The School
African Leadership Academy is a two-year program that seeks to develop ethical, effective entrepreneurial leaders across all sectors to address Africa’s greatest challenges. Welcoming the first class in 2008, ALA’s current enrollment is 234 students from over 40 different countries.

Academics at ALA are comprised of a rigorous, writing-intensive core curriculum in Writing and Rhetoric, African Studies, and Entrepreneurial Leadership. This final flagship course combines leadership and entrepreneurship theory with extensive collaborative practice simulating real-life business and social impact scenarios. Parallel to the core curriculum, students complete 2 or 3 Cambridge A-Level courses.

Internal electives, Research classes and Global Online Academy courses supplement student interests.

University and College Application Policy
ALA students are limited to a maximum of 8 US college applications in one year. Schools that receive an application from an ALA student can be assured the student is a serious applicant.

Discipline Philosophy
ALA follows a policy of nondisclosure regarding discipline matters. Our belief is that given the Academy’s high standards for its community members, if a student is a welcome member of our community, s/he will be equally suitable for yours. On applications for which a student is specifically asked to disclose disciplinary incidents, we advise full disclosure while noting that failure to do so violates the Academy’s principles. When prompted to do so, we supplement the student’s statement with documentation from our office.

Graduation Requirements
Students are required to complete 27 credits in order to earn a diploma from ALA.

Course
Entrepreneurial Leadership  
African Studies  
Writing & Rhetoric  
Cambridge and/or Internal Electives*  
Wellness

*Accelerated A-Level Mathematics earns 3 credits. All students are required to take Mathematics in Year 1 and it is optional in Year 2.

Grading Scale

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ALA uses a 0-100 grading scale. ALA does not rank or calculate a GPA.

SAT Data

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Please note that formal SAT preparation is not offered at the Academy.

Grade Distribution

Year 1 grades for current Year 2 students

Please note that half of our students studied in a language other than English prior to attending African Leadership Academy. Given the broad range of preparation our students bring to ALA and the significant adjustments they must make, Year 1 final marks in the 70 – 79 (B) range represent a substantial achievement.
University Enrollment
(2010-2019)

Students from our first ten graduating classes, 2010 – 2019, have enrolled at the following institutions:
*Bold indicates more than one student enrolled

**North America**
- Agnes Scott College
- American University in DC
- Amherst College
- Arizona State University
- Augustana College
- Babson College
- Bard College
- Barnard College
- Bates College
- Bennington College
- Bentley University
- Berea College
- Berklee College of Music
- Bowdoin College
- Brandeis University
- Brown University
- Bryant University
- Bryn Mawr College
- Dartmouth College
- Bucknell University
- Carleton University
- Case Western Reserve University
- Clark University
- Colby College
- Colgate University
- College of the Atlantic
- Colorado College
- Columbia University
- Connecticut College
- Cornell University
- Davidson College
- Deep Springs College
- Depauw University
- Duke University
- EARTH University
- Emory University
- Franklin & Marshall College
- Georgetown University
- Goucher College
- Guilford College
- Hamilton College - NY
- Harvard College
- Harvey Mudd College
- Humber College
- John Carroll University
- Kenyon College
- Lafayette College
- Lehigh University
- Macalester College
- Marist College
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- Michigan State University
- Minerva Schools at KGI
- Middlebury College
- Morehouse College
- Mount Holyoke College
- New York University
- Northeastern University
- Northland College
- Northwestern University
- Nova Southeastern University
- Oberlin College of Arts and Sciences
- Ohio Wesleyan University
- Oklahoma State University
- Pepperdine University
- Pitzer College
- Pomona College
- Princeton University
- Providence College
- Purdue University
- Quest University Canada
- Reed College
- Rhodes College
- Savannah College of Art and Design
- Skidmore College
- Smith College
- St. Edward’s University
- St. George’s University
- St. John’s College
- St. Lawrence University
- St. Olaf College
- Stanford University
- Swarthmore College
- The College of Saint Rose
- The College of Wooster
- The University of Akron
- The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- The University of Tampa
- The University of Texas, Austin
- Trinity College
- Trinity University
- Truman State University
- Tufts University
- University of British Columbia
- University of Calgary
- University of California, Berkeley
- University of California, San Diego
- University of Central Arkansas
- University of Chicago
- University of Delaware
- University of Manitoba
- University of Miami
- University of Notre Dame
- University of Pennsylvania
- University of Richmond
- University of Rochester
- University of South Carolina
- University of Toronto
- University of Victoria
- University of Wisconsin, Madison
- Vanderbilt University
- Vassar College
- Washington and Lee University
- Watson Institute at Lynn University
- Wellesley College
- Wells College
- Wesleyan University
- West Virginia University
- Westminster College
- Whitman College
- Williams College
- Yale University
- York University

**Africa**
- African Leadership Academy
- Addis Ababa University
- African Leadership College
- African Leadership University
- Africa University
- Al Akhawayn University
- Alexandria University
- Ashesi University College
- Curtin University
- Gaston Berger University
- Instituto Superior de Transportes
- Kampala International University
- Kepler Kigali
- Malawi University of Science and Technology
- Rhodes University
- United States International University
- University of Buea
- University of Cape Town
- University of Liberia
- University of Malawi
- University of Namibia
- University of Pretoria University of the Free State
- University of Witswatersrand

**Asia Pacific**
- Ashoka University
- Asian University for Women
- Duke Kunshan University
- ESSEC Singapore
- NYU Shanghai
- Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University
- Shenzhen University
- University of Hong Kong, The University of New South Wales
- University of Wuhan
- YALE-NUS College
- Yonsei University

**Europe**
- American University in Bulgaria
- Amsterdam University College
- Bocconi University
- Cardiff University
- Durham University
- Geneva Business School
- Hult International Business School - London
- IE University
- Jacobs University
- Katholieke Universiteit Leuven
- Lomonosov Moscow State University
- London School of Economics
- Parsons Paris (The New School)
- Sciences Po
- Sciences Po Bordeaux
- SOAS University of London
- The American University of Paris
- The University of Edinburgh
- The University of Manchester
- The University of Nottingham
- University CollegeLondon
- University of Birmingham
- University of Exeter
- University of Hull
- University of Leeds
- University of Salford
- University of the Arts London

**Middle East**
- American University of Beirut
- Carnegie Mellon University in Qatar
- Georgetown University Qatar
- Lebanese American University
- NYU Abu Dhabi
- Tel Aviv University
- University of Wollongong in Dubai

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Our graduates are enrolling in, persisting at and completing university degrees at rates that far out-strip any comparable cohort.

Our unique selection process identifies young people who strive for impact, and our challenging program fosters excellence and resilience. This has proven to be excellent preparation for university, as evidenced by exceptional graduation rates and GPAs that exceed the predictions of standardized test scores.

**ALA GRADUATES OUTPERFORM TRADITIONAL PREDICTORS OF SUCCESS**

Actual vs Predicted First-year GPAs

The graph below shows the first-year GPA of ALA graduates, as compared to the GPA predicted by their SAT score in a College Board study. Nearly 65% of graduates had freshman GPAs 0.2 points above their predicted GPAs. Only 18% had freshman GPAs 0.2 points or more below their prediction.

![Graph showing GPA distribution](image)

Over 90% of African Leadership Academy graduates complete a bachelor’s degree within five years of university enrollment. These rates are significantly higher than those predicted by demographic indicators such as nationality, native language, and socioeconomic status.

*Source: NCES – Universities and colleges with an acceptance rate below 25%, Internal data (n = 376)*

**ALA GRADUATES FINISH WHAT THEY STARTED**

Retention Rates

With year-to-year attrition of less than 2%, ALA graduates overwhelmingly complete degrees at the universities where they enroll. These resilient young leaders enter college with a sense of purpose and strong academic readiness.

![Retention rates graph](image)

*Average retention rate between 2010 and 2018 of all students that are still part of our network. Source: NCES - Universities and colleges with an acceptance rate below 25%, Internal data (n = 645)*

**Accreditations, authorizations and memberships**

The Academy is an independent school accredited and authorized by the following organizations: