
2024 - 2025

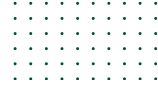
ACADEMICA INTERNATIONAL STUDIES DUAL DIPLOMA PROGRAM

Preparing students for new challenges





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A TOP NOTCH EDUCATION SERVICE PROVIDER IN THE UNITED STATES

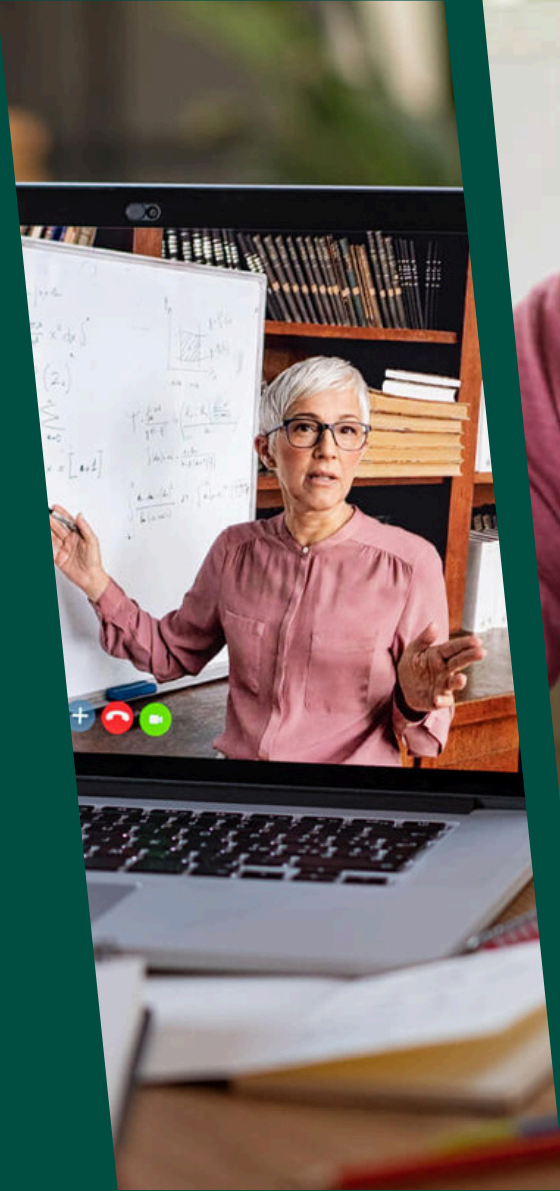
Academica is one of the nation's longest-serving and most successful education service organizations, providing professional services and related support to public charter schools and private schools. With nearly 200 schools, Academica supports diverse communities across 14 states including Florida, Texas, Utah, California, North and South Carolina, Nevada, Georgia, Ohio and Arizona.

**Public education privately managed for high performance (from Kindergarden to High School) that excels due to the quality, high level of parental and teacher involvement, comprehensiveness and flexibility in curriculum and for their attention to the individual needs of each student.*





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01

OUR MISSION

The Mission of **Academica International Studies (AIS)** is to provide students with high-quality virtual learning content and services. AIS is committed to fostering the development of diligent and responsible life-long learners of the 21st century through the thoughtful use and continuous, data-driven improvement of interactive, media-rich educational opportunities in flexible, student-centered, virtual learning environments. Ultimately, AIS achieves success in surpassing national standards via the integration of student, teacher, parent, school, Governing Board, and community efforts in the direction of excellence in education.

02

OUR VISION

Academica International Studies' Vision: AIS is dedicated to **providing equitable high-quality education to all students.**

A LEADER IN VIRTUAL EDUCATION

Academica Virtual Education is one of the few institutions in the United States that is recognized as a **provider of public and private online education.**

Providing services to their own schools as well as any public or private school in the United States that is in need of these services.



The connection between schools and universities in the United States.

In order to bridge the gap between High School and higher education, it is mandatory for a High School student in Florida to take at least one online course.



THE INTERNATIONALIZATION OF HIGH PERFORMANCE EDUCATION

With the philosophy of accompanying students in their development and preparation within, but also outside of the United States, in 2010 Academica initiated an official program for the **validation of diplomas from different countries**, which is where the **Academica International Studies Dual Diploma** began.



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ACADEMICA INTERNATIONAL STUDIES (AIS) DUAL DIPLOMA

The **Academica Dual Diploma™** program created and developed by **Academica Virtual Education** prepares students to achieve the highest levels of competency based on the accomplishment of three major objectives.

The **AIS Dual Diploma Program** has around **40,000 students** and is present in more than **1,200 schools** in **30 different countries**, including: Spain, France, Italy, Germany, Ukraine, Argentina, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Venezuela, Mexico, Bolivia, Chile, Dominican Republic, Brazil, India, Turkey...



AIS DUAL DIPLOMA

1 Program, 3 Major Objectives

01

Language Immersion

All assignments and interactions with teachers are established in English right from the beginning of the course. This allows students to acquire an advanced level of bilingual learning.

02

Technological Immersion

Mastering the usage of advanced technology for optimal digital learning.

03

Personal Immersion

The student acquires responsibility and maturity in their work, with a strong level of autonomy, application of time management skills and a capacity for being adaptable and flexible as well as an ability to work in different environments and multicultural settings.





AIS DUAL DIPLOMA

WHAT IS ACHIEVED?

The **Academica Dual Diploma™** program offers students the opportunity to receive two diplomas simultaneously.

01.

A High School Diploma from the student's country of origin in person.

02.

An official and accredited High School Diploma from the United States, using online education.

Academica International Studies

Miami-Dade County, Florida



This Certifies that
Firstname Lastname

Having satisfactorily completed all requirements of law and standards for high school graduation as prescribed by the State Board of Education and the School Governing Board is hereby awarded this

High School Diploma

With all the rights, privileges, and honors thereto appertaining here and elsewhere.

Given this 23rd day of June, two thousand and twenty-three.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "F. Zulueta".

Fernando Zulueta
Governing Board Chair



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gina LaLicata".

Gina LaLicata
Principal

S/N: 123456



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One of the benefits of this program, apart from the distinguishable improvement in English language proficiency, is the autonomy that it provides the students and the ease with which it allows them to acquire skills in the use of technology.

• Top program directors of the Dual Diploma Program. October 2023.

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AIS DUAL DIPLOMA

WHAT IS ACHIEVED?

The educational system in the United States evaluates students based on their **knowledge and capacity**. It takes into consideration that a student does not have to study the same subject (math, physics, literature...) in two different languages, except for some material that is specific to each country such as language, culture and history.

Because of this, Academica's International Studies program can validate up to **75% of the 24 credits** that are required for a student to obtain a High School diploma.



AIS HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA

Credits Required for Graduation: **24**

SUBJECT AREA	24 REQUIRED CREDITS
01 NATIVE LANGUAGE & LITERATURE	④ credits, with major concentration in composition, reading for information, and literature
02 ENGLISH	④ credits
03 MATHEMATICS	④ credits, one of which must be Algebra 1 or equivalent and one of which must be Geometry or its equivalent
04 SCIENCE	③ credits, two of which must have a laboratory component and one of which must be Biology 1 or equivalent course / series of courses
05 SOCIAL STUDIES	① credit of History ① credit of US History ① credit of US Government ① credit of Economics
06 FINE ARTS OR PERFORMING ARTS	① credit of fine or performing arts, speech and debate, or practical arts
07 PHYSICAL EDUCATION/ HEALTH	① credit in physical education to include integration of health
08 ELECTIVES	④ credits
09 GRADE POINT AVERAGE	Minimum Cumulative Overall Unweighted GPA of 2.0 on 4.0 scale

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Dual Diploma students are required to take 6 required credits with AIS of **the 24 required graduation credits**: 4 subjects from the mandatory curriculum and 2 electives.

Mandatory Subjects (Two English Courses depending on English Placement)

01	ENGLISH I	1 credit
02	ENGLISH II	1 credit
03	ENGLISH III	1 credit
04	ENGLISH IV	1 credit
05	ENGLISH V	1 credit
06	U.S. HISTORY	1 credit
07	U.S. GOVERNMENT	1 credit

Sample Electives

01	LIFE MANAGEMENT SKILLS	1 credit
02	COLLEGE PREPARATION (SAT – ACT)	1 credit
03	DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY	1 credit
04	CRIMINOLOGY	1 credit
05	PUBLIC SPEAKING AND JOURNALISM	1 credit
06	ENGLISH	1 credit
07	PSYCHOLOGY	1 credit
08	CONCEPTS OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY	1 credit

AIS DUAL DIPLOMA

Student Program 2024 - 2025

4 Year Program

1st Year - English

2nd Year - English & Elective

3rd Year - U.S. History & Elective

4th Year - U.S. Government /
Economics

3 Year Program

1st Year - English & Elective

2nd Year - English & U.S. History

3rd Year - U.S. Government / Economics &
Elective

2 Year Program

1st Year - English, U.S. History & Elective

2nd Year - English, U.S. Government / Economics & Elective

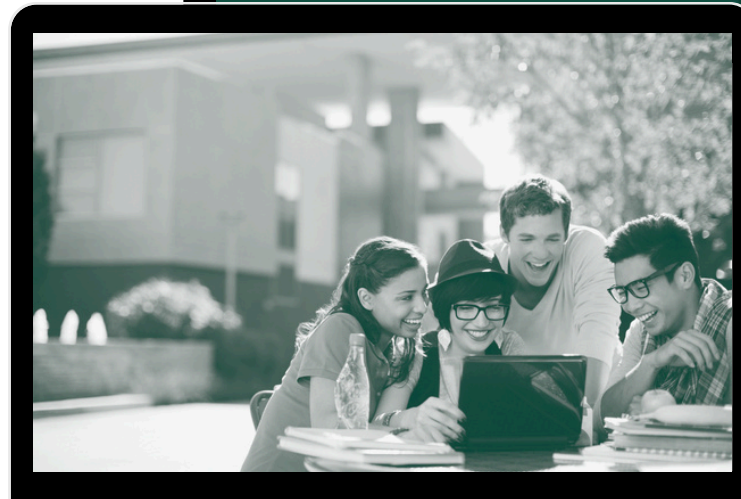
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How do students complete their work?

Students work on selected materials from home on their computers.

The program **provides all necessary platforms, systems, and tools** that students need readily available to them to accomplish the following:

- For **communication** between students and teachers, between teachers and parents (parents have their own specific accounts), and between teachers and the Program Director.
- For **content and activities** in which students learn, review, work on and complete their assignments.



The only requirements for students is a computer and an internet connection. All other content and materials are provided by Academica International Studies.



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How do students and teachers communicate?

- Teachers are **available during their scheduled office hours**.
- Scheduled appointments must be **requested** by the students **in advance** and arranged between the student and the teacher.
- Students participate in **Mandatory and Content Based Live Sessions**. These are required group sessions and are essential in reinforcing the acquired knowledge, clarification of any materials covered in the students' courses, and utilizing and practicing the English language.



FROM 4:30 PM TO 10:00 PM





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How much will each student work?

The program requires a medium level of effort similar to that of an extracurricular activity:

3 – 5 hours each week. This is dependent upon the student's ability and the number of subjects being taken.





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How are students monitored?

- Parents can contact their children's teachers at any point during the course as long as they **submit a request in advance**.
- We track student progress through regular contact between the program director at the home school and the teacher in the United States.
- We continuously evaluate students by observing their progress in achieving the objectives proposed in each module.



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How is a student's progress tracked?

- If a student falls behind in their coursework, the teacher in the United States will contact the student, parent and program director at the home school.
- Students regularly receive **progress reports** throughout each semester. If progress is not satisfactory, teachers and/or academic coaches will provide suggestions on how students can improve their performance.
- Students are required to take written tests and participate in live sessions both individually and as a group to monitor their progress.



AIS DUAL DIPLOMA

Qualifications

- To receive a High School Diploma from the United States, the student's school in their country of origin must provide Academica International Studies with an official transcript of their grades.

- Students must have all **24 required credits** to graduate and a **minimum 2.0 Unweighted Grade Point Average (GPA)** and a **minimum average of 70% in all subjects**.



Required Credits

2.0

Unweighted Grade
Point Average



Min Average in
All Subjects

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Qualifications

A student's overall unweighted **GPA** is calculated by **adding up the final numerical grades** received on all subjects taken up to date, and is then **divided between the number of subjects taken** to find the overall average.

A	B	C	D	F
=	=	=	=	=
4.0	3.0	2.0	1.0	0.0
90 - 100%	80 - 89%	70 - 79%	60 - 69%	Less than 59%

Each letter grade has a numerical equivalent

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What does the Dual Diploma bring to the school?

1

Double official qualification for students:

Baccalaureate from the country of origin + American High School Diploma

2

International experience through **American High School** and access to higher education in the USA.

3

Preferential access to several American universities.

4

“Authorized School” to offer the DUAL Baccalaureate: International educational network.

5

Improve skills: linguistic (**bilingualism**), technological (**online**) and personal (**soft skills**).

6

The **“virtual” educational experience** offered by Academica prepares students and schools to confidently address the new challenges of 21st century education.

7

Official program accredited by the **main educational institutions in the USA** and by **COGNIA**

8

All advantages for the school: **free, online and without changing its curriculum...**



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Complementary and voluntary activities of the Dual Diploma Program

01

Clubs: Social Media, Newspaper, Photography, Cooking/Baking, Book, Art, Model UN, Speech and Debate, and AIS Amici.

02

Edutainment

03

Academica eSports League



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Phases



OUR GRADUATIONS



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