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FAQ

WASHINGTON ACADEMY Online!

Our commitment is to provide quality education and how Brazilian students can now benefit even more from an innovative, international and technological school like WA Online.

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About WASHINGTON ACADEMY

For more than 225 years, Washington Academy has been successfully helping young people take the first big step toward achieving their dreams. We recognize these dreams are as diverse as the students who attend here. Each year, over 400 students like you make a decision to attend WA, coming together to immerse yourselves in courses and make use of an environment that isn't typically available at other secondary schools.

We're sure you will find a program or activity at Washington Academy that fits your unique personality, whether it's in the Center for Science, Technology, Engineering and Math or the Field School for Studies in Science, or the Center for Applied Technologies. Once you arrive, we'll assign you a long-term advisor and a peer pair who will help you choose your courses, manage your schedule, and get into the swing of your new life at the Academy. With a student-to-teacher ratio of 11:1, it won't be long before your teachers know you on a personal level. The safety of our rural area, the involvement of our small Maine community, and the sense of pride and tradition will all come together to make you ready to succeed in your new environment.

We're looking forward to getting to know you.

Judson McBrine

Head of School.





Double Degree Program with WA

What is the WA Online Double Degree Program?

It is a combination of the Brazilian and American curriculum. The common subjects between the two are validated and all of the subjects that are required by the American curriculum that are not included in the Brazilian curriculum, all subjects are taught in English, by American professors, through a virtual environment, with gamified classes and with the help of a tutor in Brazil (learning coach).

What subjects do Brazilian students need to take at WA Online in order to complete the American curriculum alongside the Brazilian curriculum?

For the Dual Diploma, students who attend high school in Brazilian schools will have up to 17 of the 23 mandatory credits eliminated, by equivalence in the WA Program, according to the academic transcript sent by the partner school. The compulsory subjects for completing the WA Double Degree are: (6 credits)

- **Mandatory Subjects (3 credits, 1 credit each):**
 - o English 11, English 12, US History
- **Elective Options (Student can choose 3):**
 - o Physics, Marine Biology, Personal Finance, Personal Health & Fitness (.5), Art I, Civics (.5), Psychology, Law & Order, International Business & Economics, Marketing & Entrepreneurship, AP English Literature & Composition, AP Biology, and AP US History.

How long will it take for the student to complete these 6 credits that complete the American curriculum?

We recommend that students complete the remaining 6 mandatory credits* within 3 years (36 months) in order to complete the American High School to receive the WA diploma. After this period of 36 months, and at any time, students who do not complete the Double Degree program may return and complete the missing credits, according to the curriculum in force at the time of completion.



How long is the Dual Diploma course?

The student will have the flexibility to choose how long they want to complete the compulsory subjects for the High School Diploma. Progress is 20 weeks per course enrolled, 2 courses at a time, totaling 1 credit.

Therefore, at this rate, in 6 semesters the student completes the 12 required subjects/6 credits. As the student can determine his own pace of studies, it is perfectly possible to complete a semester module in less time, as long as the student fulfills all the objectives of each subject. Regardless of the student's pace, the diploma will only be issued after the completion of all program credits, both Brazilian and American.

What are the main advantages of having a Dual Diploma?

The United States has more than 4,000 Universities, which admit students from all over the world. In this selection process, the best CVs always have the upper hand. Having a double degree, Brazilian and American, is without a doubt a great advantage. In addition, the student will be able to enhance the development of advanced skills in reading, writing, speaking and listening in cultured English, through the study of subjects included in the international curriculum of the High School, composed of courses (subjects) such as Literature, Composition, History American among others.

Studying with foreign teachers for three years, without a doubt, allows the Brazilian student a genuine immersion in the English language (listening, speaking, reading, writing), in an organized educational environment and with a pre-defined curriculum proposal. With all this, the student will be much more prepared to take American national exams such as the SAT or ACT.

Who can take the Washington Academy Online Dual Diploma?

Students from the 8th grade onward can join the High School DUAL DIPLOMA program. The schools, which are partners of WA Online in Brazil, will have their curriculum previously approved and registered in the USA, which will facilitate and accelerate the validation of the subjects taken by their students. Independent students, that is, students who do not attend a WA partner school in Brazil, will have a cost to validate the subjects to the American curriculum after completing the mandatory credits.

Will the course be entirely in English?

Yes. We recommend that students have at least an intermediate level of English so that they can start and follow WA's academic subjects with peace of mind.

How is the students' English level assessed?

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A Sample Course is made available for students to try out the classes before confirming their enrollment. With this practical experience, students will be able to understand the degree of difficulty in English and whether or not they are ready to follow this program. Students who are proficient and able to understand the Sample Course demo classes will be able to start WA required subjects immediately.

Are WA teachers American?

Yes. All courses are taught in English, by American or native professors in English-speaking countries and graduates of the best American Universities. Washington Academy is obsessed with the quality of its courses and wants to ensure that students are receiving the same high-quality education as if they were studying in the United States face-to-face on their campus.

Does the student who chooses to attend WA High School need to continue an extracurricular English course to be able to follow the classes?

Students do not need extracurricular English courses because Washington Academy meets the needs of a good English course. The purpose of a High School course is to enable the student to have a better command of the English language in terms of writing, comprehension, speech and reading.

Will I have contact with other students from other parts of the world?

Part of the high school experience is being able to meet other students from other parts of the world and get everyone to collaborate, get help from teachers and become part of the classroom. At WA you can connect with different students to carry out group work, for example. All monitored by American teachers.

THE DIPLOMA

What are the requirements for obtaining a High School Diploma?

Students who start their Dual Degree program in parallel with their high school program must complete 6 High School credits to be able to integrate the American High School curriculum. Students starting in the 8th grade must take half a credit per semester, students starting in the 9th grade must take a full credit per semester. Students will need to complete a minimum of a total of 6 credits to earn the American Diploma.

How is the diploma issued?

Upon completing the Brazilian High School plus the 6 mandatory credits of the American High School, students are entitled to the American Diploma. In addition to the American diploma, the student will also receive a transcript with the subjects that make up the American high school, including subjects taken in Brazilian schools and validated by the WA. This



document will also present the student's GPA which is one of the requirements for passing American Universities.

Is the Washington Academy High School course approved/recognized?

Yes. Washington Academy's (WA) traditional high school academic program meets and even exceeds nationally accepted US undergraduate standards for languages, mathematics, social studies, and science.

WA is nationally recognized in the United States and has regional distance education school accreditation through SACS - CASI (parent company AdvancED - SACS).

[AdvancED](#) is the parent company of the North Midwest Association School Accreditation and Improvement Commission (NCA CASI), the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools School Accreditation and Improvement Council (SACS CASI) and recently the Northwest Accreditation Commission (NWAC).

Does Washington Academy have other US accreditations?

Washington Academy is also accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC). The New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) is an independent, voluntary, not-for-profit organization that partners with more than 1,500 public, independent, and international schools in the US and around the world to assess, support, and promote high-quality education. quality for all students through accreditation, professional assistance and the pursuit of best practices. NEASC aspires to provide a process for significant and continuous school-wide improvement, while honoring the unique culture and context of each institution we support.

He is a proud member of the National Association of Independent Schools. The National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS) is a non-profit association that provides services to more than 1,900 schools and school associations in the United States and abroad, including more than 1,600 independent private elementary and high schools in the US.

Who is the Homeroom Teacher (Tutor)?

It is a teacher, chosen by the partner school or by another regional representative of WA and trained by Efigie/WA, who will accompany students who opt for the Double Degree Program and who will act as a tutor for students during the teaching process. The tutor must motivate, guide and accompany the students, as well as report to the parents on the progress of their students. The Brazilian tutor is not responsible for preparing lessons, teaching them or correcting activities, these are the responsibilities of the American WA teachers.

What are Washington Academy Online's virtual classes like?

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WA subjects are taught by foreign, native English-speaking professors, in a virtual gamified environment and available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. All courses are monitored by WA Online teachers in the USA, who are also responsible for correcting all student lessons and tests, as well as answering students' questions within a maximum of 24 hours. The average workload to be dispensed weekly is 3 to 5 hours, on average, per registered subject, with a period of 20 weeks to complete.

What is Washington Academy's VIRTUAL LEARNING ENVIRONMENT (VLE) like?

WA has an interactive and inviting VLE to help students achieve academic success. It is a virtual school, based on active methodologies, gamified classes, with lessons developed by specialized teachers, with tools and multimedia resources that aim to apply in the real world, allowing the student to acquire knowledge of essential contents and skills, in addition to inspiring an understanding deeper than reality.

The WA platform not only provides access to the course, it is also where the student can view their progress report, monitor their daily assignment calendar, and access additional resources designed to keep them informed and in control of their own study. We want the WA students to feel comfortable browsing their courses and orienting themselves to everything they need to know to succeed in their program, in their own time and at their own pace.

How are these Washington Academy GAMIFIED CLASSES?

WA provides an exciting and engaging educational environment designed to capture attention and draw students into the interactive world of online and blended learning.

WA has a gamified learning platform, offering courses for students in sixth to twelfth grade, developed by experienced teachers, with an engaging and effective curriculum that connects science, math, language arts, social studies and electives in the everyday world. of your student.

Using a combination of animations, simulations, direct video instructions, relevant websites, and a multitude of activities that support the lesson topic, students have a wealth of information at their fingertips that they can review as often as needed to achieve mastery of the content. WA firmly believes that each student is unique and that they acquire information in their own way, so we explore each student's creativity. As a result of this belief, WA courses were created to provide students with activities that support the ways in which they learn best.

Do I need to buy books?

No. All content is online.



PROCEDURAL SYSTEM FOR EVALUATION AND MONITORING OF STUDENTS

How is the student evaluation system?

WA Online was developed based on Active Methodology and its evaluation process is procedural. Washington Academy's system tracks all student information, including program of study, courses completed, courses in progress, percentage of completion, test and exam scores, grades and grade point average.

The tutor teacher sends weekly email notifications to students and parents on the progress of completion of each active course and guidance. If a student falls behind the plan, tutors will contact them via message via the platform itself to discuss their progress and determine support or corrective action needed. Those responsible will always be copied in these notifications.

Washington Academy measures student performance with a formative assessment process. Assessments include interactive lessons, required online activities, tests, proctored exams, and regular performance feedback.

What is Proactive Support?

WA monitors students' progress at all times and makes sure the student is doing assignments and activities.

How do parents track the progress of the students in the Dual Diploma program?

Parents will receive automatic weekly reports from the platform regarding their child's progress in the WA Double Degree program. These progress reports visually present the updated percentage of each subject the student is taking and the student's current grade.

What is the obligation of students in the online course?

The student must have regularity in the activities, in the same way that he goes to classes at school in Brazil. The difference is that the student can decide on the weekly workload and how long they want to complete the course. This schedule is planned to last 20 weeks. Once the study plan is established, it is the student's obligation to fulfill what was planned. WA teachers and the Homeroom Teacher will monitor the student's progress. It is always possible to redo the schedule and justify an absence, but it must be for a just reason, just like in regular school. The secret to success is discipline!



ENROLLMENT AND PARTNER SCHOOLS

Do I need to be a student at a WA partner school to be able to enroll as a Double Degree student?

Students who wish to take the WA Dual Degree Program, regardless of whether they are students at partner schools, can enroll directly as an independent student at Washington Academy. There are two points, however, that need to be noted: Independent students will not have a face-to-face tutor inside the school to be able to meet weekly, but they will have an Efigie tutor who will monitor their progress and hold weekly (online) meetings with this student to ensure that he fulfills all the steps of his program. The other difference is that when you finish your high school in Brazil, as you are not a student at a partner school, your credits will not be automatically validated with Washington Academy and you will have to make this request by sending your translated transcript, along with your averages and workload of subjects studied in Brazil, so that WA can validate and guarantee the full workload for the issuance of the American Diploma.

What is the student contract with Washington Academy like?

In both cases, whether through a partner school or as an independent student, the student enrollment contract must be signed directly with Washington Academy, brokered in Brazil by Efigie. This will ensure, from the beginning of the course, a student registration and enrollment number at WA in the US, as well as validation of each credit taken with the US education authorities.

Is it possible to transfer credits from another American High School to Washington Academy?

WA accepts transfer credits from most public or private schools in the US and other countries in accordance with established partnerships. Students must request their current or previous school to send an official transcript to Washington Academy Online through Efigie in Brazil: Washington Academy c/o Educacional Efigie, Rua Travessa Álvares de Azevedo, 117, Campinas, SP, CEP 13025-030, Telephone (19) 4141-1515.

An WA coordinator will review and validate transcripts and enter transfer credits into the student's account. The student reviews and approves transfer credits before starting the course assignment process or after completing the WA partner school in Brazil credits



STUDENT DATA SECURITY POLICY IN AN ONLINE SCHOOL

How can I make sure that WA student data is safe through online classes?

WA classes can only be accessed by the student if he has a VPN installed on his computer. With it, your connection goes to the VPN server first through an encrypted connection. Then it's the VPN server that connects to the web on your behalf. Encryption allows information to be kept hidden or secret. Your information (data) is translated (or encoded) into a secret code that is virtually unreadable, making it completely difficult for hackers to break in.

If you do not want to purchase VPN software, you can use the OPERA browser which contains a VPN internally, but it is not enough to download it, you will need to activate the Opera VPN before entering the WA classroom.

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OTHER PROGRAMS AT WASHINGTON ACADEMY

Counseling Program - All students enrolled in the Washington Academy Online Double Degree program are entitled to undertake the counseling program for application support to international universities at no additional cost.

Advanced Placement (AP) - Washington Academy Online offers advanced courses in a variety of areas of knowledge. An AP course is a college-level learning experience and gives students credit that can be used at American universities. Taking an AP course takes a huge investment of time and effort. Once the Advanced Placement (AP) course is successfully completed, it will constitute a great differential in relation to the student's knowledge and consequently in the improvement of their curriculum for access to the main Universities. (Exams paid separately)

Electives - Washington Academy offers a catalog of over 300 electives that schools and students can purchase independently. The subjects range from advanced to professional subjects.