



ROBERT COLLEGE SCHOOL PROFILE 2024-25

Celebrating 161-years of innovative education

Graduating Class Size: 217 | CEEB: 696220



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 161 YEARS

Robert College is the oldest continually running American-founded 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 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.

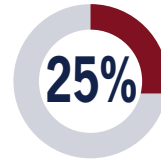
CORE VALUES

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



1043 students from

49 different cities of Turkey



195 residential students



Faculty and staff from

18 countries **39%** of faculty are foreign nationals



58% of our faculty holds a master's degree or above



The average faculty years of experience:

23 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 counselor, and a well-being program.

Students are the heart of our school. Our student-centered 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 prioritized in our rich elective offerings with courses such as Discrete Math, Shakespeare, Human Diseases, and Modern Physics. 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. History, Math: two years. Turkish Language & Literature, English, Physical Education, Religion: four years.



GRADING SYSTEM

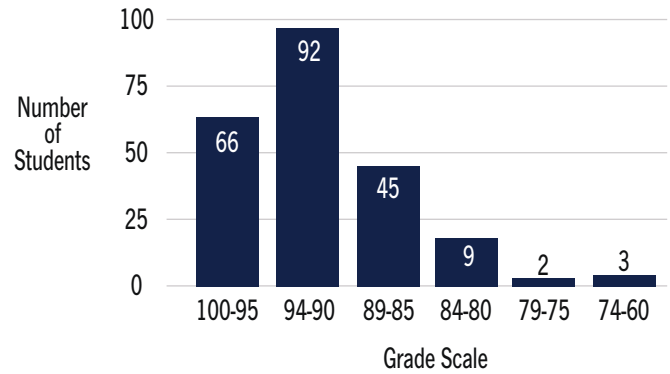
Grades are given on a hundred-point scale. Robert College has unique passing / failing regulations, which set higher standards for students than other schools in Turkey.

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.

Passing grade:	Honors: GPA of	High honors: GPA of
60	70	85

Class of 2025 GPA distribution

Class of 2025 cGPA mean: 92.01



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.

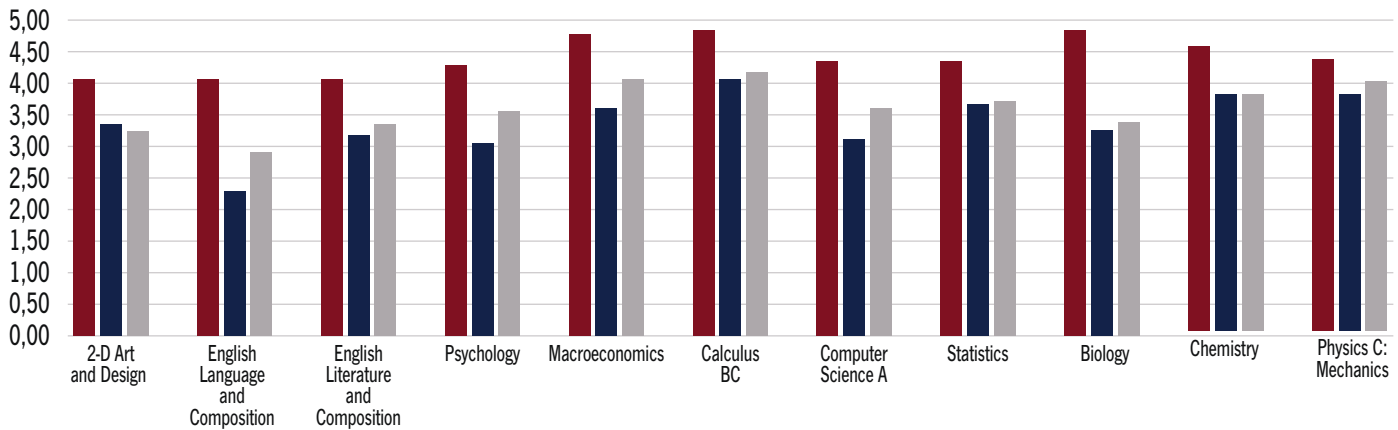
The following APs are offered: English Language and Composition, English Literature and Composition, Macroeconomics – Microeconomics, World History: Modern, Comparative Government and Politics, Psychology, Biology, Chemistry, Physics 1: Algebra-Based, Physics 2, Physics C: Mechanics, Physics C: Electricity 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, 98% of those tested in AP, score a 3 or above in at least one test.

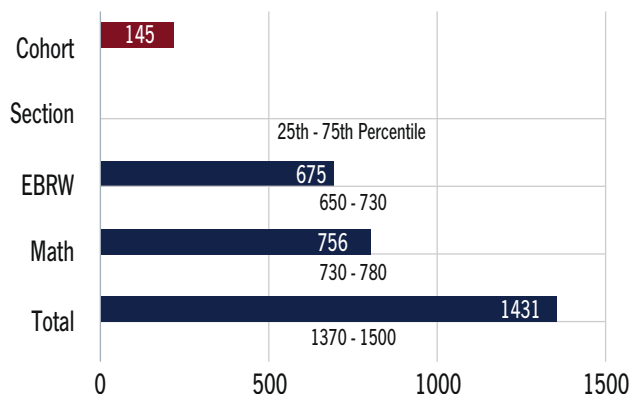
2024 AP EXAM SCORES

Robert Collage Turkey Global



2025 SAT Cohort

Mean Number of Students





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 RC e-Sports, modern dance to adventure learning. Through these activities, students discover new interests, strengthen life skills, develop social awareness, and technical knowledge.

European Youth Parliament, National English Honor Society, Young Guru Academy, University of Waterloo Math Contest, TEDxRC, 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 fulfill 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 2022-2024

62% of Robert College graduates between 2022-2024 chose to study abroad.

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

(One or more matriculations, including the class of 2024, are shown in bold)

USA	167	UK	81
Babson College	1	Architectural Association School of Architecture	1
Barnard College	1	Brunel University	1
Baylor University	1	Durham University	1
Bennington College	1	Goldsmiths, University of London	1
Berklee College of Music	2	Imperial College London	16
Boston University	7	King's College London	7
Bowdoin College	1	London College of Communication	2
Brandeis University	2	London School of Economics and Political Science	2
Brown University	6	Queen Mary University of London	3
California Institute of Technology	1	University College London	17
Carleton College	2	University of Bristol	2
Carnegie Mellon University	4	University of Cambridge	2
Case Western Reserve University	1	University of Edinburgh	2
Colby College	4	University of Essex	1
Connecticut College	1	University of Manchester	8
Cornell College	1	University of Nottingham	1
Cornell University	5	University of Oxford	6
Dartmouth College	6	University of Sheffield	1
Davidson College	4	University of Southampton	1
Drexel University	3	University of St Andrews	1
Duke University	4	University of the Arts London	1
Emory University	4	University of Warwick	3
Franklin & Marshall College	2	University of Westminster	1
Franklin Olin College of Engineering	1		
Georgetown University	5	Continental Europe	110
Harvard University	4	Aalto University	1
Indiana University Bloomington	1	Amsterdam University College	2
Johns Hopkins University	2	Bocconi University	12
Kenyon College	1	Ca' Foscari University of Venice	1
Lafayette College	1	Delft University of Technology (TU Delft)	10
Loyola Marymount University	1	Ecole Emile Conl	1
Michigan State University	2	Ecole Polytechnique	1
New York University	4	Eindhoven University of Technology	12
Northeastern University	2	Erasmus University Rotterdam	5
Northwestern University	8	Hanze University of Applied Sciences, Groningen	1
Pennsylvania State University, University Park	1	Humanitas University	3
Pomona College	3	Sciences Po	2
Princeton University	2	Istituto Marangoni, Milano	1
Purdue University	3	Karlsruhe Institute of Technology	1
Rice University	4	KU Leuven	17
School of Visual Arts	1	Lappeenranta-Lahti University of Technology LUT	2
Stanford University	3	Maastricht University	2
Texas A&M University	1	Nuova Accademia di Belle Arti Milano	1
Tufts University	4	Politecnico di Milano	4
Union College - New York	1	Politecnico di Torino	4
University of California, Berkeley	3	Sapienza Università di Roma	1
University of California, Los Angeles	5	Sorbonne University	1
University of California, San Diego	1	Tilburg University	2
University of California, Santa Barbara	1	Trinity College Dublin, the University of Dublin	2
University of Chicago	8	University of Amsterdam	8
University of Colorado Boulder	1	University of Groningen	4
University of Florida	1	University of Padua	2
University of Georgia	1	Utrecht University	1
University of Illinois at Chicago	1	Vita-Salute San Raffaele University	5
University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign	3	Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam	1
University of Massachusetts Boston	1		
University of Miami	1	Canada	20
University of Michigan Ann Arbor	3	McGill University	3
University of Minnesota Twin Cities	1	The University of British Columbia, Vancouver	5
University of Pennsylvania	2	University of Toronto	11
University of Southern California	2	Western University	1
University of Virginia	2		
University of Washington	1	Other	4
Vanderbilt University	3	City University of Hong Kong	1
Vassar College	1	Georgetown University Qatar	1
Williams College	3	Hong Kong University of Science and Technology	1
Yale University	3	The University of Sydney	1