BHS Barcelona High School
International American School

School Profile

BHS was created with a mission to address the shortcomings of traditional education and provide students with the tools to foster each student`s academic growth, social development, and emotional well-being in a rapidly changing world.



The BHS Method

At the core of BHS's success is its pedagogy The BHS Method, "Build. Harvest. Succeed." Our method emphasizes independent learning, continual improvement through guided instruction, and the application of knowledge.

Mission Statement

The mission of Barcelona High School is to support all students academically, socially, and psychologically by providing a challenging and nurturing educational experience that fosters personal growth, creativity, and a sense of community.

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Social Wellness School Philosophy

BHS prioritizes student mental health and social development alongside academics. This educational philosophy focuses on fostering students' emotional intelligence, self-confidence, and social engagement to help them discover and develop their unique strengths.

Academic Excellence

BHS follows the American curriculum, offering 20 Advanced Placement (AP) courses and preparation for university admissions worldwide. BHS students graduate with an American High School Diploma.

Faculty

The BHS team includes 41 teachers and administrators, 7 English Language Learning (ELL) teachers, and 3 social-emotional counselors. Nearly 90% of the BHS staff hold postgraduate degrees. Representing diverse backgrounds, from the US, Canada, UK, Lebanon, Uruguay, Spain, Ireland, Ecuador, Netherlands, Colombia, Brazil, Russia, and Croatia - our faculty hold degrees from leading institutions worldwide.

Student Life

Leadership and Career Counseling

Programs nurture leadership skills while helping students identify their aptitudes, interests, and personality traits. Personalized guidance supports informed choices for higher education and future career paths beyond BHS.

Student Housing

Safe and comfortable off-campus housing options are avallable, with visa and guardian support for international students.

Modern Learning Tools

A digital learning platform promotes academic transparency and flexibility, empowering traveling athletes and students to stay engaged and excel from anywhere in the world.

10 Core Values

01.
Autonomous:
We speak up.
We're indpendent.

02.
Community Centered:
We are a tribe.

03.
Flexible:
It's how we grow.

04.
Tenacious:
We embrace failure.

05.
Innovative:
We create and we imagine

06.
Inclusive:
We are kind.

07.
Have Integrity:
We do the right thing.

08.
Empathetic:
We care.

09.
Self-Aware:
We check in with ourselves.

10.
Humble:
We are thankful for the collective.

Curriculum

US-based curriculum, including 20 AP courses.

Ranking

BHS does not calculate class rank due to its small size and student mobility.

Languages

Instruction in native English; intensive Spanish and Catalan courses available.

Enrollment:
347 students
from 54 countries.

2026 - 2027

Graduation Requirements and Curriculum

BHS students graduate with an American High School diploma including at least 24 credit hours earned between 9-12th grades.

English & Language Arts: 4 Credits

- Language Arts 9, 10, 11, 12
- AP English Language
- AP Englisn Literature
- Classics and Philosophy of English Literature

Mathematics: 4 Credits

- Math: Then, Now and Why
- Consumer Math
- Data, Statistics, Excel
- Algebra I, II
- Geometry
- Pre-Calculus
- Foundations and Applications & Calculus
- AP Statistics
- AP Calculus AB
- AP Calculus BC
- Multivariable Calculus and Linear Algebra

Modern Languages: 2 Credits

- Catalan 9, 10, Catalá C1
- Spanish I, II, III, IV
- AP Spanish Language & Culture
- AP Spanish Literature & Culture

Science: 4 Credits

- Astronomy
- Biology, Biology Honors
- Chemistry
- Physics Mechanics
- Anatomy & Physiology
- Electromagnetism and Thermodynamics
- AP Biology
- AP Physics
- AP Computer Science A
- AP Cybersecurity
- AP Physics C
- AP Psychology

Social Studies: 4 Credits

- US History
- World History
- US Government/ Economics
- International Relations
- History & Philosophy of Political Propaganda
- History of the End of the World
- Introduction to Gender Studies
- Urban Innovation & Social Enterprise
- Introduction to Business
- AP World History
- AP US History
- AP European History
- AP Microeconomics and AP Macroeconomics
- Psychology
- AP Psychology
- AP Comparative Government and Politics
- AP US Government & Politics
- AP Business with Personal Finance

Fine Arts: 1 Credit

- Art General
- AP Art 2-D
- Analogue Photography
- Fashion History & Cultural Influence
- Film Studies I, II
- Media & Communication
- Music I, II, III
- Art Workshop
- Art & Philosophy
- Global Art & Identity Workshop
- Printmaking
- Theatre Studies

Electives: 8 Credits

Focusing on students' development, knowledge and skills in their area of interest, students can chose from AP courses, modern languages or other disciplines.

Athletics

Basketball
Soccer / Indoor Football
Volleyball

Clubs & Activities

Barcelona Living History
Common Ground
Community Service
Creative Ambassadors
Debate
Dungeons & Dragons
Entrepreneurship & Investing
Future Makers & Sustainability
Hard Book, Book Club
Manga
Math
Model United Nations (MUN)
Music Performance
Philosophy
Rock Climbing
Running
Sailing
Skateboarding
STEM
Student Ambassadors
Taekwondo
Theater
Ultimate Frisbee
Yearbook

University Offers 2023 - 2026

UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCES & MATRICULATIONS

Matriculations are indicated in bold

SPAIN

- Bandeapart
- **Blanquerna (3)**
- CEU San Pablo
- CEU Valencia
- CUNEF
- EADA (4)
- Epitech
- ESCAC
- **ESADE (6)**
- **EU Barcelona (2)**
- FX Film School
- Harbour Space
- IAB (University of the Arts Barcelona)
- **IE University (9)**
- **IED**
- **INSA**
- IQS (2)
- **LCI Barcelona (4)**
- LaSalle
- **Les Roches Marbella**
- **Saint Louis University – Madrid (8)**
- Schiller University Madrid
- **Swiss Business School**
- **TBS**
- **UIC - Universidad Internacional de Cataluñya (5)**
- **UNIE**
- Universidad Alfonso X
- Universidad Carlos III
- Universidad Complutense
- UCAM (Universidad Católica San Antonio de Murcia)
- Universidad de Navarra
- Universidad Europea (5)
- Universidad de Málaga
- Universidad Pompeu Fabra
- Valencian

FRANCE

- Albert School
- American University of Paris
- Burgundy School of Business
- CCFS Sorbonne
- EDHEC (2)
- EM Lyon
- ESSEC (3)
- ICN
- IESEG
- University Grenoble Alpes

THE NETHERLANDS

- Curio
- Delft University of Technology
- Tilburg University
- **University College Maastricht**
- University College Groningen
- University College Roosevelt
- **University of Amsterdam (3)**
- University of Groningen (2)
- **Vrije University (3)**
- Yuverta

UNITED KINGDOM

- Aberystwyth University
- **City, St. George's, University of London**
- Coventry University
- Dartington College of Arts
- ESCP London
- Falmouth University
- Glasgow School of Art
- Goldsmiths, University of London
- **Instituto Marangoni**
- King's College London
- London South Bank University
- Northeastern University London (2)
- Queen Mary, University of London
- Ravensbourne University
- Regent's University London
- **Richmond American University**
- Royal Holloway, University of London
- Salford University
- **Swansea University**
- UCL (3)
- University of Arts London
- University of Bangor
- University of Birmingham
- University of Brighton
- **University of Bristol**
- University of Edinburgh
- **University of Glasgow**
- University of Greenwich
- University of Hertfordshire
- University of Leeds
- University of Newcastle
- University of Sheffield
- University of the Creative Arts
- University of Westminster (2)
- University of York

CANADA

- Concordia University
- McGill University
- University of British Columbia – Okanagan
- University of British Columbia – Vancouver
- **University of Toronto**
- University of Victoria

REST OF THE WORLD

- **American University of Rome**
- Akademia Leona Koźmiński Warsaw
- American College of Greece
- Anglo American University (Czech Republic)
- **Australian Chiropractic College**
- **Bocconi (2)** (Italy)
- **Brussels School of Governance**
- Häme University of Applied Sciences (Finland)
- IHECS (Belgium)
- **John Cabot University** (Italy)
- Jönköping University (Sweden)
- KU Leuven (Belgium)
- **Instituto Marangoni** (Italy)
- Lancaster University Leipzig (Germany)
- **Sophia University** (Japan)
- University College Dublin
- Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore (Italy)
- **Univerzita Komenského (Slovakia)**
- Webster University Vienna

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UNITED STATES

- Baruch College, SUNY
- Berklee School of Music
- Boston College
- Boston University (2)
- Brandeis University
- Chico State University
- Clark University
- **College of Marin**
- Florida State University
- **Fordham University**
- Georgia Tech
- Iowa State University
- Kansas State University
- Lewis & Clark
- Long Island University
- Massachusetts College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences
- Middlebury College
- Miami University, Oxford
- Michigan State University
- Montclair State University
- Musicians Institute
- **New York University**
- Northeastern University (2)
- Ohio State University
- **Pasadena City College**
- Pennsylvania State University (4)
- Purdue (2)
- **Princeton University**
- Providence College
- Quinnipiac
- Reed College
- Rice University
- Rutgers University
- Sacramento State University
- San Diego State University
- San Jose State University
- Santa Clara University
- Santa Monica College
- SAIC – School of the Art Institute of Chicago
- Stockton University
- Swarthmore College
- **Texas Tech**
- The George Washington University
- Trinity College
- **Tulane University**
- University of Alabama
- **University of Connecticut**
- University of Dayton
- University of Hawaii
- University of Houston
- University of Massachusetts Amherst
- University of Minnesota
- University of Missouri
- University of New Hampshire
- University of North Florida
- University of Oregon (2)
- University of Pittsburgh (2)
- University of Rhode Island
- University of Texas at Dallas
- University of Utah
- University of Vermont
- University of Washington
- **Western Carolina University**
- **Whitman College**

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