



UNITED WORLD COLLEGES

EDUCATING CHANGEMAKERS





Do you want to be a changemaker?

Are you a **student** looking for an education that will equip you with the skills and knowledge to make a positive impact on the world?

Or are you a **parent** wanting to empower your child through education, giving them the tools to succeed?

Or maybe a **teacher**, who wants to help ambitious and driven students make the most of their potential?

We are United World Colleges (UWC), a global education movement of 18 schools across four continents. And we are passionate about creating and educating changemakers.

For more than 60 years, our students have become leaders and agents of positive change, creating a more peaceful and sustainable world.

UWC welcomes applications to study the world-renowned International Baccalaureate (IB) curriculum for two years. Students aged 16-19 years coming from different countries, cultures and socio-economic backgrounds learn and live together, understanding the world from different perspectives and making friends for life.

Become part of the UWC community and make a difference.



UWC in numbers

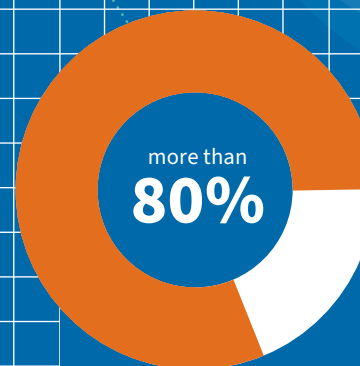
18
schools
across **4 continents**

11,000+
students study at UWC
every year from
150+
countries

60,000+
alumni

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mission
To make education a force
to unite people, nations and
cultures for peace and
a sustainable future

60+
years
of educational
innovation



of the students
selected by our
national committees
are awarded full or
partial scholarships

5%
of our students are from
a refugee or displaced
background, or have
suffered persecution.

Our UWC schools



A
Pearson College UWC
Canada



B
UWC-USA
USA



C
UWC Costa Rica
Costa Rica



D
UWC Atlantic
Wales, UK



E
UWC Red Cross Nordic
Norway



G
UWC Robert Bosch College
Germany



H
UWC Adriatic
Italy



I
UWC Mostar
Bosnia and Herzegovina



J
Waterford Kamhlaba UWC
of Southern Africa
Eswatini



K
UWC East Africa
Tanzania



L
UWC Dilijan
Armenia



M
UWC Mahindra College
India



N
UWC Thailand
Thailand



O
UWC South East Asia
Singapore



P
Li Po Chun UWC of Hong Kong
Hong Kong



Q
UWC Changshu China
China



R
UWC ISAK Japan
Japan



A PARENT'S PERSPECTIVE

"It was life-changing for my daughter - her two years at UWC helped her develop such confidence, understanding, ambition and care for others. UWC opened up a new world of opportunities, and encouraged her to see - as do I - that her potential is limitless."

What makes studying at UWC different?

Our programme goes beyond traditional education. All 18 UWC schools offer a two-year experience, where 16-19 year-olds study and live together on campus.

We follow a rigorous academic curriculum, balanced with a rich and varied co-curricular programme in which students engage in creative, physical and service learning (e.g. volunteering).

Each UWC school has its own unique location and character, influenced by its host country, cultural context, local history and community. As a result, experiential and co-curricular activities might differ from school to school, as they make the most of their local environment.

Across UWC, students are deliberately selected from diverse backgrounds. This means that you will share your UWC experience with young people from very different socio-economic, religious, geographical and cultural backgrounds. You will learn with each other and from each other creating lifelong friendships around the globe.

Through academic, outdoor and experiential learning, residential life and student-led projects, our rigorous IB programme will inspire you to develop a sense of agency and possibility.

A UWC education will empower you to become an active global citizen, or a 'changemaker' - someone who has the skills, knowledge and understanding to make a positive impact on the world.

You will learn to connect learning and action, promoting peace and sustainability in everything you do.

A UWC education will transform your future and give you the foundation you need to make a difference, setting you up for success in whatever you decide to do.

Studying at a UWC school is a unique experience. The demands of the IB curriculum, living in a new country and perhaps learning a new language is hard work and needs commitment.

With students from so many different cultures, nationalities and backgrounds, the UWC experience will bring unique opportunities and challenges.

It will also be the most life-changing and rewarding experience - **are you ready?**



Co-curricular activities

All students at UWC complete a co-curricular programme called Creativity, Activity and Service (CAS) - an integral part of the IB qualification.

Many of the CAS initiatives are proposed and run by students, with a staff supervisor for support and guidance when needed.

By promoting a collaborative approach, our students are inspired through values-based leadership, entrepreneurial thinking and community service.

The curriculum

A TEACHER'S PERSPECTIVE

"We ask students what the most important issues are to them, and what they can do to address them. For me, that's the biggest element of UWC. It's that sense of possibility."

Most 16–19-year-old students at UWC schools study the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP), a globally recognised, multi-disciplinary diploma. Made up of three core components and six subject groups, the curriculum aims to broaden students' educational experience and challenge them to apply their knowledge and skills.

SUBJECT GROUPS

- Studies in language and literature
- Language acquisition
- Individuals and societies
- Sciences
- Mathematics
- The arts

CORE COMPONENTS

- **Theory of knowledge**, in which students reflect on the nature of knowledge and on how we know what we claim to know.
- The **extended essay**, which is an independent, self-directed piece of research, finishing with a 4,000-word paper.
- **Creativity, activity, service**, in which students complete a project related to those three concepts.

The benefits of outdoor education

UWC students play the sports they have grown up loving, like football, basketball or tennis, for example. But they also get the chance to make full use of the environment around our schools, whether that means kayaking across beautiful lakes or hiking on snowy mountains.

We believe that activity and exercise are a crucial part of a well rounded school experience. But they also give students a chance to explore their surroundings, and truly experience the world around them.





How do I apply to study at UWC?

There are two main ways to apply to study at UWC. Make sure you select the most appropriate route as you can only make one application per academic year.

1. Through your UWC national committee (NC)

UWC national committees (NCs) are groups of people - mostly volunteers - who represent UWC in more than 150 countries. They find and select local students, as they are best placed to understand individual applications and the potential of each individual applying.

If you need a scholarship, this is the right route for you. Scholarships are usually available for more than 80% of the students selected through our national committee system. These scholarships are allocated based on an individual student's needs and their family's financial circumstances.

When you apply through your UWC national committee, you apply to the UWC movement as a whole, rather than a specific school. This means you could study at any one of our 18 schools.

Find your UWC national committee:
uwc.org/nationalcommittees



2. Through the UWC Global Selection Programme (GSP)

Most UWC schools also offer admission through the UWC Global Selection Programme (GSP).

Applications via the GSP are only available if students do not require financial assistance.

Through the GSP, students can apply for entry to a single school or up to five schools. This might be the right route for you if you are looking to attend a specific UWC school.

Learn more about the GSP: www.uwc.org/gsp

A STUDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

"What has surprised me the most about my experience is how much there is that I don't know about the world. UWC teaches me something new every day; whether it's physics or economics, or about cultural differences or languages. My experience has made me focus on my values in life, understanding other people, and how we can work better together."

Which of these two application routes is right for you?

For more information on how to apply, visit www.uwc.org/ibdp

UWC fees and scholarships

Fees and costs vary depending on each UWC school, however, we believe that money should not be a barrier to education.

That's why we do things differently at UWC.

Those with the drive and compassion to change the world should be given the chance to shine. It doesn't matter where you come from or what your economic background is: what is important to us is your desire and potential to be a changemaker.

Thanks to our generous supporters, we are able to offer full or partial scholarships to many of these 16-19 year-old changemakers who need financial support.

To be considered for a scholarship, you need to apply via your national committee of residency or citizenship. If you are selected to attend a UWC school, the final costs of your attendance will be based on your needs and funds availability.

On average around 5% of our students in the IB Diploma years come from a refugee, displaced or persecuted background, and benefit from full scholarship provision.

If you don't need a scholarship, you can apply via your national committee or through the UWC Global Selection Programme (GSP).

Information about school fees for applications through the GSP, as well as scholarships offered to national committee applicants, can be found at www.uwc.org/ibdp/fees-and-scholarships.

Too young to apply?

A number of UWC schools and colleges welcome students from younger age groups, ranging from 2 to 15 years old. Learn more at uwc.org/academiclife #youngeryears

Selection criteria

Our selection process varies from country to country. Each UWC national committee has its own application deadlines and tailors the process to reflect its own culture and community. This means they may add their own criteria, such as minimum grade requirements. However, whether you apply through your UWC national committee or the GSP, your application will be assessed based on the same six core criteria:



Intellectual curiosity

You love learning about the world around you - both inside and outside the classroom. You are able to recognise global and local issues, and analyse them critically.



Active commitment to your own values and those of UWC

You share UWC's values and show a commitment to follow UWC's code of conduct, both at school and in your daily life.



Social competence

You interact respectfully with others, understanding and appreciating their viewpoints and perspectives. You should be able to work within a team and collaborate to find solutions to problems.



Resilience, self-awareness and independence

You can look after yourself physically and emotionally during challenging situations, for example in a boarding school environment, in a foreign country, potentially speaking a different language.



Personal responsibility and integrity

You can express and examine your own values, and you are ready to contrast and reflect on them in comparison to the values of others.



Academic robustness

You have the potential to meet the rigorous demands of the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme or the International Career-related Programme.

Are you someone who would thrive at UWC?
Then find out more at www.uwc.org/ibdp



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Other UWC experiences

UWC also offers short courses, providing an intensive and immersive experience for students from 14 to 20 years old.

Lasting up to five weeks, these short courses offer everything that makes the UWC experience unique, but without the academic programme.

UWC short courses focus on a variety of different themes, including leadership, sustainability, migration, gender dialogue and conflict resolution.

The range of short courses varies from year to year, to find out more visit www.uwc.org/shortcourses

An education for the challenges of our time

UWC was founded during the Cold War with the vision of bringing together young people from opposite sides to study and live together, inspiring them to become champions of peace.

Today, our mission is more important than ever.

From climate and ecological breakdown to social injustice and global conflict, our world is facing urgent challenges.

UWC education focuses on peace and sustainability so that our students can explore these crucial concepts.

Whether as part of our curriculum or through participation on a school council or a student-led community project, you will learn to understand these challenges and act to make a difference.

UWC leads the way in global education innovation and we were one of the pioneers behind the creation of the International Baccalaureate (IB). Using our unique approach to education, we continue to work with the IB and others to evolve, ensuring our educational model prepares students in the best possible way for the future.

Be empowered to make a difference in the world

Life after UWC

Each student works with a guidance counsellor to explore their options and identify what they want to do next. That could involve going to university, setting up a charity or volunteering in their local community, taking a gap year, or something completely different.

Attending one of our schools also gives you access to one of the largest undergraduate scholarship programmes in the world. The Davis-UWC Scholars Program offers scholarships to a large number of US colleges and universities, including all eight Ivy League institutions.

UWC also partners with other leading higher education institutions around the world, including in the UK, Canada and Germany. Learn more at uwc.org/university-scholarships

The UWC lifelong journey

Your connection with UWC does not end after you graduate. Critical to the UWC movement is our 60,000+ network of strongly passionate alumni - all of them wanting to drive change, peace and sustainability.

UWC alumni have the opportunity to tackle local and global challenges, influencing and driving change using the reach of our UWC worldwide network to make a difference. You'll be part of this growing community, while celebrating and building on friendships which will last a lifetime.



AN ALUM'S PERSPECTIVE

"Without a UWC scholarship I don't think I would've even applied. I just couldn't dream that big. The fact that people believed in me and gave me this opportunity opened a world of possibilities and gave me the confidence to consider 'what else can I do?'"



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