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UNIVERSAL AMERICAN SCHOOL
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A WORD FROM OUR DIRECTOR

At Universal American School we place the student at the center of everything that we do. Whether it be through our innovative and future-focused integration of digital literacy and learning technology, our creative arts program, our sports and athletics programming, or our focus on student advocacy and student agency, our students always know that they matter and belong in our learning community. We provide an American international curriculum foundation based on the AERO/Common Core Plus standards that add further value to the already rich and challenging International Baccalaureate (IB) curriculum framework. We emphasize the importance of wellbeing and purpose through making real-world connections and relationship building. This is highlighted by our comprehensive student support services as well as through our business partnerships and our commitment to developing internships and experiential learning opportunities with Al-Futtaim. Our focus is to ensure that we build resilient, open-minded, and curious learners, who graduate with a unique combination of skills, knowledge, and understanding making them ready for their next steps into college/university, careers, and life.

Director
Ms. Janecke Aarnaes

CURRICULUM

AERO US Curriculum PreK-12
IB Primary Years Programme, IB Diploma Programme, Candidate School for the IB Middle Years Programme (MYP, grades 6-8)
Advanced Placement (AP) and AP Capstone Diploma Program

Al-Futtaim
Education Foundation



AN AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL WHERE STUDENTS KNOW THEY BELONG

Universal American School was founded in 2005. Since then, we have nurtured our students with empathy and care, helping them become compassionate, confident learners who know who they are and what they stand for. As you learn more about UAS, the term “community” will resonate with you again and again. We are a boutique-style school with a beautiful campus in the heart of family-friendly Festival City, and we dare to go new ways while being driven by our mission: “To Nurture a Community of Integrity and Academic Excellence”.

This year, we are proud to introduce the innovative and rigorous AP Capstone program as an option within our American

high school track. Through the AP Seminar and AP Research components of the AP Capstone, students investigate real-world issues, learn to synthesize information from different sources, and develop their own research.

The richness of our graduation tracks, offering both the choice of the world-renowned IB Diploma, an American high school track with options of AP courses, and now also the AP Capstone, is one of the unique strengths of Universal American School.

Our parallel tracks empower our students to make more personalized choices in their education. Moreover, it serves as an opportunity for students to seek alternate routes to post-secondary education.

OPERATING AS A NOT-FOR-PROFIT SCHOOL

Universal American School is owned and operated by the Al Futtaim Education Foundation, which is created to support the vision of the Government of Dubai and the KHDA through not-for-profit schools. Our shared vision is to make Universal American School the leading American international school in the region. The investment of time, thought, physical, and financial resources, in addition to decades of business acumen, provide Universal American School with a solid foundation for success and unparalleled access to purposeful connections and real-world learning experiences to benefit our students.

Universal American School is a wonderful place to grow and learn, providing our students with opportunities to become active agents of their own learning. We give our students voice and choice through a number of extra-curricular activities, whether they want to participate in our Fringe Festival, try out for the athletics teams, debate politics with our Model United Nations students, or learn about our Emirati committee, get involved with student government or the National Honor Society. UAS has something to offer everyone. We invite you to visit our school and feel the wonderful energy for yourself.

1100+
STUDENTS

exceptional campus
75+ NATIONALITIES

AMERICAN CURRICULUM

+ International Baccalaureate

+ Advance Placement (AP)

RATED VERY GOOD BY KHDA

EMIRATI, TALENT AND ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

MEMBERSHIPS & ACCREDITATIONS





WHAT KHDA IS SAYING ABOUT UAS

“Students are independent and confident in expressing their own views. The skill of critical analysis is evident in all grades. They have developed transferable learning skills that they can use in a variety of contexts. Innovation and creativity are promoted in students’ learning.”

“Teachers consistently promote higher-order thinking skills, particularly through the effective use of questioning. Critical thinking and problem-solving are evident in most classes. Planning regularly includes opportunities for students to develop independent learning skills”

“Students’ personal and social development, their understanding of Islamic values, Emirati and world cultures

UAS offers a uniquely personalized learning opportunity all the way to graduation with the choice of the American High School Diploma, the IB Diploma Programme and the AP Capstone Diploma.

and their participation in community services and implementation of innovative ideas are outstanding in all phases.”

“The school shows a clear commitment to promoting reading as a lifelong skill for both students and parents. Readers’ workshops, school-wide events, and additional resources are effective in reinforcing the importance of reading.”

What we do best

“The caring ethos of the school.”

“The Director and the Principals’ vision and drive for an inclusive, vibrant and successful school, and the unstinting support they receive from governors and parents.”

“Students’ outstanding personal development and its positive impact on their academic achievements.”

OUR WORLD-CLASS FACILITIES

Universal American School is located in the family-friendly Al Badia community at Dubai’s Festival City.

- 70,000 square meter landscaped campus
- Expansive science labs
- STEAM and Media Design hubs
- Innovation hub - iHub – problem solving and creation
- Information hub - iLab - research and literacy
- Fully equipped athletic field & track
- Natural grass football pitch
- Multi-sport gymnasium
- Extensive indoor & outdoor covered play areas
- Multi-purpose hall
- Two large fully equipped art studios
- Scorpion Success hub for inclusive education
- Medical clinic
- 25m swimming pool

CLASS OF 2021 IBDP RESULTS

100% pass rate

41 our highest score

44% achieved 35+

90% achieved 30+

TUITION FEES

YEAR/GRADE	2021 - 2022
PreK	37,330
KG1	40,450
KG2	45,850
Grades 1 - 4	61,120
Grades 5 - 8	63,962
Grade 9 - 12	67,880
Year 12 & year	13 76,670

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AP Capstone Diploma™

AP Seminar
Year 1
Earn score of 3 or higher

AP Research
Year 2
Earn score of 3 or higher

4 AP Exams
Throughout High School
Earn score of 3 or higher

AP Capstone

AP Seminar and Research Certificate