



WLSA Shanghai Academy

SCHOOL PROFILE 2021-2022

CEEB Code: 694146



Membership: **NACAC** INTERNATIONAL ACAC

The World Leading Schools Association (WLSA) is a network of top leading high schools, offering a platform for worldwide collaboration. WLSA's mission is to lead educational change in the secondary school sector in the 21st century. WLSA was founded by a group of heads of internationally highly-regarded schools in 2011, composed of Eton College, Groton School, Geelong Grammar School, Harvard-Westlake School, Beijing No.4 High School, and the High School Affiliated to Fudan University (FDFZ). WLSA is governed by an Executive Board, including the Heads of Episcopal School and the Webb Schools in the USA, Beijing No. 4 High School, the High School Affiliated to Fudan University (FDFZ) in China, and is currently chaired by Ms. Eve Jardine-Young, Principal of Cheltenham Ladies' College in the UK. WLSA brings together students and educators for cross-cultural dialogue, curriculum development, and resource sharing. 54 member schools can be found at www.wlsafoundation.org. A strong bond between schools in the association is a unique feature of WLSA.

The mission of WLSA Shanghai Academy (formerly known as WLSA Fudan Academy) is to develop globally-minded leaders who will help change the world for the better. WLSA Shanghai Academy (WSA) seeks to inspire its students, under the guidance of **President Tony Little, the former Head Master of Eton College**, to pursue their individual passions through an internationally-recognized innovative academic curriculum, **Global Impact Program (GIP)**, to meet the growing demands of international and local students in China preparing to study at top universities around the world. WLSA was accredited by Cognia (formerly known as AdvancED) since Jan. 28th, 2021.

FACTS



571

Students from **20**
Provinces in China



96

Dedicated Faculty from
10 Different Countries



6

Distinction
Courses



6:1

Student-Teacher
Ratio



60+

Extra-curricular
Activities



26

Average
Class Size



530

Alumni

100% Matriculated to
Colleges and Universities
Worldwide



US\$4,520,000

WLSA Scholarship

Granted to Students in Need
(Including Support for Higher
Education Expenses)



60%

Students
Boarding

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CURRICULA


WLSA Shanghai Academy offers two curricula on campus——Sino-American Program (AP courses) and A Level Program—together with the WLSA Global Impact Program (GIP). The GIP is a unique, interdisciplinary, skills-based curriculum that forms the foundation of a holistic vision of high school education in a globalized society. Built from the ground up, students at WLSA Shanghai Academy (WSA) develop critical skills and competencies in a rigorous and empowering three-year program based on our core values: promoting academic excellence, creating community leaders, and developing global citizenship. The WLSA GIP has been progressing since its first implementation, and is under annual inspection.


Grade	10		11		12	
	Sino-American	A Level	Sino-American	A Level	Sino-American	A Level
 Regular Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Biology · Career-readiness · Chemistry · Chinese Literature I · English Language and Literature · P.E. · Physics · Pre-Calculus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · ESL English · PE · Chinese Literature I · Art · Career-readiness · Pre-A Physics · Pre-A Chemistry · Pre-A Economics · AS Math 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Career-readiness · Chinese Literature II · Philosophy (E) · P.E. · U.S. History I (E) · Visual Art (E) · World History I (E) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · O Level English · P.E. · Chinese Literature II · Career-readiness · Art · Psychology (E) · History (E) · Biology (E) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Career-readiness · Chinese Strategy · P.E. · Beginner Spanish (E) · U.S. History II (E) · Visual Art (E) · Art History (E) · World History II (E) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · P.E. · Career-readiness
 Advanced Courses			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Adv. Biology (E) · Adv. Calculus · Adv. Chemistry (E) · Adv. Microeconomics (E) · Adv. Physics (E) · Adv. Psychology (E) · English Literature I · Computer Science (E) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · AS Physics (E) · AS Chemistry (E) · AS Economics (E) · A2 Math · AS Further Math · STEP Math 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Adv. Macroeconomics (E) · Adv. Psychology (E) · Adv. Statistics · Computer Science (E) · English Literature II · Environmental Science (E) · Further Math · Further Physics (E) · Genetic Analysis (E) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · English Literature II · A2 Physics (E) · A2 Chemistry (E) · A2 Economics (E) · A2 Further Math
 Distinction Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Colloquy · Skills Development Program (SDP) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Colloquy · Skills Development Program (SDP) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Colloquy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Colloquy · Capstone 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Assimilation and Differences Across Societies (ADAS) · Capstone · Cross Culture Philosophy and Ethics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Assimilation and Differences Across Societies (ADAS) · Capstone · Cross Culture Philosophy and Ethics


* E= Elective, the other courses are compulsory. G11 and G12 students are required to take one of following elective courses: U.S. History and World History.
 * The teaching language for all courses is English, except for Chinese Literature and Chinese Strategy.


A series of **distinction courses** are listed here:


 **Skills Development Program (SDP)**, originally collaborated with Cambridge Assessment International Education (CAIE), is a **project-based learning class**. It fosters students' skills of performing research, critical evaluation, reflective learning, efficient teamwork (leading and listening), and effective communication.

 **Colloquy**, originated from the division course from Winchester College in the UK, is a **project-based learning class** that directly focuses on students' ability to communicate in a variety of forms. Academic writing, presentation, and teamwork skills are particularly targeted.

 **Chinese Strategy** focuses on using the timeline and characters to introduce the history of China. It cultivates students' historical insight, fosters students' sense of historical mission, and enriches their personal life experience.

 **Cross Culture Philosophy and Ethics** focuses on **moral education, integrity, and ethical responsibility** as a part of the international community. Through the course, students gain a wider understanding of ethical issues, particularly those that will affect them around the world.

 **Assimilation and Differences Across Societies (ADAS)**, adapting courses from Harvard-Westlake School, is a primarily **Harkness-table learning class**. Students analyze and contrast cultural values between the US and China, examining and predicting their own struggles before creating a plan of adaptation to the country. The class structure enables students to engage in a **Socratic-seminar environment** and learn how to be a productive member in discussion.

 **Capstone** encourages students to **combine rigorous, academic components with practical, hands-on learning and community engagement**. Students started with independently researching a topic/ issue of concern facing the community and thoroughly analyzing from an academic standpoint, producing a 4000-word technical essay.



GRADUATION REQUIREMENT

WLSA Shanghai Academy offers a rigorous university preparatory structure. There are two credentials offered:

- 1) **The WLSA Shanghai Academy Diploma** is examined and validated by the WLSA academic committee as well as the local Education Bureau.
- 2) The more advanced **WLSA Honor Diploma** is examined by an independent Board of Examiners, containing more extensive requirements. The WLSA Honor Diploma Board is composed of representatives from Harvard-Westlake School, The Webb Schools, Phillips Academy Andover, Winchester College, and Marlborough College. The Chairman of the Board is Mr. Taylor Stockdale, Headmaster of The Webb Schools. The Board assesses and independently validates the standard of academic achievement, and awards the Honor Diploma to the top 15% graduates.

The WLSA Honor Diploma Board requirement:

- 1) TOEFL iBT 110+ or IELTS 8.0+
- 2) SAT 1500+/ACT 34+ or A*A*A*A (predicted grades) of four A Level Subjects.
- 3) Participation in at least one global education program project
- 4) Successful completion of all WLSA Distinction Courses
- 5) Completion of 10-hour community service per academic year

The graduation date for the WSA Class of 2022 is June 1st, 2022.

GPA CALCULATION

WSA uses a weighted 4.0 scale GPA system calculated with the year overall scores of all academic courses in a school year. Students taking Advanced/Distinction classes may possibly gain an extra GPA under the scale of 5.0. The weights of different courses are based on the teaching hours of the courses, and each period equals 40 minutes. **The passing grade for Regular courses is 73 (C-), and Advanced/ A Level and Distinction courses is 63 (D-).**

Letter	Score	GPA Points		
		Regular Course	Advanced Course	Distinction Course
A+	97-100	4.0	5.0	5.0
A	94-96	4.0	5.0	5.0
A-	90-93	3.7	4.7	4.7
B+	87-89	3.3	4.3	4.3
B	84-86	3.0	4.0	4.0
B-	80-83	2.7	3.7	3.7
C+	77-79	2.3	3.3	3.3
C	74-76	2.0	3.0	3.0
C-	70-73	1.7	2.7	2.7
D+	67-69	1.3	2.3	2.3
D	64-66	1.0	2.0	2.0
D-	60-63	0.7	1.7	1.7
F	0-59	0	0	0

* A+ only offers to top 5% of the students in each subject

G10 & G11 CUMULATIVE GPA DISTRIBUTION

3.88 - 4.43	25%	3.94 - 4.27	25%
3.53 - 3.87	50%	3.36 - 3.79	50%
3.25 - 3.52	75%	3.15 - 3.26	75%
2.48 - 3.24	100%	2.76 - 3.08	100%

SA Possible Highest GPA: **4.50** A Level Possible Highest GPA: **4.58**

G11 GPA DISTRIBUTION

4.19 - 4.78	25%	4.34 - 4.70	25%
3.76 - 4.15	50%	3.69 - 4.28	50%
3.48 - 3.75	75%	3.44 - 3.61	75%
2.42 - 3.46	100%	3.08 - 3.42	100%

SA Possible Highest GPA: **4.81** A Level Possible Highest GPA: **4.91**

* Class of 2022: 119 students

* Class of 2022: 21 students

STANDARDIZED TEST SCORES Class of 2022

TOEFL Average	Mid-50% ACT	IELTS Average
100	25-30	6.7

ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAMINATION

Exams Taken	Subject Areas	% Scoring 4 or higher
446	12	80%

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CAIE A LEVEL EXAMINATION

Exams Taken	A*	A
A Level Math	94%	6%

Exams Taken	a	b
AS Chemistry	85%	8%
AS Economics	86%	7%
AS Physics	94%	6%
AS Further Math	83%	17%

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WLSA ASSOCIATES

WLSA Shanghai Academy has established a wide range of exchange-based, cooperative relationships with its partner schools. Below is a partial list of our partner schools.

School	Country
Cheltenham Ladies' College	UK
Eton College	UK
Marlborough College	UK
Oundle School	UK
Cranbrook Schools	US
Groton School	US
Harvard-Westlake School	US
Montgomery Bell Academy	US
Episcopal High School	US
The Webb Schools	US
Westminster School	US
Escola Sesc de Ensino Médio	Brazil
African Leadership Academy	South Africa
Westville Boys' High School	South Africa
Westville Girls' High School	South Africa
The Emerald Heights International School	India

UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCES Class of 2019-2021 (Total 314 Students)

* The Matriculations for class of 2021 are in bold and blue.



UNITED STATES

- ♦ Academy of Art University (1)
- ♦ Arizona State University (1)
- ♦ Art Center College of Design (2)
- ♦ Bard College (1)
- ♦ Beloit College (1)
- ♦ **Bentley University** (4)
- ♦ **Berklee College of Music** (1)
- ♦ Boston College (2)
- ♦ **Boston University** (13)
- ♦ **Brandeis University** (3)
- ♦ **Brown University** (1)
- ♦ Bryn Mawr College (1)
- ♦ Bucknell University (1)
- ♦ California College of the Arts (14)
- ♦ California Institute of the Arts (1)
- ♦ Carleton College (1)
- ♦ **Carnegie Mellon University** (5)
- ♦ **Case Western Reserve University** (13)
- ♦ **Claremont McKenna College** (1)
- ♦ Clark University (1)
- ♦ **Colgate University** (7)
- ♦ College for Creative Studies (1)
- ♦ **College of William & Mary** (4)
- ♦ College of Wooster (1)
- ♦ **Colorado College** (2)
- ♦ Columbia College Chicago (1)
- ♦ Columbia College Hollywood (1)
- ♦ Columbia University (1)
- ♦ Columbus College of Art and Design (1)
- ♦ **Cornell University** (7)
- ♦ **Davidson College** (1)
- ♦ Denison University (6)
- ♦ Dickinson College (1)
- ♦ Drew University (1)
- ♦ Drexel University (6)
- ♦ **Emerson College** (16)
- ♦ **Emory University** (5)
- ♦ Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising (1)
- ♦ Fashion Institute of Technology (1)
- ♦ Fordham University (20)
- ♦ **Franklin & Marshall College** (13)
- ♦ Furman University (2)
- ♦ George Washington University (1)
- ♦ Gettysburg College (2)
- ♦ Hamilton College (1)
- ♦ **Harvard University** (1)
- ♦ Hobart and William Smith Colleges (2)
- ♦ Indiana University Bloomington (16)
- ♦ Kent State University (1)
- ♦ Kenyon College (9)
- ♦ Lafayette College (1)
- ♦ Lawrence University (1)
- ♦ **Lehigh University** (6)
- ♦ Loyola Marymount University (2)
- ♦ Maryland Institute College of Art (4)
- ♦ Massachusetts College of Art and Design (1)
- ♦ Massachusetts College Of Pharmacy & Health Sciences (2)
- ♦ Massachusetts Institute of Technology (1)
- ♦ Miami University (Ohio) (4)
- ♦ **Michigan State University** (6)
- ♦ Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design (1)
- ♦ Mount Holyoke College (7)
- ♦ New York University (27)
- ♦ Northeastern University (13)
- ♦ Northwestern University (1)
- ♦ Oberlin College of Arts and Sciences (5)

- ♦ Occidental College (1)
- ♦ Ohio State University (41)
- ♦ Otis College of Art and Design (5)
- ♦ Parsons School of Design at The New School (8)
- ♦ **Penn State University** (56)
- ♦ Pepperdine University (2)
- ♦ **Pratt Institute** (11)
- ♦ **Purdue University** (17)
- ♦ **Reed College** (3)
- ♦ **Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute** (21)
- ♦ **Rhode Island School of Design** (4)
- ♦ Rice University (1)
- ♦ **Ringling College of Art and Design** (2)
- ♦ Rochester Institute of Technology (2)
- ♦ **Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology** (23)
- ♦ **Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey-New Brunswick** (39)
- ♦ Santa Clara University (2)
- ♦ Sarah Lawrence College (1)
- ♦ Savannah College of Art and Design (5)
- ♦ **School of the Art Institute of Chicago** (18)
- ♦ School of Visual Arts (11)
- ♦ Sewanee: The University of the South (1)
- ♦ **Skidmore College** (7)
- ♦ St. Lawrence University (1)
- ♦ **Stanford University** (1)
- ♦ SUNY Binghamton University (8)
- ♦ SUNY Stony Brook University (6)
- ♦ SUNY University at Buffalo (11)
- ♦ **Syracuse University** (30)
- ♦ The University of the South (1)
- ♦ Tulane University (9)
- ♦ Union College (2)
- ♦ University for the Creative Arts (1)
- ♦ University of California-Berkeley (1)
- ♦ University of California-Davis (47)
- ♦ University of California-Irvine (16)
- ♦ University of California-Los Angeles (5)
- ♦ University of California-Riverside (9)
- ♦ **University of California-San Diego** (20)
- ♦ University of California-Santa Barbara (25)
- ♦ University of California-Santa Cruz (11)
- ♦ **University of Chicago** (8)
- ♦ University of Colorado Boulder (1)
- ♦ **University of Connecticut** (5)
- ♦ University of Delaware (1)
- ♦ **University of Florida** (19)
- ♦ University of Hartford (1)
- ♦ **University of Illinois-Urbana Champaign** (53)
- ♦ University of Iowa (5)
- ♦ **University of Maryland-College Park** (4)
- ♦ **University of Massachusetts Amherst** (9)
- ♦ University of Massachusetts Boston (1)
- ♦ University of Miami (4)
- ♦ **University of Michigan-Ann Arbor** (13)
- ♦ University of Minnesota-Twin Cities (10)
- ♦ University of Missouri (2)
- ♦ University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill (5)
- ♦ **University of Pittsburgh** (7)
- ♦ University of Rochester (10)
- ♦ University of Southern California (5)
- ♦ University of Texas at Dallas (1)
- ♦ University of Washington-Seattle (2)
- ♦ **University of Wisconsin-Madison** (17)
- ♦ **Vanderbilt University** (4)
- ♦ Villanova University (1)
- ♦ Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (1)
- ♦ Wake Forest University (3)



UNITED KINGDOM

- ♦ Bournemouth University (1)
- ♦ Central Saint Martins, UAL (1)
- ♦ Durham University (5)
- ♦ Goldsmiths, University of London (1)
- ♦ **Imperial College London** (3)
- ♦ King's College London, University of London (11)
- ♦ Kingston University (1)
- ♦ London College of Fashion, UAL (2)
- ♦ Loughborough University (1)
- ♦ Royal Holloway, University of London (1)
- ♦ The University of Edinburgh (8)
- ♦ **University College London** (8)
- ♦ University of Bath (1)
- ♦ University of Birmingham (1)
- ♦ University of Bristol (2)
- ♦ University of Cambridge (2)
- ♦ University of East Anglia (2)
- ♦ University of Edinburgh (7)
- ♦ University of Glasgow (2)
- ♦ University of Leeds (2)
- ♦ University of Leicester (1)
- ♦ University of Liverpool (1)
- ♦ University of Manchester (13)
- ♦ University of Nottingham (1)
- ♦ University of Reading (1)
- ♦ University of Southampton (2)
- ♦ University of St Andrews (3)
- ♦ **University of the Arts London** (1)
- ♦ University of Warwick (7)



AUSTRALIA

- ♦ The University of Adelaide (1)
- ♦ The University of Melbourne (3)
- ♦ The University of New South Wales (4)
- ♦ The University of Queensland (1)
- ♦ University of Sydney (22)



CANADA

- ♦ Brock University (1)
- ♦ McGill University (1)
- ♦ Queen's University (3)
- ♦ Trinity Western University (1)
- ♦ **University of British Columbia** (5)
- ♦ **University of Toronto** (12)
- ♦ University of Waterloo (2)
- ♦ York University (1)



NETHERLANDS

- ♦ University of Amsterdam (3)



HONG KONG CHINA

- ♦ **Chinese University of Hong Kong** (1)
- ♦ The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (1)



JAPAN

- ♦ **Chuo University** (2)
- ♦ **Hosei University** (2)
- ♦ Ritsumeikan University (2)



QATAR

- ♦ Northwestern University in Qatar (1)



SINGAPORE

- ♦ **Yale-NUS** (1)