

The American Diploma Program at Al Bayan

The American Diploma program is one of the educational international systems that qualify students to enroll in local and international universities in the world. This program is known for its flexibility and variety as well as being accredited by most of the international and local accreditation commissions.

This program accommodates the local educational requirements as well as the international. It is supervised by an internationally recognized committee to ensure that standards set are being met. Our school is accredited by AdvancEd.

For further information on AdvancED you can visit www.advanc-ed.org

The American Diploma Program in Al Bayan School starts from Grade 9. Eighth grade Intensive English Program students must meet certain criteria in order to be eligible for enrollment in this program. The following are major aspects of student performance we evaluate:

- eighth grade average test scores*
- punctuality & attendance
- attitude towards learning
- consistency in efforts
- being focused on goals
- conduct
- assignment submission
- completion of missed work
- contribution to class

***A student needs to achieve at least 80% in each of the major subject tests in order to be eligible for the American Diploma Program.**

Based on test scores there are two options as follows.

Option 1

- Enrollment in The American Diploma Program, a four year program; from Grade 9 to grade 12 (Scientific Stream Only). Extra subjects will be introduced as mandatory or elective.
- Since it's a four-year program, the final transcript consists of scores of all four years. Therefore students are expected to put in consistent efforts throughout the four years.

Option 2

- Continuation in the Intensive English Program with the same major subjects in English as the previous year.
- After completing Grade 9, students move on to high school's Muqararat System; Grades 10-12. They have the choice to be in the Scientific Stream or Literary Stream in grade 11.

GPA and Credit Hours

- In the American Diploma Program, each subject taught has credits. A student must earn a minimum of 24 credits in order to graduate high school. To earn the required credits, students need to be present in class and pass the subject.
- Grade Point Average (GPA) is basically the student's overall percentage in grade points, which over the years becomes Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA)

Arabic Mandatory Subjects Given in the American Diploma Program

- National Identity subjects are given (مواد الهوية الوطنية). They consist of Arabic Language, Religion, and Arabic Social Studies. Arabic Social Studies is given only in grades 9 & 10.

College Admission Test Preparation

- Students in the American Diploma Program are prepared for the SAT and the TOEFL tests. They are also guided in the registration and building profile procedure by teachers and staff members.
- Students are also helped with preparation for Qiyas tests, i.e, Qudrat & Tahseelee.

American High School Diploma vs. Saudi High School Diploma

- Both are equally valuable on the national and international level.
- Both the **Saudi High School Diploma** and the **American High School Diploma** are stamped by the **Ministry of Education**. The **American High School Diploma**, however, is also stamped by the accreditation commission **AdvancED**.
- American Diploma graduates are exempted from mandatory English courses in some colleges and universities locally and have a better chance of acceptance in universities abroad.

We hope you find this information about the American Diploma Program at Al Bayan helpful and wish all of our students the best of achievements and success.