



**TARSUS
AMERICAN
COLLEGE**



High School Profile
2016-2017

“Leaders for Turkey;
Leadership for the World”



SCHOOL

Tarsus American College (TAC) is an academic, co-educational 9-12 high school which prepares students for higher education in Turkey and abroad. The school, which includes day and boarding students, was started by American philanthropists in 1888. Tarsus American College is governed by the SEV Health and Education Foundation. The same organization operates SEV American College (İstanbul), Üsküdar American Academy (İstanbul), and American Collegiate Institute (İzmir), along with three elementary schools, a hospital and a publishing company.

- **Accreditation:** Council of International Schools and the Turkish Ministry of Education.
- **Memberships:** CIS, ECIS, NACAC, OACAC
- Tarsus American College is also an authorized **International Baccalaureate World School** since 2005.

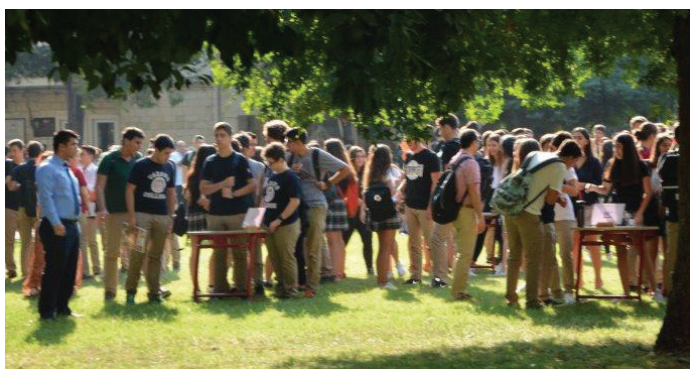
Motto: Leaders for Turkey; Leadership for the World.

Mission: The mission of the SEV American High Schools is to contribute to the growth in self-confidence and personal, social and environmental responsibilities of students accepted through a central examination. We aim to enable our students to be strong bilinguals in English and Turkish, well-educated adults, lifelong learners, and efficient communicators who have developed skills, accountability and attitudes for leading a fulfilling life and for serving their country and humanity.

ENROLLMENT

There are currently 430 students in grades Prep, 9, 10, 11 & 12. Of those, 32 are enrolled in the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program (grades 11 & 12) for the 2016-17 school year. All students who enter TAC are Turkish nationals who scored in the top of a rigorous, national high school entrance exam.

- 76 in the graduating class of 2017.
- 31% of students receive a scholarship or financial aid to attend TAC.
- 20% of TAC students live on school campus.



FACULTY

TAC employs 57 full-time and 2 part-time faculty members. The teaching staff is comprised of Turkish nationals as well as international educators, predominantly from the United States, UK, and Canada. On average, TAC teachers have 13 years of experience. The entire faculty has complete undergraduate degrees and 43% hold Master's degrees. The student-teacher ratio is 7:35.

CAMPUS AND FACILITIES

The TAC campus is a beautiful garden-like setting with buildings surrounding a central courtyard. Built on the original site from 1888, there is a combination of historic buildings and a brand-new elementary school, boarding facility, and auditorium. There is a well-equipped gymnasium and fitness center as well as a music room, art studio, and library. Each classroom is equipped with a smartboard and all classrooms have wireless capacity.

CURRICULUM – Class of 2017

Our students follow a FIVE-YEAR high school program. All students enter a preparatory year, following grade 8. The aim of this year is to guarantee a sufficient level of English to enable students to continue their study in all science and math courses which are taught in English. When students of the Class of 2017 began their study at TAC, weekly instruction included 23 hours of English, 2 hours each of math and science (taught in English) and 10 hours divided between Turkish, Music, Second Foreign Language and Physical Ed.

Students in **grades 9 and 10** follow a common curriculum with one elective. The aim of these two years of study is to give them a broad background in all academic areas. This background helps students to select course concentrations in Grade 11 and 12. All math and science courses are taught in English. A second foreign language of French or German is required in Prep, grade 9, and 10.

Students in **grades 11 and 12** choose electives to supplement the common course requirements. These elective choices are based upon their intended area of future study, courses needed for university entry, and areas of special interest. Turkish Literature and Turkish Language Arts are required in both grades 11 and 12, yet the number of hours depends upon the student's future university plans.

Beginning in Grade 11, students can also choose to pursue the **International Baccalaureate Diploma** in conjunction with the national MEB Program. This combination results in a very demanding course load for high-achieving students, allowing the opportunity for bilingual diplomas in English and Turkish. IB students are also enrolled in TOK for two hours per week.

Average IB Diploma score (2014-16): 32.3
Class of 2017 IELTS average score: 5.9 (April 2016)

ACADEMIC GRADING SYSTEM

TAC does not report class rank. The grading system is set by the Turkish Ministry of Education. Grades are based on a 100 point scale in which a passing grade is 50 or higher. Grade point average is weighted according to the course hours per week. The highest GPA in the Class of 2017 is 94.59 %.

Class of 2017	TAC's 100 Point Scale	Number of Students	% of Students
High Honors	90-100	3	3.9
	85-89.99	6	7.9
Honors	80-84.99	11	14.5
	75-79.99	8	10.5
	70-74.99	15	19.7
	65-69.99	11	14.5
	60-64.99	13	17.1
	50-59.99	9	11.8

STRENGTHS OF A TAC STUDENT

- Comfortable in dual language instruction
- Involved in social service activities
- Self-confident, open minded, and globally aware
- Understands the value of community cooperation
- Willing to question and demonstrate leadership



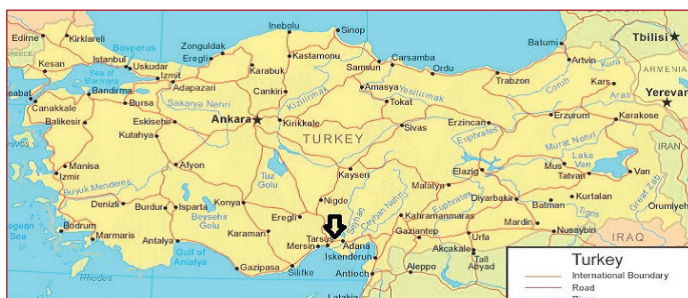
ACTIVITIES

Participation in extra-curricular activities is a mandatory part of TAC school life. This well-balanced program of activities ranges from the history excursion club to fitness to the performing arts. Additionally, the school offers opportunities to participate in student government and sports (fencing, archery, dance, tennis, soccer, volleyball and basketball). Participating in organizations such as European Youth Parliament, Model United Nations, International Schools Theatre Association, and Destination Imagination are also of high importance. All students are also expected to perform at least 20 hours of community service each year. Those who contribute more than 35 hours are recognized for their efforts. Some volunteer their time tutoring English and math, offering drawing or dance lessons, and playing basketball with the local children. Others regularly visit local animal shelters and homes for senior citizens.



LOCATION & VISIT

The school is located in southern Turkey, near the Mediterranean coast, north of Cyprus. There are daily flights from Istanbul which take just over an hour to reach the local airport in Adana, which is located 40 km from Tarsus. The school is pleased to arrange local pick-up and drop-off service for academic visitors.



OVERSEAS UNIVERSITY PLACEMENT

Nearly all TAC graduates continue onto university education either in Turkey or overseas. Graduates from 2014-2016 received acceptances from the institutions listed below. Matriculations are in bold.

USA

Agnes Scott College
American University
Arizona State University
Auburn University
Bentley University
Boston University
Brandeis University
Brown University
University of Buffalo - SUNY
UC-Davis
UC-San Diego
Cornell University
Drexel University
Duke University
Emerson College
Emmanuel College
Florida Atlantic University
Fordham University
Franklin & Marshall College
Full Sail University
George Washington University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Guilford College
High Point University
Hofstra University
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Iowa State University
Johnson & Wales University
Lawrence Technological University
Lawrence University
Loyola Marymount University
Lynn University
Macalester College
Marist College
UMass - Boston
University of Miami
Northeastern University
University of Oregon
Pace University
Pacific University
Pennsylvania State University
Purdue University
Quinnipiac University
Seton Hall University
University of Southern California
St. Edwards University
Suffolk University
Syracuse University
University of Tampa
The New School – Eugene Lang College
West Virginia University
University of Virginia
College of Wooster

ART SCHOOLS

CalARTS
California College of the Arts
Central Saint Martins
Columbia College Chicago
Pratt Institute
FIDI – Florence Institute of Design, Italy
Savannah College of Art & Design
School of the Art Institute of Chicago
School of Visual Arts
The New School - Parsons

CANADA

University of Alberta
University of British Columbia
Brock University
Carleton University
Dalhousie University
University of Guelph
Huron University College
McGill University
Queen's University
Ryerson University
Simon Fraser University
University of Toronto
University of Victoria
University of Virginia
University of Waterloo
Western University
York University

UK

University of Aberdeen
University of Bradford
University of Bath
University of Brighton
Brunel University London
Cardiff University
City University
Durham University
University of East Anglia
University of Edinburgh
University of Essex
University of Exeter
Goldsmiths, University of London
University of Hertfordshire
University of Kent
King's College London
Lancaster University
Le Cordon Bleu London

University of Leicester
University of Liverpool
London School of Economics
University of Manchester
Newcastle University
University of Nottingham
Nottingham Trent University
Queen Mary, University of London
University of Reading
Royal Holloway, University of London
University of Surrey
Swansea University
University of West England-Bristol
University of Westminster
University College London
(F): Foundation Year

WORLDWIDE

American University of Paris, France
University of Amsterdam, Netherlands
Universita Bocconi, Italy
Universita Cattolica del Sacro Curoe, Italy
University of Debrecen, Hungary
TU Delft, Netherlands
University of Duisburg-Essen, Germany
European University Geneva, Switzerland
University of Groningen, Netherlands
HZ University of Applied Sciences, Netherlands
John Cabot University, Italy
Universiteit Maastricht, Netherlands
Rotterdam School of Management, Netherlands
University of Szeged, Hungary
Tilburg University, Netherlands
Vesalius College, Belgium

CONTACTS

Mr. Andrew Leathwood
Headmaster
Ext. 8102 aleathwood@tac.k12.tr

Ms. Günseli Yüksel
High School Principal
Ext. 8108 gyuksel@tac.k12.tr

Mr. Hakan Sapmazlı
IB Coordinator
Ext. 8148 hsapmazli@tac.k12.tr

Mr. Brett Bowring
International University Counselor
Ext. 8175 bbowring@tac.k12.tr

**TARSUS
AMERICAN
COLLEGE**



Tarsus American College
Caminur Mh. Cengiz Topel Cd. No: 44 33440 Tarsus
T: +90 (324) 241 81 81 F: +90 (324) 241 81 04
www.tac.k12.tr

CEEB Code: 696600
IB School Code: 2205