



African Leadership Academy

Developing the next generation of African leaders

School Profile 2023-2024

232 Students | 102 Seniors | 98% received Financial Aid

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.

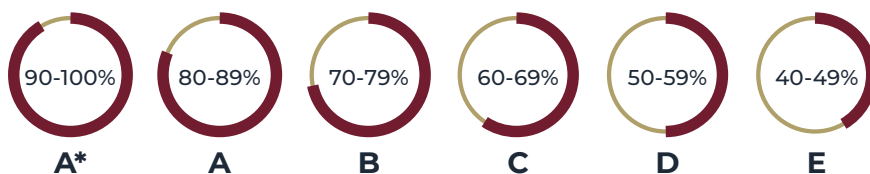
Graduation Requirements

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: 535-650	Math: 555-685	Total: 1115-1335
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Students in the class of 2023 come from 30 African countries

Algeria | Burundi | Cameroon | Côte d'Ivoire | Democratic Republic of the Congo | Egypt | Eswatini | Ethiopia | Ghana | Kenya | Lesotho | Liberia | Libya, Malawi | Mali | Morocco | Niger | Nigeria | Senegal | Sierra Leone | Somaliland, South Africa | South Sudan | Sudan | Tanzania | The Gambia | Tunisia | Uganda | Zambia | Zimbabwe

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University Enrollment (2019-2023)

Students from our last five graduating classes have enrolled at the following institutions:

*bold indicates two or more students enrolled



Africa

AFDA, African Bible College Malawi, **African Leadership College Mauritius**, **African Leadership University Rwanda**, Alexandria University, **Ashesi University**, Chalimbana University, North West University, United States International University, **University of Cape Town**, University of Pretoria, University of the Witwatersrand, University of Zambia, University of Zimbabwe, Villioti Fashion Institute

Asia Pacific

Ashoka University, Bahcesehir Cyprus University, **Duke Kunshan University**, ESSEC Business School, **Hong Kong Baptist University**, Plaksha University, **Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University**, University of Hong Kong, **Yale-NUS**, **Yonsei University**

Europe

American University of Paris, Bard College Berlin, Cardiff University, Charles University, École Supérieure des Beaux-Arts de Nantes Métropole, ESSEC Business School, **Hult International Business School**, **Instituto de Empresa**, **Jacobs University Bremen**, **John Cabot University**, **King's College London**, Kingston University, London School of Economics, Novia University of Applied Sciences, Sciences Po Paris, Sorbonne Pantheon Paris, St Louis University-Madrid, Swansea University, University College London, University of Buckingham, **University of Edinburgh**, University of Essex, University of Exeter, University of Manchester, University of Nottingham, University of Sussex, Vistula University, Webster University Athens

Middle East

American University of Beirut, Carnegie Mellon University Qatar, Georgetown University Qatar, New York University Abu Dhabi, Northwestern University Qatar, Tel Aviv University

The Americas

Agnes Scott College, American University, Augustana 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**, Caldwell University, California Institute of Technology, Carleton College, **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**, DePaul University, **DePauw University**, **Drexel University**, **Duke University**, Earth 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**, Lesley University, Loyola University New Orleans, Macalester College, Memorial University of Newfoundland, Miami University of Ohio, **Michigan State University**, Middlebury College, Minerva Project, Morehouse College, **New York University**, **Northwestern University**, Nova Southeastern University, **Oberlin College**, Ohio Wesleyan University, Ontario Tech University, Pepperdine University, **Pomona College**, Pratt Institute, **Princeton University**, **Rhodes College**, **Rice University**, Robert Morris University, **Rochester Institute of Technology**, Savannah College of Art and Design, **Skidmore College**, **Smith College**, **St Mary's College**, **St. George's University**, St. Olaf College, Stevens Institute of Technology, **Swarthmore College**, **Texas Christian University**, The College of Wooster, Trinity College, Tufts University, University of British Columbia, **University of Calgary**, **University of Chicago**, **University of Delaware**, 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**, **Vanderbilt University**, **Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University**, Washington and Lee University, Washington University in St. Louis, **Wellesley College**, **Wells College**, Wesleyan University, Westminster College, Whitman College, Xavier University, **Yale University**, York University

Grade Distribution: Year 1 grades for current Year 2 students

	Students	A*	A	B	C	D	E
Total	105	10%	42%	29%	12%	4%	3%
African Studies	105	2%	57%	33%	6%	1%	1%
ALA Mathematics 1	10	0%	20%	10%	10%	10%	50%
ALA Mathematics 2	20	0%	15%	30%	30%	15%	10%
AS-Level Mathematics	68	22%	19%	26%	22%	9%	1%
Accelerated Math	7	43%	14%	29%	14%	0%	0%
Writing & Rhetoric	105	5%	68%	24%	4%	0%	0%
AS-Level Art & Design	14	7%	21%	64%	7%	0%	0%
AS-Level Biology	24	4%	38%	38%	17%	4%	0%
AS-Level Business Studies	14	0%	7%	21%	21%	21%	29%
AS-Level Chemistry	25	16%	44%	32%	4%	4%	0%
AS-Level Computer Science	31	23%	39%	29%	6%	3%	0%
AS-Level Drama	12	25%	33%	17%	25%	0%	0%
AS-Level Economics	24	0%	17%	42%	29%	13%	0%
AS-Level English Literature	12	25%	58%	17%	0%	0%	0%
AS-Level Geography	4	0%	50%	0%	50%	0%	0%
AS-Level History	20	0%	10%	25%	35%	10%	20%
AS-Level Physics	39	18%	46%	28%	5%	0%	3%

*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.

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)

