



ROBERT COLLEGE SCHOOL PROFILE 2023-24

Celebrating 160-years of innovative education



ABOUT ROBERT COLLEGE

Robert College's academic program empowers talented, self-motivated high-school students, from a wide range of diverse backgrounds throughout Turkey. Students pursue excellence in their chosen academic fields, while achieving dual mastery of English and Turkish at university-level proficiency. We are a private coeducational, day and residential, university preparatory school. Located in Istanbul, on a sixty-five-acre wooded area overlooking the Bosphorus strait, we operate under the jurisdiction of the Turkish Ministry of Education. We are accredited by the New York State Association of Independent Schools.

A HERITAGE OF 160 YEARS

Robert College is the oldest continually running American school founded outside the US. As Turkey's longest established and leading educational institution, we have been a pioneer in many areas. We established the first student council in 1892, opened the first medical school for women in 1920, and hosted the first Turkish basketball game in 1908. We are proud to have graduated seven prime ministers, Olympians, notable academicians, and a Nobel Laureate among hundreds of others who are successful in their respective fields.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Robert College is a symbol for educational excellence in Turkey. Our innovative, dynamic curriculum ensures its graduates possess the skills, talents, and resolve to serve as leaders and contributing citizens in a wide range of social, scientific, political, commercial, educational, and cultural roles, both nationally and internationally. Through academic and co-curricular activities, students develop the skills, aptitudes, and maturity to thrive and lead in any area of their choosing.

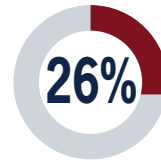
CORE VALUES

Robert College strives to equip its students with a holistic education based upon the core values of Excellence, Leadership, Balance, Multiculturalism, and Responsibility.

ADMISSION: TOP RANKED PRIVATE HIGH SCHOOL IN TURKEY

Students are admitted to Robert College solely based on a highly competitive national exam; there are no legacy, sibling, or transfer student contingencies. **We admit students from within the top 0.3% of over one million test takers**, making us the most academically selective private high school in Turkey.

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, INCLUSION



of all RC students receive financial aid



1042 students from **55** different cities of Turkey



191 residential students



Faculty and staff from **15** countries, **40%** of faculty are foreign nationals



72% of our faculty holds a master's degree or above



The average faculty years of experience: **22** years

EXCELLENCE IN ACADEMICS

Robert College is a community of learners. Faculty and students prioritize education as their core purpose with the larger goal of living a high-quality, intellectually and emotionally fulfilling life. Starting in their first year, students are supported by an academic advisor, a counsellor, and a well-being program.

Students are the heart of our school. Our student-centred academic program emphasizes a growth mindset, risk-taking, humor, empathy, and a passion for learning. Our teachers utilize deep learning skills such as critical thinking, metacognition, discussion-based and project-based learning.

Student choice is prioritised in our rich elective offerings with courses such as Discrete Math, Shakespeare, Human Diseases, and Film & Literature. 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 and literature courses.

Graduation and ministry requirements: Arts, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Geography, Philosophy, Turkish Republican History, Traffic & First Aid: one year. Foreign Language (German / French), History, Math: two years. Turkish Language & Literature, English, Physical Education, Religion: four years.

CEEB: 696220 | Graduating Class Size: 218



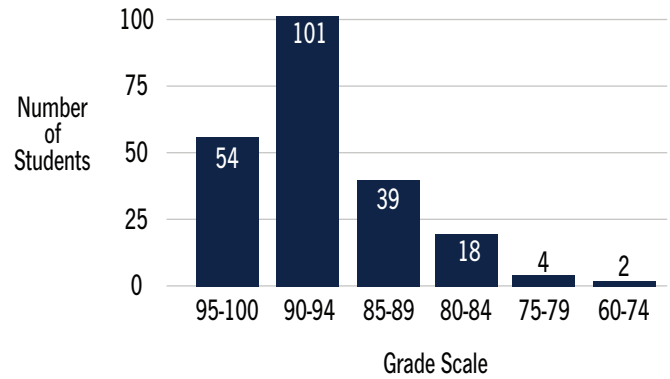
GRADING SYSTEM

Grades are given out of a hundred-point scale. Robert College has unique passing / failing regulations, which set higher standards for students than other schools in Turkey.

We do not report student rank. Grade point average (GPA) is calculated based on 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:	Honors: GPA of	High honors: GPA of
60	70	85

Class of 2024 GPA distribution



ADVANCED PLACEMENT

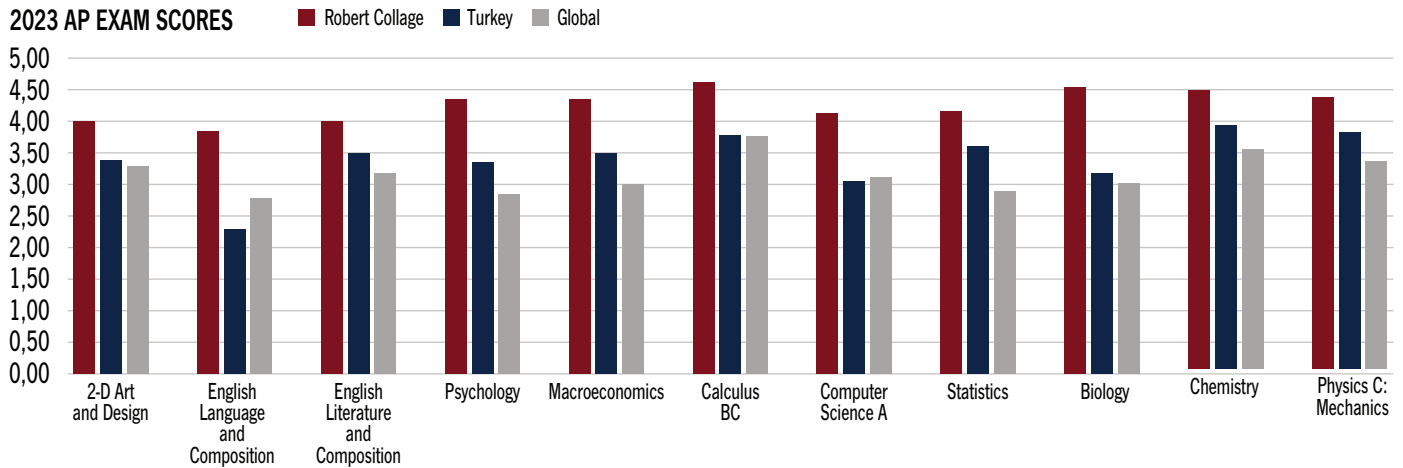
Robert College students are offered a broad selection of AP and advanced courses. Beginning in grade 10, students may select one elective; in grade 11, they may select four (one of which must be English); in grade 12, they may add five (one of which must be English); and by the time they graduate, they must have taken an arts elective. There are 20 AP courses available in the fields of Math, Science, Computer Science, English, Arts and Social Studies.

The following APs are offered: English Language and Composition, English Literature and Composition, Macroeconomics – Microeconomics, World History: Modern, Comparative Governments and Politics, Psychology, Biology, Chemistry, Physics 1: Algebra-Based, Physics 2, Physics C: Mechanics, Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism, Computer Science A, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Statistics, 2-D Art and Design, 3-D Art and Design, and Drawing.

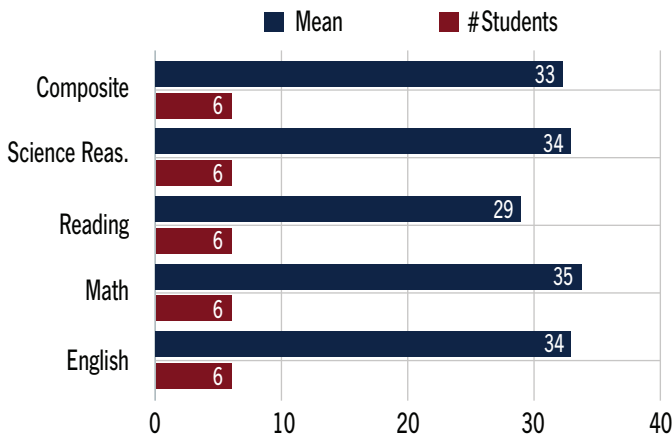
Students who are unable to take these AP courses, or who wish to test in a subject not offered, often study individually.

On average, 94% of those tested in AP, score a 3 or above in at least one test.

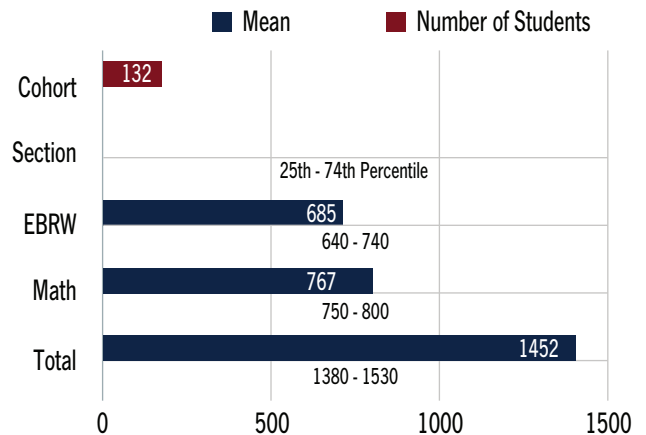
2023 AP EXAM SCORES



2022 ACT Cohort



2023 SAT Cohort



BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Co-curriculars are a vibrant part of Robert College life. There are over 130 activities offered in areas ranging from orchestra to scuba diving, robotics to fencing, modern dance to adventure learning. Through these activities, students discover new interests, strengthen life skills, develop social awareness, and technical knowledge.

World Debate, World Scholar's Cup, United Nation Climate Conference, Felsted Global Studies Symposium, Uber Global Hackathon, and Students' Dialogue SDG 16: Justice, Peace, Institution are a few of the international projects in which our students participate.

Our school has over ten student publications that include a school newspaper that has run since 1959, research-based periodicals on history, the environment, the sciences, and creative writing magazines in both Turkish and English.

Social Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Creativity, The Center for Educational Research, The Office of Environmental Education, and Adventure and Environmental Learning are some of the non-traditional areas wherein Robert College aims to solve old problems in new ways and address the critical global issues of our time.



COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROJECTS

The Community Involvement Program (CIP) encourages our students to develop community-focused thinking and action skills through the projects they participate in during their time at Robert College, and to apply these skills beyond their high school years as responsible and locally and globally active citizens.

CIP projects are student-initiated, student-led projects that fulfil a need in the community. Students must complete a social service project of at least 75 hours to fulfill a diploma requirement. 40% of RC students exceed the requisite number of hours.

ECO-CONSCIOUSNESS

We live on an urban forest campus wherein Robert College community members connect to nature. Pioneering sustainable living, we actively work towards reducing our environmental footprint. Environmental education is now a substantial part of the curriculum. Implemented and ongoing projects include solar energy, wastewater treatment, composting, bee hives, up-cycling, nature walks, and cross-country trails. Robert College has prepared and is about to publish its first sustainability report, Project Hummingbird, which states the eco-targets of the school to be achieved by 2030. Students are at the forefront of these initiatives.



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FOREIGN UNIVERSITY MATRICULATION 2021-2023

56% of Robert College graduates between 2021-2023 choose to study abroad.

334 students have matriculated to the following institutions over the last three years:

(One or more matriculations, including the class of 2023, are shown in bold)

USA	163		
Baylor University.....	1	Liverpool Institute for Performing Arts.....	1
Bennington College.....	1	London College of Communication.....	2
Berklee College of Music.....	2	London School of Economics and Political Science..	1
Boston University.....	6	Queen Mary University of London.....	2
Bowdoin College.....	1	University College London.....	7
Brown University.....	5	University of Bristol.....	1
Carleton College.....	1	University of Cambridge.....	2
Carnegie Mellon University.....	3	University of Edinburgh.....	4
Colby College.....	5	University of Essex.....	1
Connecticut College.....	1	University of Manchester.....	6
Cornell College.....	1	University of Nottingham.....	2
Cornell University.....	5	University of Oxford.....	6
Dartmouth College.....	5	University of Sheffield.....	1
Davidson College.....	1	University of St Andrews.....	1
Drexel University.....	2	University of the Arts London.....	1
Duke University.....	3	University of Warwick.....	2
Emory University.....	3	University of Westminster.....	1
Franklin & Marshall College.....	1		
Franklin Olin College of Engineering.....	1	Europe	96
Georgetown University.....	6	Ecole Polytechnique Federale de Lausanne.....	1
Georgia Institute of Technology.....	1	University College Utrecht.....	1
Grinnell College.....	2	Utrecht University.....	1
Harvard University.....	1	Ca' Foscari University of Venice.....	1
Indiana University Bloomington.....	1	Humanitas University.....	1
Johns Hopkins University.....	1	Istituto Marangoni, Milano.....	1
Kenyon College.....	1	Nuova Accademia di Belle Arti Milano.....	1
Lafayette College.....	2	Politecnico di Torino.....	1
Loyola Marymount University.....	1	Sapienza Università di Roma.....	1
Michigan State University.....	2	University of Milano-Bicocca.....	1
New York University.....	8	University of Rome Tor Vergata.....	1
Northeastern University.....	3	National University of Ireland.....	1
Northwestern University.....	9	Constructor University (Jacobs University).....	1
Pennsylvania State University, University Park.....	1	Karlsruhe Institute of Technology.....	1
Pomona College.....	2	Technische Universität Berlin.....	1
Pratt Institute.....	2	Ecole Emile Cohl.....	1
Princeton University.....	3	Ecole Polytechnique.....	1
Purdue University.....	3	Sciences Po Paris - Campus de Reims.....	1
Reed College.....	1	Aalto University.....	1
Rice University.....	4	Maastricht University.....	2
Stanford University.....	3	University of Groningen.....	2
Texas A&M University.....	1	Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam.....	2
The University of Texas at Austin.....	1	Politecnico di Milano.....	2
Tufts University.....	6	University of Bologna.....	2
Union College - New York.....	1	Trinity College Dublin, the University of Dublin.....	2
University of California, Berkeley.....	5	Lappeenranta-Lahti University of Technology LUT.....	2
University of California, Los Angeles.....	4	Amsterdam University College.....	3
University of California, San Diego.....	1	Tilburg University.....	4
University of California, Santa Barbara.....	2	Vita-Salute San Raffaele University.....	4
University of Chicago.....	7	Erasmus University Rotterdam.....	6
University of Colorado Boulder.....	1	Eindhoven University of Technology.....	7
University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign.....	3	University of Amsterdam.....	7
University of Michigan Ann Arbor.....	5	KU Leuven.....	7
University of Pennsylvania.....	2	Delft University of Technology (TU Delft).....	8
University of Rochester.....	1	Bocconi University.....	17
University of Southern California.....	2		
University of Virginia.....	1	Canada	17
Vanderbilt University.....	6	McGill University.....	3
Vassar College.....	1	The University of British Columbia, Vancouver.....	4
Villanova University.....	1	University of Toronto.....	10
Williams College.....	3		
Yale University.....	4		
UK	56	Asia/Other	2
Architectural Association School of Architecture.....	1	City University of Hong Kong.....	1
Imperial College London.....	11	Georgetown University Qatar.....	1
King's College London.....	3		