ACHIEVING ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

University Acceptances & Academic Results 2017
WE are a place with a strong history of preparing students to pursue their passions. At EF Academy, you CAN be inspired and challenged to grow and DO your best. And we will be there to guide you through the whole journey to university. THAT is our promise. TOGETHER, we will help you reach your fullest potential and realize your dreams.
FIVE CORE PILLARS TO UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCE

Thorough university preparation is at the heart of EF Academy’s mission. Here you will be challenged to think differently, pursue your passions and dream big. Our programs encompass the five core pillars that you need to make the best impression when applying to university – and our dedicated community of guidance counselors, university advisors, teachers, and fellow classmates will be there to support you every step of the way.

GUIDANCE THROUGH EVERY STEP

› 50+ years of university admissions advising experience. Our university advising team has deep insight into the knowledge and skills you need to successfully enroll in university.
› Find the right fit. We focus on helping you find and apply to the universities that best fit your needs, interests and aspirations.
› Get sound guidance through the entire university application process to ensure that you follow your academic plan, meet deadline requirements and practice for interviews. Together, we will help you prepare for your bright future beyond EF Academy.

INTERNATIONAL IMMERSION

› Start here, go anywhere. Whether you study at our campus in New York, Oxford or Torbay, our advisors have a keen understanding of the entire university landscape and will guide you through the university process of any place you choose.
› Become a global citizen. We aim to help you develop into a confident, mature and critical thinker. With over 75 nationalities represented at our schools, the diversity of viewpoints enhances your learning experience and fosters intercultural competencies necessary in today’s globalized world.
› Learn in an international context. Our teachers have extensive experience working with international students. This includes specific courses throughout the year in English as a second language and university exam preparation.

BOOST YOUR UNIVERSITY APPLICATION

› Lead the way. Develop key leadership skills by joining the Student Council, the Duke of Edinburgh’s Award or by attending the annual EF Global Leadership Summit.
› Show your passion. Get an edge on design at New York’s Fashion Week, acquire diplomacy techniques in the Model United Nations Club, or apply innovative ideas at the MIT student hackathon. Take part in over 120 enrichment activities to discover what inspires you and demonstrate your commitment to it.
› Gain practical experience. Put the knowledge you are learning into practice. Earn an internship in engineering at IBM, in medicine at a Bone Bioengineering Lab or in business with an international investment firm. Or, spend the summer taking courses to get a head start at university.

EXCELLENT UNIVERSITY EXPOSURE

› Explore the university landscape. Our university advisors have built strong relationships with universities in the US, the UK and all throughout the world. They will help you understand your options and introduce you to opportunities that will strengthen your applications.
› Attend presentations by university representatives who visit our EF Academy campuses and enjoy the opportunity to speak directly with someone from the universities you intend on applying to.
› Participate in over 150 university-centered events including university and career fairs as well as campus tours of universities in the US or UK to make an informed decision about your destination after you graduate from EF Academy.

PERSONALIZED ACADEMIC PATHWAY

› Focus on specific coursework that will prepare you for your area of study at university, be it the arts, sciences or business and more.
› Participate in experiential learning opportunities that will enhance what you study in class.
› Learn in a small, dynamic classroom setting. Our teachers are dedicated to your success and are often available after class hours to give personal tutoring sessions, organize exam study groups, or coach you through specific coursework.
› Prepare for university exams with experts who will teach you strategies to achieve your best results, be it SAT, ACT, TOEFL, IELTS, BMAT or Oxbridge.

150 UNIVERSITY-CENTERED EVENTS GLOBALLY

7:1 STUDENT TO STAFF RATIO

120 ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES PER ACADEMIC YEAR

2017 UNIVERSITY PLACEMENTS

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SUPPORT EVERY STEP OF THE WAY

At EF Academy, university guidance starts as soon as you enroll at one of our schools, whether you start in the IGCSE program in Grades 9 or 10 or the IB or A-Level program in Grades 11 and 12. We outline your goals for the school year and work together with you as you achieve your academic and personal goals.

YOUR GOALS
- Choose high school courses that are in line with your academic and career goals
- Earn internationally recognized academic qualifications
- Improve English language proficiency, if needed
- Participate in co-curricular activities to gain leadership, time-management and problem-solving skills
- Strengthen study habits
- Begin university exam preparation
- Finalize personal statements and college essays
- Prepare for university interviews
- Submit applications and make an informed decision about university fit
- Stay focused and work hard to meet predicted grades at the end of the school year
- Edit and provide feedback on personal statements and college essays
- Coach you through the application process
- Hold mock interviews in groups and on a one-on-one basis
- Schedule regular meetings to check in with you and answer your questions
- Write personalized recommendation letters
- Support you through choosing your final university destination, including clearing (UK only)
- Research universities and programs/majors and visit universities on “Open Days”
- Complete “long-term action plan”
- Continue participating in co-curricular activities
- Earn good grades on Year 1 exams
- Take university entrance exams and write first drafts of personal statements and essays
- Gain work experience during a summer internship
- Support through every stage of the application process
- Organize group meetings and one-on-one sessions with students
- Arrange trips to universities and presentations by university representatives at EF Academy
- Explain UCAS for UK university applications and the US university application process
- Work together with you to determine appropriate program, major and university options
- Provide focused preparation for the SAT, ACT and other university entrance exams
- Edit and provide feedback on personal statements and college essays
- Coach you through the application process
- Hold mock interviews in groups and on a one-on-one basis
- Schedule regular meetings to check in with you and answer your questions
- Write personalized recommendation letters
- Support you through choosing your final university destination, including clearing (UK only)
- Clarify course selections
- Introduce “long-term action plan” to stay on track with your academic goals
- Suggest clubs and activities that complement your interests
- Organize Q&A panels with EF Academy alumni
- Provide classes to develop the skills needed for SAT, ACT, TOEFL or IELTS

HOW WE HELP

IGCSE Years 1 & 2
AGE 14–15

IB/A-Level Year 1
AGE 16

IB/A-Level Year 2
AGE 17

ATTEND UNIVERSITY

2 to 12 month Prep Course*
Prep Course* or Summer Course**

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*PREP COURSE
The optional 2- to 12-month Preparation Course is for students who do not yet meet the English requirements (IELTS) for their chosen academic program.

**SUMMER COURSES
You can choose from three summer courses that will enable you to jump-start your IB studies or to focus on the university entrance exam (SAT, ACT, TOEFL or IELTS) you will need to take before you submit your applications.

Dr. Mark Zumbuhl
Head of University Guidance
EF Academy UK

Dr. Mark Zumbuhl was an undergraduate at the University of Cambridge and completed a Master’s Degree and PhD at the University of Glasgow. He has several years of experience in higher education, including teaching and research fellowships at the University of Manchester and Trinity College Dublin. Dr. Zumbuhl worked for three years in undergraduate admissions at the University of Oxford.

Cy Webber and Debbie Chatterton work with Dr. Mark Zumbuhl in the university guidance offices at EF Academy Oxford and Torbay.

Mr. Michael Muska
Senior Associate Director of University Advising
EF Academy New York

Mr. Michael Muska is nationally recognized in the field of university admissions and served as the Associate Director of Admissions at Brown University and Oberlin College. He graduated from the University of Connecticut and earned his MS from the University of Massachusetts. Mr. Muska also co-authored Getting In, a book about college admissions for high school students.

Mr. Michael Muska works together with Lauren Ciallella, Leah Martin and Drew Granucci, the other university advisors at EF Academy New York.
PLAN YOUR PATH TO SUCCESS

Do you dream of becoming a doctor, scientist, journalist, engineer or entrepreneur? Or, perhaps you are undecided. No matter your aspirations, at EF Academy you will work with your advisor to map out a tailored pathway that will help you gain excellent academic qualifications, learn new skills and gain admission to great universities. Each pathway offers an integrated approach to learning through three core components:

FOCUSED COURSES
In addition to the core curriculum, you will select specific subjects that will maximize your potential and match your career interests.

ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES
Complement your academic courses by participating in clubs, activities and other opportunities that support your passions. Choose from over 120 clubs and activities offered on our campuses, or create one of your own.

PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE
Master your subjects by applying your knowledge in a real-world context. At EF Academy, your classroom learning will be fortified when you are challenged to solve authentic problems and situations that are part of today’s work world.

STUDENTS ARE STUDYING THESE SUBJECTS AT THE FOLLOWING UNIVERSITIES

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“There are so many public lectures available at the university in Oxford. I attended many of them and they were inspiring because they gave you an idea of what studies are like at the university level and you can see first-hand applications of your studies.”

Arman chose to take his studies to EF Academy because he aspired to attend a top university to study chemical engineering. He also wanted to study abroad to learn how to become more independent.

Arman is currently studying Chemical Engineering at the University of Oxford.
PLAN YOUR PATH TO SUCCESS ON:

BECOMING AN ARTIST

Meihan has always had an affinity for the arts. She decided to study at EF Academy to gain high school qualifications, build her artistic skills and portfolio and get exposure to the art and design scene in New York City. Meihan is currently studying Fashion Design at Parsons School of Design in New York.

FOCUSED COURSES
Meihan’s courses included English language and literature higher level, Chinese literature higher level, mathematical studies, visual arts higher level and business management.

Your courses could include:
› English and literature
› Songwriting
› Studio art
› History
› Visual arts
› Plus time to create a portfolio of your own artwork

ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES
Meihan participated in the Art Club and visited local art museums, including The MOMA and The Guggenheim. Meihan also won a national medal for her artwork from the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards Competition.

Your enrichment activities could include:
› Social Enterprise Club
› Stock Market Club
› Managing the student-run café and convenience store on campus
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Rena completed an internship with the admissions team at the EF Academy office in Hong Kong. Meihan’s courses included English language and literature higher level, Chinese literature higher level, mathematical studies, visual arts higher level and business management.

Your practical experience could include:
› Marketing, sales, finance and entrepreneurship internships with Education First in Switzerland, New York and Hong Kong
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“Choosing between a Bachelor in Fine Arts (BFA) degree and a Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree will come down to your educational and career goals. Often, a BA allows for greater exploration among other courses to develop well-rounded artists, while a BFA provides a professional foundation that allows for a greater level of artistic development and technical skill building.”

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MEIHAN HU, CHINA
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Program of study: IGCSE + IB Diploma
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Rena took higher level courses in language, literature, film studies and business management. She also took standard level courses in mathematical studies, environmental systems and societies and French ab initio.

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YOUR FUTURE IS BRIGHT - US UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCES

The Class of 2017 worked hard to achieve outstanding pre-university qualifications. This year, our students earned 543 acceptances at US institutions, representing the top five percent of universities in the US. Our graduates are now applying what they learned at the US universities below.

Adelphi University
American University
Arizona State University
Auburn University
Binghamton University
Boston College
Boston University
California State University, Fullerton
Case Western Reserve University
Clark University
Clarkson University
Clemson University
College of William and Mary
Columbia University
DePaul University
Drexel University
Duquesne University
Emory University
Florida Institute of Technology
Fordham University
George Mason University
George Washington University
Hofstra University
Howard University
Illinois Institute of Technology
Indiana University Bloomington
Indiana University - Purdue University Indianapolis
Johns Hopkins University
Lehigh University
Lesley University
Loyola University Chicago
Marquette University
Mercer University
Miami University, Oxford
Michigan State University
Montclair State University
New York University
North Carolina State University
Northeastern University
Nova Southeastern University
Ohio University
 Pace University
Pennsylvania State University
Pepperdine University
Purdue University
Rochester Institute of Technology
Rutgers University-New Brunswick
Saint Louis University, Madrid Campus
Seton Hall University
St. John’s University - Queens Campus
State University of New York at Albany
Stony Brook University
Suffolk University
Syracuse University
Temple University
The George Washington University
The New School - Parsons School of Design
The Ohio State University
The University of Arizona
The University of Iowa
The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Tufts University
Tulane University
University at Buffalo, The State University of New York
University of California
UC Irvine
UC Berkeley
UC Davis
UC Los Angeles
UC Riverside
UC San Diego
UC Santa Barbara
UC Santa Cruz
University of Central Florida
University of Colorado at Boulder
University of Connecticut
University of Dayton
University of Delaware
University of Denver
University of Florida
University of Hartford
University of Illinois
University of Iowa
University of Maine
University of Massachusetts
UMass Dartmouth
UMass Amherst
UMass Boston
UMass Lowell
University of Miami
University of Mississippi
University of Missouri
University of New Hampshire
University of New Hampshire at Durham
University of Oregon
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh
University of Rhode Island
University of Rochester
University of San Diego
University of San Francisco
University of South Florida, Tampa
University of Southern California
University of Tennessee, Knoxville
University of the Pacific
University of Vermont
University of Virginia
University of Washington
University of Wisconsin, Madison
Virginia Commonwealth University
Virginia Tech
Wake Forest University
Washington University in St. Louis
West Virginia University
Widener University
Williams College
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Yale University

Key: Top 50 in National Universities Ranking

543 acceptances at top 5% of US universities

$6.4m in university scholarships awarded to EF Academy students in 2017

100% university admission
YOUR FUTURE IS BRIGHT - UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCES (UK & REST OF THE WORLD)

As an international school, we encourage our students to consider applying to universities all over the world. This year’s class is now studying at top universities in over 17 countries. Of the students who applied to UK universities in 2017, one-third earned a place at a university that is in the top 20 in that subject.

UK
Anglia Ruskin University
Aston University
Bath Spa University
Bournemouth University
Brunel University London
City University London
Coventry University
Edge Hill University
ESCP Europe
Hult International
Imperial College London
King’s College London
Keele University
Kingston University London
Lancaster University
London School of Economics (LSE)
London South Bank University
Loughborough University
Manchester Metropolitan University
Middlesex University
Newcastle University
Northumbria University
Plymouth University
Oxford Brookes University
Oxford University
Queen Mary University of London
Regents University London
Richmond, the American International University in London
Royal Holloway, University of London
St. Mary’s University, London
Swansea University
University College London
University of Bath
University of Birmingham
University of Bristol
University of Chichester
University of Dundee
University of Edinburgh
University of Essex
University of Exeter
University of Glasgow
University of Gloucestershire
University of Greenwich
University of Hertfordshire
University of Hull
University of Kent
University of Leeds
University of Leicester
University of Liverpool
University of Manchester
University of Nottingham
University of Portsmouth
University of Reading

REST OF THE WORLD
AUSTRALIA
Australian National University
International College of Management, Sydney
Monash University
University of Adelaide
University of Melbourne
University of New South Wales
University of Queensland
University of Sydney
UNSW Australia

CANADA
Concordia University – Montreal
McGill University
Simon Fraser University
University of British Columbia
University of Victoria
University of Toronto

FRANCE
American University of Paris

ESCP Europe
ESSEC Business School
Grenoble School of Management

GERMANY
European Business School

HONG KONG
City University of Hong Kong
Hong Kong Polytechnic University
Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

ITALY
Istituto Marangoni

JAPAN
Sophia University

MALAYSIA
University of Reading in Malaysia

MEXICO
Universidad Iberoamericana

MONACO
International University of Monaco

NETHERLANDS
University of Groningen
Erasmus University Rotterdam
University of Amsterdam

NEW ZEALAND
University of Auckland

NORWAY
BI Norwegian School of Management

SPAIN
CEU San Pablo / Chicago
Escola Superior d'Administració i Direcció d'Empreses (ESADE)

TAIWAN
Soochow University

THAILAND
Assumption University
Bangkok University
Chulalongkorn University

100% university admission

1/3 students accepted to world’s top 100 universities

Key: Top 100 in Times/Sunday Times Good University Guide Ranking

Key: Top 150 in QS World University Ranking

Of our students who apply to UK universities, one-third get a place at a university which is in the TOP 20 in that subject.
The IB Diploma program is recognized by universities around the world. Through regular meetings with counselors, one-on-one support from teachers and additional review sessions before exam dates, we keep students motivated to strive for and achieve academic excellence. Our university guidance counselors help IB students highlight their co-curricular activities, research work and academic experience in their applications to the universities that are right for them.

**ABOUT IB SCORES**

The maximum possible score for the IB Diploma is 45, representing up to 7 points in each of the six required courses, plus three bonus points for the “core” components. In 2017, EF Academy students scored over 10% above the world average of 29.95 points.

**IMPRESSIVE IB SCORES**

- **Zixi Chen**, China, A* AAB, University of Edinburgh
- **Weiming Wang**, China, A AAB, University College London
- **Nurpen Damirova**, Azerbaijan, A, University of Lancaster
- **Zhoshy Sabaldin**, Kazakhstan, A* ABA, University of Loughborough
- **Zhuofan Wu**, China, A* A, London School of Art
- **Xiyu Li**, China, A* A, University College London
- **Zeyi Yang**, China, A ABB, University of Victoria, Canada
- **Gemi Sari Nastiti**, Indonesia, ABBa+, SOAS, University of London
- **Yu Ngai**, Canada, AAB, University of California, Los Angeles
- **Hoa Nguyen**, Vietnam, A* BB, University College London

**EXCELLENT A-LEVEL RESULTS**

A-Level exams are graded on a scale from A* to F, with A* being the highest possible score. Students are required to study at least three subjects, though some choose to study more. Exams are graded individually and students receive one grade per subject. In 2017, one quarter of EF Academy achieved top grades of A* or A.

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**UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE EXAMS SUCCESS**

EF Academy offers two summer courses (SAT/ACT or TOEFL/IELTS) that focus on preparing students for university entrance exams. Students who complete an exam prep course with us are familiar with the structure of the test and the questions they will encounter, and they know how to make use of test-taking strategies to highlight their strengths and improve their weaknesses.

- **Tomas Edward Carillo**, USA, 1550, Yale University
- **YuChen Zhang**, China, 1520, University of California, LA
- **Qinlin Yu**, USA, 1510, University of California, Berkeley
- **Jidedk Soan**, South Korea, 1490, University of Rochester
- **Thuan Hoang My Phan**, Vietnam, 1460, University of California, LA
- **Renato Zimmermann**, Brazil, 1460, Fordham University
- **Islam Khokhua Khodjaev**, Uzbekistan, 1460, West Virginia University
- **Anqi Liu**, China, 1450, University of California, Davis
- **Xinrong Chen**, China, 1430, University of California, San Diego
- **Zichuan Wang**, China, 1420, New York University
Being at EF Academy has taught me how to challenge myself and how to get out of my comfort zone by taking classes that I wouldn’t have thought of taking in the first place.

SAMANTHA FREEDMAN, USA
EF Academy New York, IB Diploma
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“I can achieve more than I think I can – confidence is the most valuable thing I’ve learned here.”

BARBARA SINZ, AUSTRIA
EF Academy Torbay, IB Diploma
University Destination: University of Glasgow

“The freedom we’re given here is really challenging in a positive way. You really get to know yourself and how you interact with other people.”

RENATO ZIMMERMANN, BRAZIL
EF Academy New York, IB Diploma
University Destination: Fordham University

“Being at EF Academy is an opportunity for cultural learning and personal growth – go seek out the things that interest you and push yourself outside of your comfort zone.”

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