



African Leadership Academy

Developing the next generation of African leaders

School Profile 2024-2025

231 Students | 114 Seniors | 95% 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.

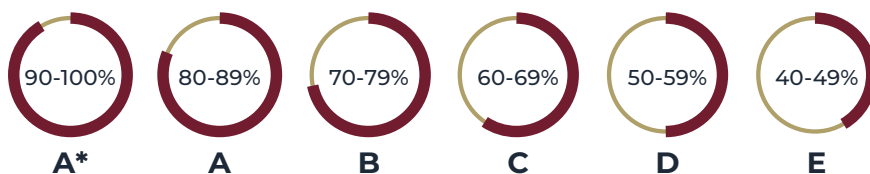
Graduation Requirements

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: 520-660	Math: 585-680	Total: 1130-1340
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Students in the class of 2025 come from 29 African countries

Algeria | Burkina Faso | Cameroon | Côte d'Ivoire | Egypt | Eswatini | Ethiopia | France | Ghana | Kenya | Lesotho | Liberia | Madagascar | Malawi | Mauritania | Morocco | Mozambique | Niger | Nigeria | Senegal | South Africa | South Sudan | Tanzania | Togo | Tunisia | Uganda | United Kingdom | Zambia | Zimbabwe

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University Enrollment (2020-2024)

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

*bold indicates two or more students enrolled



Africa

AFDA, Africa University, **African Leadership College Mauritius**, **African Leadership University Rwanda**, Alexandria University, **Ashesi University**, Kyambogo University, National University of Science and Technology (Zimbabwe), **Pan-Atlantic University**, Stellenbosch University, The American University in Cairo, The German University in Cairo, Unicaf University Zambia, **United States International University Africa**, University of Cape Town, University of Kinshasa, University of Lusaka, University of Pretoria, University of South Africa, **University of the Witwatersrand (Wits)**, University of Zambia, Villiotti Fashion Institute

Asia Pacific

Albukhary International University, **Ashoka University**, Datta Meghe Institute for Higher Education and Research, Duke Kunshan University, ESSEC Business School Singapore, Gandhi Institute of Technology and Management, **Hong Kong Baptist University**, Plaksha University, **Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University**, Yale-NUS, Yamanashi Gakuin University, **Yonsei University**

Europe

American College in Greece, American University of Paris, Bursa Uludağ University, CBS International Business School, **Constructor University**, De Montfort University, **Instituto de Empresa**, King's College London, London School of Economics, Nova University of Applied Sciences, Schiller International University, Sciences Po Paris, Swansea University, Università Bocconi, University College London, University of Buckingham, **University of Essex**, University of Manchester, University of Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, University of Westminster, 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

The Americas

Agnes Scott College, American University, Augustana University, **Babson College**, Bard 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, Claremont McKenna College, **Colgate University**, College of Saint Rose, **Columbia University**, **Connecticut College**, **Cornell College**, **Cornell University**, **Dartmouth College**, **Davidson College**, DePaul University, DePaul University, **Drexel University**, **Duke University**, **Earth University**, Franklin & Marshall College, **Grambling State University**, **Hamilton College**, **Haverford College**, **Hult International Business School**, Johns Hopkins University, Kent State University, Kenyon College, Lake Forest College, **Lehigh University**, Lesley University, **Macalester 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**, **Pomona College**, Pratt Institute, **Princeton University**, Purdue University, **Rhodes College**, **Rice University**, Robert Morris University, Saint Mary's College, **Skidmore College**, **Smith College**, St. George's University, St. Olaf College, Stevens Institute of Technology, SUNY Oswego, Swarthmore College, **Texas Christian University**, The College of Wooster, Trinity College, **Tufts University**, University of Arkansas Pine Bluff, University of British Columbia Okanagan, **University of Calgary**, **University of Chicago**, University of Delaware, University of Denver, University of Fraser Valley, University of Kansas, University of Michigan, **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 Toronto**, University of Wisconsin - Green Bay, **Vanderbilt University**, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Washington and **Lee University**, Washington University in St. Louis, **Wellesley College**, **Wesleyan University**, Westminster College, Whitman College, Xavier University, **Yale University**, York University

Grade Distribution: Year 1 grades for current Year 2 students

	Count	A*	A	B	C	D	E	U
African Studies	115	0%	11%	70%	15%	1%	0%	3%
ALA Mathematics 1	8	0%	0%	25%	25%	38%	13%	0%
ALA Mathematics 2	12	8%	42%	50%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AS-Level Mathematics	85	11%	33%	26%	8%	11%	8%	4%
Accelerated Math	10	50%	40%	10%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Writing and Rhetoric	115	3%	38%	50%	6%	1%	0%	3%
AS-Level Art & Design	7	0%	43%	57%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AS-Level Biology	26	8%	23%	42%	8%	12%	4%	4%
AS-Level Business Studies	10	0%	0%	30%	40%	10%	10%	10%
AS-Level Chemistry	30	20%	40%	20%	13%	3%	0%	3%
AS-Level Computer Science	37	27%	51%	11%	3%	5%	0%	3%
AS-Level Drama	5	20%	80%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AS-Level Economics	27	0%	15%	44%	19%	19%	0%	4%
AS-Level English Literature	13	0%	15%	38%	23%	15%	8%	0%
AS-Level Geography	12	0%	33%	25%	17%	17%	0%	8%
AS-Level History	11	0%	18%	18%	27%	18%	18%	0%
AS-Level Physics	52	17%	27%	29%	21%	4%	0%	2%

*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)

