African Leadership Academy
School Profile 2022-23
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The School
African Leadership Academy (ALA) is a two-year diploma program that seeks to develop ethical, effective, and entrepreneurial leaders across all sectors to address Africa’s greatest challenges. Since welcoming the first class in 2008, ALA has always met 100% of demonstrated need for all admitted students.

Curriculum
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. In addition to the core curriculum, students also complete two or three Cambridge A-Level courses. Internal electives, research classes and Global Online Academy courses supplement student interests.

Accreditation
ALA is accredited by the Independent Schools Association of Southern Africa and the New England Association of Schools and Colleges; students graduate with a US high school diploma.

Graduation Requirements
A minimum of 27 credits is required for graduation. Students are required to take:

- African Studies (4 credits)
- Entrepreneurial Leadership (8 credits)
- Writing and Rhetoric (4 credits)
- Mathematics (minimum 2 credits)
- Cambridge and/or Internal Electives (minimum 8 credits)
- Wellness (1 credit)

Grading Scale
ALA does not rank students or report GPA

SAT Data
Middle 50% |  ERW: 520-640 | Math: 570-710 | Total: 1087-1360

242 Students
- 109 seniors
- 98% received financial aid

Students in the class of 2022 come from 34 African countries
University Enrollment (2018-2022)
Students from our last five graduating classes have enrolled at the following institutions:

*bold indicates two or more students enrolled

Africa
- African Bible College Malawi, African Leadership College Mauritius, African Leadership University Rwanda, Alexander University, Ashesi University, Chulabhorn University, Curtin University Mauritius, Kepler, Malawi University of Science & Technology, North West University, Rhodes University, The British University in Egypt, United States International University, University of Botswana, University of Cape Town, University of Malawi College of Medicine, University of Pretoria, University of the Witwatersrand, University of Zambia, University of Zimbabwe

Asia Pacific
- Ashoka University, Asian University for Women, Bahcesehir Cyprus University, Duke Kunshan University, Eastern Mediterranean University, ESSEC Business School, Hong Kong Baptist University, Okayama University, ParisTech, Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, University of Hong Kong, Yale-NUS, Yonsei University

Europe
- Amsterdam University College, Cardiff University, Charles University, Ecole Supérieure des Beaux-Arts de Nantes Métropole, ESSEC Business School, Hult International Business School, Instituto de Empresaria Jacobs University Bremen, John Cabot University, King's College London, Kingston University, London School of Economics, Parsons, Panthéon-Sorbonne University, The New School for Design, Sciences Po Bordeaux, Sciences Po Paris, St Louis University-Madrid, St. George's University, Swansea University, Università Bocconi, University of Buckingham, University of Edinburgh, University of Exeter, University of Manchester, University of Nottingham, University of Sussex, University of York, Vistula University, Webster University Athens

Middle East
- American University of Beirut, Bilgi University, Carnegie Mellon University in Qatar, Georgetown University in Qatar, New York University Abu Dhabi, Northwestern University in Qatar, Tel Aviv University

The Americas
- Agnes Scott College, Augsburg College, Augustana University, Babson College, Barnard College, Bates College, Bennington College, Bentley University, Berea College, Boston University, Bowdoin College, Brandeis University, Brown University, Bucknell University, California Institute of Technology, Carnegie-Mellon University, Case Western Reserve University, Centre College, Chapman University, Colgate University, College of Saint Rose, College of the Atlantic, Colorado College, Columbia University, Connecticut College, Cornell College, Cornell University, Dartmouth College, Davidson College, Deep Springs College, DePaul University, DePauw University, Drexel University, Duke University, Earth University, Emory University, Franklin & Marshall College, Gettysburg College, Hamilton College, Haverford College, Howard University, Hult International Business School, Humber College, Johns Hopkins University, Kent State University, Kenyon College, Lafayette College, Lehigh University, Loyola University New Orleans, Macalester College, Marist College, Memorial University of Newfoundland, Miami University of Ohio, Michigan State University, Middlebury College, Minerva University, Morehouse College, New York University, Northwestern University, Nova Southeastern University, Oberlin College, Ohio Wesleyan University, Pepperdine University, Pomona College, Pratt Institute, Princeton University, Queen's University Canada, Randolph College, Rhodes College, Rice University, Robert Morris University, Rochester Institute of Technology, Rutgers University, Savannah College of Art and Design, Skidmore College, Smith College, St Mary's College, St. George's University, St. John's College, St. Olaf College, Stanford University, Stevens Institute of Technology, Swarthmore College, Texas Christian University, The College of Wooster, Trinity College, Tufts University, University of Akron, University of Calgary, University of Chicago, University of Delaware, University of Miami, University of Montreal, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, University of Notre Dame, University of Pennsylvania, University of Richmond, University of Rochester, University of South Carolina, University of Tampa, University of Toronto, University of Victoria, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Vanderbilt University, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Washington and Lee University, Washington University in St. Louis, Watson Institute, Wellesley College, Wells College, Westminster College, Whitman College, Yale University, York University

Grade Distribution
Year 1 grades for current Year 2 students

*Please note that one-third of our students studied in a language other than English prior to attending African Leadership Academy. Given our students' broad range of academic preparation and the significant adjustments they must make, Year 1 final marks in the 70 - 79 (B) range represent a substantial achievement.

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Our Transcripts
ALA operates on a Northern hemisphere calendar using a three-term schedule. First term grades are considered mid-year grades and will be available in early December. Second term grades will be available in early March. Third term grades will be available in late June.

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.

University Graduation Rate
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 = 373)