



AMERICAN ACADEMY MOROCCO
CASABLANCA GREEN TOWN

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**Where we focus on Project-based Learning and 21st Century Outcomes
Empowering Children to be Global Leaders**

Mission

The American Academy Casablanca offers a distinctly unique American school experience. Through participation in the highest quality, inquiry-based, student-centered programs, all students find fulfillment by accomplishing personal and academic excellence, become multilingual global citizens that adapt and contribute in a rapidly changing world, and act on their values to positively impact those around them.

Vision

American Academy Casablanca aspires to be the leading American-international school in Morocco.

By implementing an innovative and rigorous academic program delivered in a safe, student-centered environment, American Academy Casablanca inspires students to discover their passion for learning, fulfill their potential, and become responsible global citizens.

Core Values

- Integrity - Being an example to others by demonstrating honesty and upholding the highest moral and ethical principles.
- Compassion - Feeling deep empathy that leads to the desire to serve where there is need.
- Respect - Valuing and showing appreciation for the feelings and well-being of yourself and others.
- Responsibility - Being accountable for your actions, following through on tasks and obligations, accepting consequences, and assuming the need to help and support others.
- Excellence - Always demonstrating your most outstanding qualities and always giving your best.

School and Community

The American Academy Green Town campus is located on the outskirts of Casablanca, in the suburb of Ville Verte (Green Town). American Academy Casablanca (AAC) is a privately owned and operated affiliate campus of American Academy, Inc. founded in Boston, Massachusetts in 1996. American Academy is fully accredited by AdvancEd and is authorized by the Moroccan Ministry of Education.

The Casa Green Town campus was completed in the fall of 2015 and operates on over 4 hectares of land, featuring a 16,000 SM facility with 71 classrooms and laboratories arranged in elementary school and secondary school clusters, plus a library, auditorium, cafeteria, and two gymnasiums. A state of the art wireless technology infrastructure has been designed to serve students and teachers using devices throughout the campus. Additional school facilities include a 25m swimming pool, soccer and softball fields, basketball and tennis courts, two elementary playgrounds, fitness center, an elementary gym/multipurpose room, and a fully covered gymnasium with a seating capacity of 1,000 persons.

Enrollment Data (Nursery – GR 12): 681

PK/Elementary	Middle/High School
Avg. class size 18	% of host country: 65%

American Academy proudly celebrates cultural diversity among our students and teaching faculty. We have over 30 different nationalities represented within our student community and an equally diverse teaching staff.

Grading System in Secondary (Grades 6 – 12)

American Academy uses traditional letter and number percentage grades for middle and high school students.

A or A-	Student produces an exceptionally high standard of work.
B+, B, or B-	Student produced very thorough work at or above standard.
C+, C, or C-	Student has reached a satisfactory standard.
D+, D, or D-	Student will have obtained a barely acceptable level of proficiency and/or effort.
F	Student will have failed to reach an acceptable level of proficiency and/or effort.*

* For the purpose of determining a student's Grade Point Average (GPA), all grades of F are calculated as 59%. Courses in Physical Education and Physical Wellness are included when determining a student's GPA.

AAC Grading Scale

Grade Range	GPA	Weighted GPA (AP Classes)
Grade	4.00	4.5
90-93 (A-)	3.67	4.17
87-89 (B+)	3.33	3.83
84-86 (B)	3.00	3.5
80-83 (B-)	2.67	3.17
77-79 (C+)	2.33	2.83
74-76 (C)	2.00	2.5
70-73 (C-)	1.67	2.17
67-69 (D+)	1.33	1.83
65-66 (D)	1.00	1.5
64* (F)	0.00	0.00

High School Course Sequences

Grade	Math Sequence	Science Sequence
9 th Grade	Algebra I/Geometry	Biology
10 th Gr	Algebra II/Adv Alg	Chemistry
11 th Gr	Pre-Calculus /Adv Alg II	Physics
12 th Gr	Calculus /AP Calculus	AP Physics/ or Environmental Science
Grade	Social Studies	English
9 th Grade	Ancient World History	English 9
10 th Gr	Modern World History	English 10
11 th Gr	US History	American Literature
12 th Gr	Government	British Literature

Graduation Requirements

To graduate from American Academy students are required to earn 26 credits in the following areas:

English (4)	Math (4)
Science (4)	Social Studies (4)
Native language (French/Arabic)	(3 each)
Physical Education	(1)
Computer Sciences	(1)
Fine Arts	(2)

Upon successful completion of twelfth grade students are awarded a US high school diploma and are eligible to enter universities world-wide. Students considering Moroccan universities may also apply for Validation through the Moroccan Ministry of Education

Curriculum

American Academy Morocco offers a college preparatory curriculum based on US Common Core standards and uses a standards-based grading system to assess student learning in grades K-12. In addition, American Academy places a heavy emphasis on developing tri-lingualism as students are required to take English, French, and Arabic. American Academy also embraces and actively promotes Project-based Learning from elementary through high school. We believe that PBL instructional and learning experiences challenge students in ways beyond traditional classroom settings, enhance academic rigor, and better prepare students for university life.

American Academy is approved by College Board to offer Advanced Placement courses such as: AP Government, AP Calculus, AP French, AP Physics, AP English and AP Art

Assessment Information

American Academy administers the Measure of Academic Progress (MAP) test to grades 2-9 in the Fall and Spring of each school year. Despite a growing student population in grades 9-12 reflecting a wide range of English acquisition levels, reading and math scores have demonstrated a consistent, impressive upward trend. Since 2010 Math RIT scores have increased by 25%, while Reading RIT District average scores have registered a 16% increase. Much of this can be attributed to an ELL pullout program that places great importance on collaboration between support people and classroom teachers.

Service Learning

Community service is an integral part of personal development at American Academy. As future global leaders, students strive to make meaningful and positive contributions to our school as well as local and national communities. Each grade level has a project on which they work throughout the year, to help their community and to learn valuable life skills.

American Academy students recognize the need to share the benefits of a quality education with those less fortunate. Students have also played a key role on campus, serving as translators for Parent Conferences and offering peer tutoring to students in lower school. American Academy students value service to others.

Academic Support Services

American Academy provides additional support for second language learners through our REACH program (Reaching for Excellence, Achievement and Challenge). The primary focus of the REACH program is the acquisition and development of the English language. This program is an excellent complement to the AAC curriculum, and it is essential for English language beginners who enroll in AAC. Students that qualify for this program are required to attend for one full academic year.

American Academy also uses an academic outreach program called SPARK (Summer Program to Achieve and Reinforce Knowledge) to help students who either want to get ahead or may need curricular support in a specific subject area.

Learning Center: Supporting English Language Learners (ELL)

The Learning Center's mission is to assist students who struggle with language acquisition or have been identified as having a mild learning disability, to achieve academic success and enhance essential life skills. This includes supporting students with English Language Learning support, reading, writing, math, and study skills. To accomplish this, we provide ELL support classes, individual and small group subject support classes, after school tutorials, online resources for credit recovery, write and implement Individualized Education Plans (IEPs), alternative program options to accommodate learning or behavioral modifications, and summer school. Learning Center support is provided to students in KG-1 through 12th grade

Athletics & Extra Curricular Activities

American Academy students are able to participate in a wide variety of sports and co-curricular activities from elementary through high school. Our athletic program includes basketball, volleyball, soccer, tennis, and swimming. Students also participate in clubs and organizations designed to enrich their learning and educational experience here at American Academy. Middle and high school students are able to join clubs such as Model United Nations, World Scholars, Chess Club, Running/Fitness, Weight Lifting, French Club, and Arabic Music. In the Elementary school students participate in Destination Imagination (DI), Lego Club, Cooking, Film Club, Girl Scouts, and Choir/Music.

International Baccalaureate

During the 2019-20 school year the school received official authorization from the IBO to offer the IBDP. This rigorous curriculum will begin in the fall of 2020, and will increase the academic expectations for students and offer graduates more choices for university.