligned with the national curriculum of the United Kingdom, in preparation for the IGCSE's in Grades 9 and 10, and AS and A2 levels in Grades 11 and 12.
- The curriculum is also standardized, which means it is easier to adjust when transferring schools, and its scope of learning is largely consistent from place to place •



What is IGCSE?

IGCSE stands for 'International General Certificate of Secondary Education'. The IGCSE is an international alternative to many popular national curricula.



What is the duration of the course?

IGCSE is a two-year programme starting in Grade 9. A student who has completed his/ her early schooling from any other school can join the IGCSE programme in Grade 9 level and complete it at the end of grade 10 . IGCSE is an international alternative to many popular national curricula.



What is next after IGCSE level?

A student who has passed IGCSE is eligible to embark on a sixth form educational course, or any international pre-university programme, such as the IB Diploma, Advanced Placement Diploma (US), and A/AS Level & AICE (UK). Many UK universities require both IGCSE and A/Level qualification to enter the undergraduate programmes.

American High School Diploma

- The American high school diploma is an academic school leaving qualification and is awarded to students upon high school graduation.
- The high school diploma is typically studied over the course of 4 years from grade 9 to grade 12 and it is awarded by the school in accordance to Advanc ED requirements.
- The system of high school diploma is based on credit hours and according to American standards.
- One credit hour of a high school subject comprises of course work which is carried over the whole academic year and is equal to 36 weeks or 180 school days.
- Students must accumulate a total of 24 credits in order to obtain the American High School Diploma
- Students are required to take English, Mathematics, Sciences, World Language (i.e., French language) and ICT and (Arabic language, KSA History, Quran and Islamic studies).
- Besides passing the semester exams of the school, students have to complete all assessment (i.e., class work, homework, quizzes and projects) to be awarded the American High Diploma High Certificate.
- At the end of grade 12 if the student has completed all previous requirements, he will be awarded an American High School Diploma Certificate.

In addition to the American high school Diploma Certificate, students are encouraged to sit for admission tests to increase their chances to meet universities' entry requirements. There are two American International Admission tests that students are required to take:

Scholastic Aptitude

Test (SAT) is a standardized test widely used for college admissions in the United States and international admission test for colleges and universities entry requirements, and it is mostly popular among the American diploma programs in the Middle East.

There are two types of SAT

- SAT I (SAT reasoning tests)
- SAT II (SAT subject test)

American College Test (ACT):

The ACT is a national college admissions examination in the United States. ACT (which contains no Writing) consists of four multiple-choice tests: English, Mathematics, Reading, and Science. These will be conducted together with a 30-minute Writing Test. The ACT measures achievement mostly related to high school curricula.

Students are required to take either the SAT or ACT. Both the SAT and ACT require similar skills and test similar content. However, the SAT measures mostly verbal and quantitative reasoning.