



ROBERT COLLEGE SCHOOL PROFILE 2025-26

162 years of innovative education

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ABOUT ROBERT COLLEGE

Robert College (RC) is a private, coeducational, day and residential secondary school located on a large urban-forest campus in the center of İstanbul, Türkiye. For 162 years, RC has served as a leader of educational excellence in Türkiye; notably, RC is the oldest continually running American school founded outside the USA.

ENROLLMENT

Students are admitted to RC based solely on a highly competitive national exam; there are no legacy, sibling, or transfer student contingencies. Each year, RC typically admits students from within the top 0.01 - 0.3% of over one million test takers, making it the most academically selective private high school in Türkiye. Our residential program and need-based scholarships we are able to enroll a geographically and socioeconomically diverse student body.

25% of students receive financial assistance

1051 students from **46** cities across Türkiye

195 residential students

1446 class of 2025's SAT average

42% of faculty & staff from foreign countries

59% of faculty hold a master's degree or higher

23 average years of teaching experience

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

RC is accredited by both The New York State Association of Independent Schools (NYSAIS) and Türkiye's Ministry of Education (MEB). The school operates under the jurisdiction of MEB and awards a Turkish diploma (Lise Diploması).

Students pursue dual mastery of English and Turkish at university-level proficiency within a rigorous curriculum where they study Advanced Placement-level and further advanced courses in addition to the national high school curriculum.

GRADING

Grading is unweighted and on a one hundred-point scale, with 60 as the passing mark. Although grades are multiplied by class hours to calculate each course's final grade, no courses, including APs, are given any extra weight. Given the nature of our enrollment, which brings in a cohort of high achieving and academically focused students, RC does not provide a grade-distribution table, nor do we report student's class rank.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP)

CIP encourages students to develop community-focused critical thinking and action taking skills. Student-initiated and student-led, CIP projects fulfill needs in communities across the country. Students are required to complete at least 75 hours to graduate, yet we regularly see 40% or more exceed this minimum.



TURKISH DIPLOMA & NATIONAL CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS

One year	Arts, Biology*, Chemistry*, Physics*, Geography*, Philosophy, Turkish Republican History
Two years	Mathematics, History
Four years	English, Turkish Language & Literature, Physical Education, Religion & Ethics

**Two-year requirement content, merged into one year at RC*

Bolded courses taught in English, all others taught in Turkish
(note: all AP courses taught in English)

REQUIRED ELECTIVES

Grade 9 & 10	No APs in grade 9, one in grade 10
Grade 11	Four (one must be English)
Grade 12	Five (one must be English)

By graduation students must have taken at least one visual art, performing art or music elective and completed 75 CIP hours (see previous page for more information about CIP).

MOST ADVANCED ELECTIVE COURSES IN EACH DISCIPLINE

Arts

Art History, Advanced Music, Orchestra, Practical Music, AP Music Theory, AP 2-D Art and Design, AP 3-D Art and Design, AP Drawing, AP Art History

Computer Science

AP Computer Science A

English

Creative Writing, Art, Science and Literature 1, Art, Science and Literature 2, Journalism, Literature and Technology, Modern Drama, Modern Novel, Shakespeare, World Literature, AP English Literature and Composition, AP English Language and Composition

Foreign Languages

Elective Second Foreign Language (Linguistics)

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Foreign Languages (continued)

Elective Second Foreign Language (TEST DAF), French 3, French 4, German 3, German 4

Mathematics

Mathematics 3 (Calculus and Geometry), Mathematics 4 (Advanced Geometry), Mathematics 5 (Discrete Math), Mathematics 6 (Advanced Algebra & Calculus), Mathematics 7 (Advanced Mathematics), Linear Algebra and Multivariable Calculus, AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC, AP Statistics

Science

Biology 2, Biology Research (Molecular Biology), Biology Research (Human Diseases), Biology Research (Marine Biology), AP Biology

Chemistry 2, Organic Chemistry (Chemistry 3), Science Applications (AP Environmental Science), AP Chemistry

Physics 2, Modern Physics (Physics 3), Electronics A-B, AP Physics 1, AP Physics 2, AP Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism, AP Physics C: Mechanics

Social Studies

Contemporary Turkish and World History, Economics, Geography, Sociology, AP Comparative Government and Politics, AP European History, AP Macroeconomics-AP Microeconomics, AP Psychology, AP World History: Modern

Turkish

Turkish Language and Literature, Elective Turkish Language and Literature, Rhetoric and Writing

A note: students who are unable to take AP courses due to a schedule conflict or who wish to test in a subject not offered often study individually. On average, 99% of AP test takers score a 3 or above in at least one test.

STUDENT LIFE

RC has over 130 co-curricular activities in areas ranging from orchestra to scuba diving, robotics to modern dance. There are over ten student publications including a newspaper established in 1959. Students regularly join international events like World Debate, World Scholar's Cup, and the United Nation Climate Conference. In Türkiye, RC is proud to have established the first student council (1892), opened the first medical school for women (1920), and hosted the first Turkish basketball game (1908).

INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY MATRICULATIONS 2023-2025

Australia	1	University of Groningen	3	Kenyon College	1
The University of Sydney	1	University of Twente	2	Lafayette College	1
Belgium	16	Utrecht University	1	Michigan State University	1
KU Leuven	16	Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam	1	New York University	8
Canada	18	United Kingdom	115	Northeastern University	2
McGill University	2	Architectural Association School of	2	Northwestern University	6
The University of British Columbia,	2	Architecture		Oberlin College of Arts and Sciences	1
Vancouver		Brunel University of London	1	Pennsylvania State University	1
University of Toronto	13	Durham University	1	Pomona College	4
Western University	1	Goldsmiths, University of London	1	Pratt Institute	1
Czech Republic	1	Imperial College London	23	Princeton University	2
Charles University	1	King's College London	14	Purdue University	4
Finland	1	London School of Economics and	2	Rice University	3
Aalto University	1	Political Science		School of Visual Arts	1
France	6	Queen Mary University of London	1	Sciences Po - Columbia University	1
École Polytechnique	2	University College London	40	Dual BA	
ESCP Business School, Paris	1	University of Bristol	1	Stanford University	2
Institute of Political Studies	1	University of Cambridge	3	Stevens Institute of Technology	1
Paris-'Sciences Po'		University of Edinburgh	3	Stony Brook University	1
Sciences Po Paris - Campus de Reims	1	University of Manchester	12	Texas A&M University	1
Sorbonne University	1	University of Oxford	6	The University of Texas at Austin	1
Germany	2	University of Sheffield	1	Tufts University	2
Karlsruhe Institute of Technology	1	University of Southampton	1	University of California, Berkeley	6
University of Applied Sciences	1	University of Warwick	3	University of California, Los Angeles	3
Würzburg-Schweinfurt		United States	181	University of California, San Diego	3
Hong Kong SAR	3	Babson College	1	University of California, Santa Barbara	1
City University of Hong Kong	1	Barnard College	1	University of Chicago	8
Hong Kong Polytechnic University	1	Baylor University	1	University of Colorado Boulder	1
Hong Kong University of Science and	1	Berklee College of Music	1	University of Florida	1
Technology		Boston University	9	University of Georgia	1
Ireland	2	Bowdoin College	1	University of Illinois at Chicago	1
Trinity College Dublin - The University of	2	Brandeis University	1	University of Illinois at Urbana	4
Dublin		Brown University	5	Champaign	
Italy	36	California Institute of Technology	2	University of Massachusetts Boston	1
Bocconi University	8	Carleton College	2	University of Miami	1
Ca' Foscari University of Venice	1	Carnegie Mellon University	5	University of Michigan Ann Arbor	2
Humanitas University	4	Case Western Reserve University	2	University of Minnesota Twin Cities	1
Istituto Marangoni, Milano	1	Claremont McKenna College	1	University of Pennsylvania	3
Nuova Accademia di Belle Arti Milano	1	Colby College	2	University of Southern California	2
Politecnico di Milano	4	Columbia University	2	University of Virginia	2
Politecnico di Torino	7	Cornell University	8	University of Washington	2
Sapienza Università di Roma	2	Dartmouth College	5	Vanderbilt University	3
University of Padua	1	Davidson College	3	Vassar College	1
Vita-Salute San Raffaele University	7	Drexel University	3	Williams College	1
Netherlands	62	Duke University	3	Yale University	3
Amsterdam University College	2	Emory University	4		
Delft University of Technology	16	Franklin & Marshall College	3		
Eindhoven University of Technology	17	Franklin Olin College of Engineering	1		
Erasmus University Rotterdam	4	Georgetown University	2		
Hanze University of Applied Sciences,	1	Georgia Institute of Technology	3		
Groningen		Grinnell College	1		
Maastricht University	2	Hamilton College	1		
Tilburg University	2	Harvard University	6		
University of Amsterdam	11	Haverford College	1		
		Indiana University Bloomington	1		
		Johns Hopkins University	4		