

American Academy in Zagreb

School profile 2022–2023

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School Mission

American Academy is a school that educates leaders for the future. With our unique blend of American style curriculum and project-based learning, we teach more than academic knowledge. We put a significant emphasis on developing the social and practical skills necessary for a successful life in the 21st century. American Academy is a place where students are able to explore and maximize their potential.

Location

American Academy in Zagreb was established as a private school in 2021. Located in Zagreb's Radnicka Cesta neighborhood, American Academy is conveniently located approximately 25 minutes from Zagreb's historic Old Town. As the capital of Croatia, Zagreb offers students a rich array of cultural, historic, natural and architectural resources to enhance their education.

Grading System

American Academy in Zagreb uses letter grades for evaluation of students. From each subject students receive a grade at the end of each trimester that marks their proficiency. From these grades a Grade Point Average (GPA) is calculated. If students receive a GPA of 2.0 or lower, teachers will propose study strategies in order to improve their academic performance. A Grade of a "D" is the lowest grade that the students can obtain and still pass the course while receiving credit. Advanced Placement classes are boosted on a 5 point scale. An official honor roll is calculated every trimester based on a student's GPA score. Students will be named to the High Honor Roll at the end of each trimester if their GPA is 3.667 and above. If the GPA is 3.25 to 3.666 they will be named to the Honor Roll. The grading scale is as the following

School and Campus

Enrollment:	52 students in grades 9 – 12 15 different nationalities
Faculty:	5 teachers +1 head of school +1 office staff
Average Class Size:	15
Accreditation:	MSA Candidate
Schedule:	The school year is divided into trimesters. Students attend six, 55 minute long periods per day.
Technology:	Kahoot, Google Classroom, Alma, American Academy is an Apple Recognized School

Grade Earned	Corresponding Percentage	GPA
A+	97 – 100 %	4.3
A	93 – 96 %	4.0
A-	90 – 92 %	3.7
B+	87 – 89 %	3.3
B	83 – 86 %	3.0
B-	80 – 82 %	2.7
C+	77 – 79 %	2.3
C	70 – 76 %	2.0
D	60 – 69 %	1.0
F	59 % & under	0.0

Admissions Information

American Academy welcomes students whose academic promise, motivation, and personal integrity will contribute positively to the school environment. Admission is based on the student's school record, a personal essay, and a personal interview with the Head of School and/or member of the Admissions Committee. An interview is required for admission, either in person or by Zoom. All prospective students and their families are invited to visit the school and schedule a meeting with the Head of School or member of the Admissions Committee.





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Academic Requirements

The school year is divided into three trimesters and every student chooses six classes from a wide range of subjects at the beginning of each academic year. Students will then study those subjects every day during the term in classes that last 55 minutes. Course can last one to two trimesters or the entire school year. Every student is recommended to meet with the academic counselor at least once per year. At the end of each trimester, students will receive grades and earn credits for each subject, if the grade is a D or above.

In case that the student earns less than 6 credits or GPA lower than 2.0 in the trimester the student will be placed on Academic Probation, which means that the student will be offered effective study tips from teachers in order to improve their performance.

Graduation Requirements:

- **Total number of credits required for graduation:** 67 credits minimum, 72 recommended
- **Earn credits in the following mandatory courses:**
 - › English: 12 credits
 - › Mathematics: 9 credits
 - › Sciences: 9 credits
 - › Social Sciences: 9 credits
 - › World Languages: 6 credits in a single language

Style of Education

American Academy is a high school that takes the best features from the American educational system. Combined with project-based learning inspired by the educational system in Finland. Every trimester includes a themed project that lasts a week. During this time, all students and teachers work together on a singular project. Project-based learning allows students to test and apply the knowledge they accumulate in their classes. The themes for the 2022/2023 school year are Community, Shark Tank, and the Great Outdoors.

Overview:

American Academy in Zagreb offers a range of courses which students can study. They choose at the beginning of every academic year from the categories of Mathematics, English Communications, Social Science, Science, World Language and Electives. Subjects that are offered from those categories are as following:

- **English Communications:** English Composition & Literature, World Literature, AP English Literature & Composition, Contemporary Literature and Composition
- **Social Sciences:** United States History, World History II
- **Math:** Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II
- **Science:** Biology, Chemistry, AP Computer Science Principles, STEM Science, STEM Robotics and Programming, Science and Society
- **World Languages:** German I, German II
- **Electives:** Physical Education, Art, Croatian Literature/History/Geography and Croatian Acquisition

AP Classes: American Academy in Zagreb offers different Advanced Placement (AP) courses to students that are interested in college-level subjects. Every student who wants to register for AP subjects has to satisfy prerequisites and obtain approval from the teacher.

Independent Studies: Students with interests beyond the regular curriculum are encouraged to ask a faculty member to oversee an Independent Study program. Independent Study programs are for the enrichment and extension of the regular curriculum.

Student Activities

American Academy in Zagreb offers a wide range of after-school activities. There are after school activities in which students can participate

Activities: Student Council, Dungeons and Dragons, Fitness Club, Homework Club, Art Club, Yearbook Club and Global Issues Club

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCE MAP

