



Robert College

School Profile 2020-21

Graduating Class Size: 201

Overview

CEEB: 696220

COVID-19 Updates

Please note that, due to the COVID-19 global pandemic, by mandate of the Turkish Ministry of Education, schools were closed and distance learning was enacted from March 13 - June 19, 2020; only grades from semester one of the 2019-2020 year could be officially recorded, and were carried over as final grades for the year. RC was able to successfully deliver its full academic program, despite these limitations. As of October 2020, students are continuing to learn remotely as well; again, our faculty are delivering the full academic program online.

The School

Founded in 1863, Robert College is a private secondary school operated under the jurisdiction of the Turkish Ministry of Education and accredited by the New York State Association of Independent Schools. A coeducational, day and residential, university preparatory school, Robert College (RC) is located in Istanbul, on a sixty-five acre wooded area overlooking the Bosphorus strait.

Statement of Purpose

RC seeks to graduate young men and women with the skills, insights, and determination to function as leaders and contributing citizens in a wide range of social and cultural roles, both locally and internationally. For over 150 years, RC is proud to have graduated prime ministers, Olympians, notable academicians and a nobel laureate among many others successful in their respective fields.

Students

RC serves primarily Turkish students admitted solely on the basis of a highly competitive national exam; there are no legacy, sibling or transfer student contingencies. RC admits students from within the top 0.3% of approximately one million test takers. Thus, the academic ability of the student body is extraordinary. Unlike most international schools, the composition of the student body remains stable. Virtually all students who enter will graduate.

RC, home to many ethnic identities, enrolls day and residential students, the latter comprising 19% of the student body. The student body population is just over 1000. Though the school population is Turkish, the availability of residence halls creates significant geographic diversity and the generous financial aid program enables socio-economic diversity. Approximately 26% of the students receive financial aid to attend RC, totaling \$3.2 million this year. This is a reflection of RC's strong endowment and loyal, committed alumni.

Faculty

The faculty, of whom 49 are foreign nationals and 68 Turkish, have an average of 20 years of teaching experience. 66% hold a master's degree or higher.

Academic Policy

Robert College **does not report student rank**. A student's grade point average (GPA) is calculated on the basis of the grade and the number of hours each class meets per week. **None of the courses including AP courses are given special weight**. The passing grade is 60 for all courses.

To earn honors a student must obtain a grade point average of 70; for high honors, 85. Robert College's academic program is very demanding. By nature of the selective exam-based entrance into RC, students are academically very strong. Admission officers are encouraged to evaluate RC students' academic success in this context.

Regardless of their previous knowledge of English, all students must complete one full year of intensive ESL instruction at RC before being promoted to the regular four year high school program. English is the language of instruction in science, mathematics, literature, physical education, arts and music; Turkish is the language of instruction in social sciences and Turkish language/literature courses. **Please see the graduation requirements chart, on the following page, for more information**. Detailed information about each academic department, including course descriptions, are under 'Academics' on our website (www.robcol.k12.tr).

Advanced Placement

The following AP courses are only available beginning in grade 11: AP Studio Art - 2D and Drawing, AP Literature & Composition, AP Language & Composition, AP Micro and Macro Economics, AP Calculus AB and BC, AP Statistics and AP Psychology. However, since our science curriculum is also very rigorous and demanding, taking the first two levels in each subject often covers the content found in AP courses. For this reason, many grade 10 students enter AP tests. Students who are unable to take these AP courses, or who wish to test in a subject not offered at RC, often study individually. On average, **90% of those tested in AP, score a 3 or above in at least one test**.

Community Involvement Projects (CIP)

CIP reflects the core values of RC: Responsibility, Leadership, Multiculturalism, Balance and Excellence. The program's aim is to create socially responsible citizens who see a need in the community and then act on it. Projects are student initiated and student led; RC teachers and staff serve as advisors. Every student is required to complete 75 hours of community service outside school hours. Many students go above and beyond this requirement.

Clubs

Over a hundred clubs are offered to students each year, covering a wide range of categories including arts, STEM, performance, personal skills, creativity, culture, academic learning, physical fitness, and service learning. Students in grades 9, 10 and 11 are required to enroll in a minimum of one club every year.

Standardized Testing

AP Test Statistics

Class of 2021 AP Profile						
Subjects*	# tests taken	# scored 5	# scored 4	# scored 3	% scored ≥ 3 from RC	% scored ≥ 3 2019 World
2-D Art and Design	1	0	1	0	100%	90%
Art History	1	0	0	1	100%	69%
Biology	39	9	15	11	90%	69%
Calculus AB	38	18	8	7	87%	61%
Calculus BC	85	72	9	3	99%	82%
Chemistry	44	19	17	8	100%	56%
Comparative Government and Politics	12	7	3	1	92%	70%
Computer Science A	10	5	3	0	80%	70%
English Language and Composition	56	22	13	8	77%	62%
English Literature and Composition	7	3	1	3	100%	60%
Environmental Science	4	0	0	1	25%	53%
European History	4	2	1	0	75%	60%
French Language and Culture	1	0	1	0	100%	83%
German Language and Culture	5	3	2	0	100%	74%
Human Geography	2	1	0	1	100%	59%
Macroeconomics	39	24	7	5	92%	63%
Microeconomics	42	27	7	7	98%	68%
Music Theory	3	1	0	2	100%	67%
Physics 1	35	13	19	2	97%	52%
Physics 2	35	8	14	9	89%	73%
Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism	40	30	4	3	93%	74%
Physics C: Mechanics	55	39	16	0	100%	84%
Psychology	38	15	12	5	84%	71%
Statistics	3	2	0	0	67%	59%
United States Government and Politics	2	1	1	0	100%	58%
United States History	-	-	-	-	-	59%
World History: Modern	2	1	1	0	100%	60%
Total	603	322	155	27	90%	67%

* Subjects in red correspond to the AP classes offered at RC

SAT Test Statistics

Class of 2020 SAT Profile			
Section	Middle 50%	Mean	# Students
EBRW	630-730	680	144
Math	750-800	770	144
Total	1370-1510	1440	144

SAT Subject Test Statistics

Class of 2020 SAT Subject Test Profile			
Section	Middle 50%	Mean	Students Tested
Biology - Ecology	710-740	725	11
Biology - Molecular	740-780	752	30
Math Level I	710-750	733	15
Math Level II	740-800	759	165
SAT Chemistry	730-790	745	62
SAT French	520	520	1
SAT Literature	610-660	629	15
SAT Physics	720-800	744	69
SAT U.S. History	570-620	624	5
World History	620-765	704	5

ACT Test Statistics

Class of 2020 ACT Profile			
Section	Middle 50%	Mean	# Students
English	26-32	29	25
Math	34-36	34	25
Reading	21-29	25	25
Science Reas.	26-35	31	25
Composite	27-32	29	25

Class of 2021 AP Test Profile			
Grade	9	10	11
# Students who took AP tests	0	36	111
# Students who scored ≥ 3	0	32	105
% Students who scored ≥ 3	0%	89%	95%
# AP tests taken in total	0	164	486
# AP test results received ≥ 3	0	148	451
% AP test results received ≥ 3	0%	90%	93%



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Foreign University Matriculation 2018-2020

50% of Robert College graduates between 2018-20 chose to study abroad.

317 students have matriculated to the following institutions over the last three years:
(Matriculation numbers are indicated in parentheses, matriculation from 2020 are shown in bold.)

US

Babson College	(3)
Barnard College	(2)
Boston University	(2)
Bowdoin College	(2)
Brown University	(3)
California Institute of Technology	(4)
Carleton College	(1)
Carnegie Mellon University	(2)
Case Western Reserve University	(1)
Chapman University	(1)
Claremont McKenna College	(2)
Colgate University	(1)
Columbia University	(6)
Connecticut College	(1)
Cornell University	(1)
Dartmouth College	(5)
Drew University	(1)
Drexel University	(1)
Duke University	(1)
Emory University	(6)
Franklin and Marshall College	(1)
Georgetown University	(1)
Georgia Institute of Technology	(8)
Grinnell College	(1)
Hamilton College	(1)
Harvard University	(3)
Harvey Mudd College	(1)
Ithaca College	(1)
Lafayette College	(1)
New York University	(9)
Northeastern University	(3)
Northwestern University	(4)
Oberlin College of Arts and Sciences	(2)
Pomona College	(2)
Pratt Institute	(3)
Princeton University	(3)
Purdue University	(1)
Rice University	(1)
Sarah Lawrence College	(1)
Sciences Po - Columbia University Dual BA Program	(1)
Smith College	(1)
Stanford University	(9)
Syracuse University	(1)
Trinity College	(1)
Trinity College Dublin - Columbia University Dual Program	(1)
Tufts University	(5)
Tulane University	(1)
University of Akron	(1)
University of California, Berkeley	(12)
University of California, Davis	(2)
University of California, Los Angeles	(4)
University of Chicago	(10)
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	(8)
University of Michigan	(4)
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities	(1)
University of Oregon	(1)
University of Pennsylvania	(2)
University of Richmond	(1)
University of Southern California	(1)
University of Texas, Austin	(1)
University of Virginia	(1)

University of Washington	(3)
Vanderbilt University	(1)
Vassar College	(1)
Villanova University	(2)
Washington University in St. Louis	(4)
Williams College	(2)
Yale University	(9)

UK

Architectural Association School of Architecture	(1)
Durham University	(3)
Imperial College London	(7)
King's College London	(6)
Queen Mary University of London	(2)
The University of Nottingham	(3)
University College London	(10)
University of Edinburgh	(3)
University of Glasgow	(1)
University of Leeds	(3)
University of Liverpool	(1)
University of Manchester	(3)
University of Oxford	(8)
University of Warwick	(3)

Canada

Concordia University - Montreal	(1)
McGill University	(7)
University of British Columbia	(2)
University of Toronto	(15)
University of Waterloo	(1)

Europe

Amsterdam University College	(1)
Bocconi University	(4)
CODE University of Applied Sciences	(1)
Eindhoven University of Technology	(1)
Erasmus University Rotterdam	(7)
Gerrit Rietveld Academie	(1)
IE University - Segovia	(1)
Istituto Marangoni, Milano	(1)
Jacobs University	(2)
Katholieke Universiteit KU Leuven	(2)
Leiden University	(2)
LISAA	(2)
Maastricht University	(2)
Politecnico di Torino	(1)
Technical University (TU) Delft	(10)
Tilburg University	(5)
Universiteit van Amsterdam	(1)
"University College Tilburg"	(1)
University of Bologna	(1)
University of Groningen	(1)
University of Milano-Bicocca	(1)
University of Twente	(1)
Vita-Salute San Raffaele University	(1)
VU University of Amsterdam	(1)

Asia

Hong Kong University of Science and Technology	(1)
Nagoya University	(1)