



Founded in 2001, the Guivy Zaldastanishvili American Academy in Tbilisi (American Academy in Tbilisi) is a private, coeducational day school enrolling 366 students in grades 8 through 12.

Central to our teaching is the Harkness method, borrowed from Phillips Exeter Academy in the United States. Our founding teachers have undergone extensive training in the Harkness method at Phillips Exeter Academy and have earned Master's degrees in Education from Harvard and Simmons Universities.

Our mission is to offer a rigorous education to prepare our students to enter universities in Georgia, Europe, the UK, and the USA, as well as to be a model for education reform in Georgia.

Admission to the Academy is highly competitive, entailing rigorous in-house testing in Georgian, English, and mathematics, along with an interview with the Admissions Committee. Students who achieve the highest combined scores in these assessments are offered admission. The first senior class graduated in 2005.

MOTTO

Enlightenment and Goodness

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ACCREDITATION

National Center for Educational
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QUICK FACTS

- Language of Instruction: English
- Class Size: 12-15 Students
- Faculty: 67 (95% with MA/MS or Ph.D.)
- Student-Teacher Ratio: 10:1

98%

Georgian Citizens

**293 Total High School
Student Body**



**73 Students
in the Class of 2024**

TUITION ABATEMENT AND DIVERSITY

The American Academy in Tbilisi is committed to making quality education available to talented and promising students from a broad range of backgrounds.

- Tuition Abatement is granted to approximately 26 % of the entire student body

DIPLOMAS

- ✓ High School Diploma
- ✓ General Education Diploma of the Ministry of Education and Science of Georgia (Sruli Zogadi Ganatlebis Atestati)



COURSES 2023-2024

Each course is taught for five academic hours per week

course	credit	course	credit
Georgian	4	Physics	1
English	4	History	3
German	3	Interdisciplinary Course: Great Ideas*	0.5
Russian	3	History of Art	0.5
Mathematics	3	History of Religion	0.5
Calculus/Math through Applications/	1	History of Music	0.5
Probability and Statistics/AP Calculus AB		History of Western Philosophy	0.5
Biology	1	Electives	0.5
Chemistry	1	Physical Education	1

Great Ideas* a team-taught interdisciplinary course designed to prepare students for college-level studies. Readings include original sources (Plato, Leonardo, Galileo, Darwin, Freud, Einstein, etc.) and related literature. Students meet in sections three times and attend one double-period lecture per week.

Honors Courses: All our junior and senior courses, with the possible exception of Beginning Georgian, Beginning Russian, and Electives are honors level.



Elective Courses

- Introduction to Marketing
- Fundamentals in Sociology
- Utopias and Dystopias
- Computer Science Principles
- Introduction to Psychology
- Filmmaking
- Photography
- Personality Psychology

GRADING SYSTEM AND ASSESSMENT

A = 95 – 100 = 4.0

A⁻ = 90 – 94 = 3.7

B⁺ = 87 – 89 = 3.3

B = 83 – 86 = 3.0

B⁻ = 80 – 82 = 2.7

C⁺ = 77 – 79 = 2.3

C = 73 – 76 = 2.0

C⁻ = 70 – 72 = 1.7

D⁺ = 67 – 69 = 1.3

D = 63 – 66 = 1.0

D⁻ = 60 – 62 = 0.7

E = 59 or below = 0.0



Graduation Requirement: 25 credits

Unweighted GPA (scale 4.0): Because of a highly competitive admissions process and the outstanding reputation of the school, we attract the most talented students in Georgia. GPAs are skewed to higher levels, not because of grade inflation but rather because so many of them perform exceptionally well.

Juries (oral exam for freshmen and sophomores): Freshmen and sophomores undergo juries (oral exams) in all six of their subjects at the end of the year. These exams are testing the students' abilities to respond to a set of questions about material they have never seen before. Students must pass their juries

ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2023-2024



- Grade reports for the 1st semester are submitted to universities **in early February**
- Grade reports for the 2nd semester are submitted **by late June**

GRADE DISTRIBUTION 2022-2023 Academic Year

GRADE	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	D-
English	26.39	33.33	13.89	8.33	8.33	4.17	1.39	2.78	-	1.39	-
Georgian	29.17	31.94	15.28	9.72	6.94	1.39	1.39	1.39	2.78	-	-
History	44.44	25.00	9.72	12.50	1.39	2.78	1.39	2.78	-	-	-
Mathematics	45.83	20.83	13.89	2.78	6.94	1.39	1.39	4.17	-	1.39	1.39
Russian	55.56	13.89	18.06	2.78	6.94	1.39	-	-	1.39	-	-
Physics	54.17	23.61	4.17	4.17	5.56	1.39	5.56	-	-	-	1.39
Chemistry	18.06	29.17	11.11	9.72	15.28	2.78	5.56	5.56	-	-	2.78

COVID-19 INFORMATION

2020-2021: Distance learning - September 2020 - April 2021

2021-2022: Distance learning - September 2021- March 2022

- We have not made significant changes to our program, academic requirements, and grading system in the time of COVID-19.
- During the distance learning period, the students completed synchronous and asynchronous assignments in order to earn credits.

TESTING INFORMATION

SAT	mean
Reading/Writing	670
Mathematics	770
SAT	1440

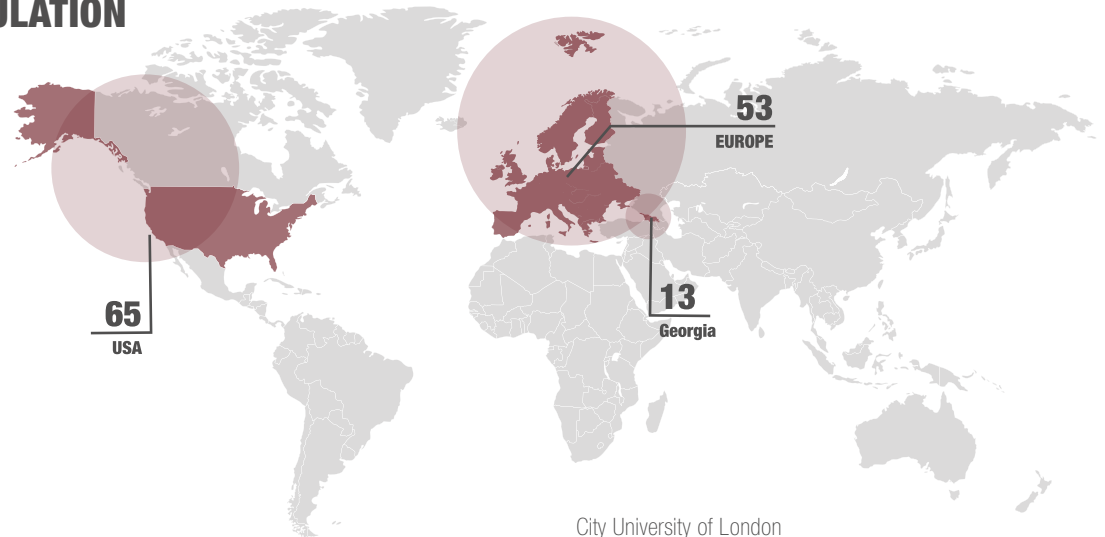
EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: The American Academy in Tbilisi offers a variety of programs to students after the regular school day including the GZAAT Stem Journal; the GZAAT Gazette; Translation Club; Model United Nations; Debate; Drama; Chess; AAT TV; Art Therapy; Books Club; Choir; Gardening, and Arts and Crafts.

COLLEGE MATRICULATION

2019-2023

USA

Academy of Art University
Bard College
Barnard College
Bennington College
Bentley University
Berea College
Boston College
Boston University
Brandeis University
Brown University
Bryn Mawr College
Clark University
College of William and Mary
College of the Redwoods
Columbia College Chicago
Columbia University
Connecticut College
Cornell University
CUNY Brooklyn College
Davidson College
DePaul University
Dickinson College
Drew University
Drexel University
Fordham University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Gettysburg College
Grinnell College
Hamline University
Louisiana Tech University
Manhattan College
Manhattanville College
Marist College
Michigan State University
Minerva Schools at Keck Graduate Institute
Mount Holyoke College
New York School of Visual Arts
New York University
Northeastern University
Parsons School of Design
Pomona College
Purdue University
Ramapo College of New Jersey
Rhode Island School of Design
Rice University
Rochester Institute of Technology
Smith College
SUNY Plattsburgh
Swarthmore College
Syracuse University
Temple University
The American Musical and Dramatic Academy
The George Washington University
The New School
Trinity College
University of California, Los Angeles



University of California, Los Angeles
University of California-Davis
University of Colorado Boulder
University of North Carolina At Chapel Hill
University of Rochester
University of Southern California
Vassar College
Virginia Tech
Washington and Lee University
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Yale University

GEORGIA

Agricultural University of Georgia
Business and Technology University (BTU)
Caucasus University
David Tvildiani Medical University
Free University of Tbilisi
Georgian Institute of Public Affairs
International School of Economics at TSU – ISET
Ivane Javakishvili Tbilisi State University
Kutaisi International University
San Diego University, Georgia
Tbilisi State Academy of Arts
Tbilisi State Medical University
The University of Georgia

EUROPE

Amsterdam University College
Architectural Institute in Prague (ARCHIP)
Bard College Berlin
Budapest Business School
Ca Foscari University of Venice
Catalyst - Institute for Creative Art and Technology
Central European University, Vienna Campus
Charles University In Prague
City University of London
Cordon Bleu Paris
Ecole Polytechnique
Erasmus University Rotterdam
ESSEC Business School
ESRA Paris
EU Business School Barcelona
Franklin University Switzerland

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EU Business School Barcelona
Franklin University Switzerland
Free University of Brussels
IE University, Madrid
IE University, Segovia
International University of Catalonia Barcelona
Istituto Marangoni
Jacobs University Bremen
HotelSchool the Hague
Katholieke Universiteit Leuven
King's College London
Lancaster University, Leipzig
Leiden University College
Les Roches Inter. School of Hotel Management, Marbella
Maastricht University
Nuova Accademia di Belle Arti Milano (NABA)
Paris Diderot University
Prague College
Saint Louis University - Madrid
SHG Milano, International Hospitality & Business School
SKEMA Business school
SOAS University of London
Technical University of Munich (TUM)
The American University of Paris
The Hague University of Applied Sciences
The University of Edinburgh
The University of Sheffield, Thessaloniki
TIO University of Applied Sciences
Toulouse Business School, Barcelona
Universita Bocconi
Universita Cattolica del Sacro Cuore
University College London (UCL)
University of Amsterdam

OTHER

Carnegie Mellon University in Qatar
Duke Kunshan University, China
Ewha Womans University, Korea
Georgetown University in Qatar, School of Foreign Service
New York University Abu Dhabi, UAE