ROBERT COLLEGE SCHOOL PROFILE 2026-27

Over 160 years of innovative education

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ABOUT ROBERT COLLEGE

Robert College (RC) is a private, coeducational, day and residential high school located on a large urban-forest campus in the center of İstanbul, Türkiye. For over 160 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 - 0.5% of over one million 8th grader test takers, making it the most academically selective private high school in Türkiye. Our residential program and need-based scholarships enable us to enroll a geographically and socioeconomically diverse student body.

25% of students receive financial assistance

39% of faculty & staff from foreign countries

1052 students from **52** cities across Türkiye

64% of faculty hold a master's degree or higher

195 residential students

23 average years of teaching experience

ACADEMICS

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 and further advanced courses in addition to the national high school curriculum. On average, 99% of AP test takers at RC score a 3 or above in at least one test. Additionally, the class of 2026's SAT average is a 1460.

In accordance with Ministry of Education regulations as of 2025-26, the passing grade is 50. Grading is on a one hundred-point scale. Grades are multiplied by class hours to calculate each course's final grade; beyond this, no courses, including APs, are given any additional 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.

GRADE-SPECIFIC ELECTIVE SELECTION*

Grade 9 & 10	None in grade 9, one in grade 10
Grade 11	Four (one must be English)
Grade 12	Five (one must be English)

*APs are designated as electives at RC.

By graduation students must have taken at least one visual art, performing art or music elective and completed 40 CIP hours (see next page for more information about CIP).

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TURKISH DIPLOMA & NATIONAL CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS

The content of the starred courses below are taught across one year, as opposed to the typical Turkish school, which teaches them across two years. Bolded courses taught in English, all others taught in Turkish.

Note: Nearly all students choose math electives in Grades 11 & 12.

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

MOST RIGOROUS 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; AP Cybersecurity

English
Creative Writing; Film and Literature 1; Art, Science and Literature 1; Art, Science and Literature 2; Journalism; Literature and Technology; Modern Drama; Modern Novel; AP English Literature and Composition; AP English Language and Composition; AP Seminar; AP Research

Foreign Languages
German 1 (A1.1, A1.2); German 2 (A1.2, A2.1); German 3 (A2.2, B1.1); German 4 (B1.2, B2.1); French 1 (A1.1, A1.2); French 2 (A1.2, A2.1); French 3 (A2.2, B1.1); French 4 (B1.2, B2.1)

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); Biology Research (BioDesign); AP Biology; AP Environmental Science

Chemistry ; 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; AP Business and Personal Finance; AP Human Geography

Turkish
Turkish Language and Literature; Elective Turkish Language and Literature; Rhetoric and Writing

*AP Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism includes all content from AP Physics C: Mechanics

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.

STUDENT LIFE

Today, RC is proud to have established the first student council (1892), opened the first medical school for women (1920), and hosted the first basketball game (1908) in Türkiye. 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, Model United Nations (MUN) and the United Nations Climate Conference.

RC is also proud to have a well-established Community Involvement Program (CIP), which encourages students to develop community-focused critical thinking and action taking skills. Student-initiated and student-led, CIP projects meet needs in communities across the country. Students are required to complete at least 40 hours to graduate, yet we regularly see 40% or more of RC's students exceeding this minimum.

INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY MATRICULATIONS 2023-2026

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