



Accreditation & Affiliations

Why Accreditation is important for your child:

There are a variety of Accreditation agencies worldwide. These agencies review schools and validate their attention to recognized education standards and practice. By sending your child to an accredited school, you are investing in a legitimate international school education. The standards that schools attend to, make the transition to university and college seamless. It ensures that the integrity and quality of the programs are in keeping with standards expected by post-secondary institutions. Graduates of an accredited school have a much higher probability of acceptance in top-tier universities in North America, Europe, and beyond. Based on UAS graduate data, approximately 60% of our students attend university in North America (USA/CAN) and 10-15% in Europe. This data supports our School's mission and goals.

Current Accreditation Status:

The Universal American School received its initial accreditation by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) and the Council of International Schools (CIS) in 1994. It was awarded re-accreditation in 2015, following the completion of a comprehensive Self-Study by the staff of the School over a period of 12-18 months and an onsite, weeklong evaluation by a NEASC Visiting Team of experienced educators. Both agencies praised the School for its attention to offering a world-class educational experience for its students.

The final statement from the Chair of the Accreditation Report to NEASC/CIS sums up our united effort to our learning community... *"This school has come a long way from its founding and has a clear vision for the future – one in which it can be a beacon of good practice and teaching and learning for others to follow."*

The Pathway Forward:

As the world changes, UAS will maintain its commitment to developing lifelong learning and global citizenship in its student body. The School will focus on Transformative Accreditation where we recognize, and support learning to illuminate the path to a better world for the next generation. The ACE Model for Accreditation (Learning Architecture, Learning Culture, and Learning Ecology) offers safe, secure, and sustainable services to a learning community that are keys to helping students become stakeholders in their learning experience. The ACE Model provides a mechanism for school improvement through self-reflection along a focused learning continuum. The



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principles applied to the model provide for student centered learning, evidence-based assessment, student autonomy and accountability and sound application of research based planning in regard to the use of time and space to help teachers facilitate student learning. A plan for transformative education is in place and UAS administration, staff and students are committed as supportive partners regarding this education experience.

Accreditation History:

UAS is fully accredited by the New England Association of Schools & Colleges (NEASC) and Council of International Schools (CIS). We have had continuous accreditation with the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) and the European Council of International Schools (ECIS) since 1994.



The New England Association of Schools and Colleges
(USA)
Fully Accredited May 2015
www.neasc.org



The Council of International Schools (Europe)
Fully Accredited May 2015
<http://www.cois.org/>



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<http://en.unesco.org/>



National Honor Society (USA)
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