

School Vision + Mission

*World-class servant leaders
raised up in every vocation*

Yantai International Academy is committed to providing transformative, holistic education to develop globally-minded individuals who learn, love, and lead.

School + Community

Yantai International Academy (YIA), established in 2018, is a private secondary boarding school program (40% boarding) in Yantai, China, that offers an American curriculum and prepares its students for an overseas university education.

YIA is an international division of Yantai Aihua Bilingual School (YABS), a private school licensed by the Yantai Education Bureau. YABS opened its doors in 2016 and has grown to 4,200 K-12 students. The large campus is equipped with modern teaching rooms and includes a full-size performance auditorium along with both indoor and outdoor sports facilities. YIA enrolls some students coming from other divisions of YABS, but no classes are shared with YABS students.

YIA's current enrollment is 70 with an average class size of less than 15 students and a student-teacher ratio of 4:1. YIA students are majority Chinese passport holders. YIA students' international education is enhanced by the opportunity to share classes with the diverse expat student body of its LifePlus sister school, Yantai Huasheng International School, which shares the same building and facilities on the YABS campus.

Accreditation + Memberships

YIA is accredited by Cognia, which is recognized by the United States Department of Education.

YIA is an associate member of LifePlus, a nonprofit organization operating six schools in China (Chengdu, Qingdao, Tianjin, Wuhan, and Yantai) and one in the UAE.



Philosophy

YIA believes in providing an educational experience that transforms students from the inside out. Our education is built on the ideas: Learn, Love and Lead. Our curriculum is intended to prepare students for active involvement in our contemporary, multicultural society and to equip them with tools for shaping the future.

Curriculum

- American-based curriculum that follows AERO standards
- 10 Advanced Placement (AP) courses
- English-only instruction + English language support as needed
- Curriculum reviews every five years through LifePlus

Graduate Profile

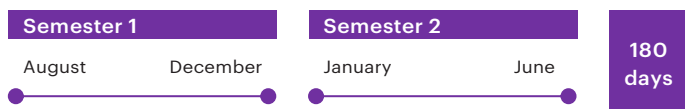
Beyond academics, YIA develops 9 Qualities for Life in our students: Connection, Courage, Curiosity, Compassion, Service, Persistence, Discernment, Humility, and Purpose.

YIA had its first graduate in 2021, followed by 4, 9, and 4 graduates in each subsequent year. There are 10 seniors in 2024-25. Our graduates have been accepted to over 20 universities in 6 countries.

Staff Profile

Our foreign staff hail mainly from the United States, but also come from Canada, Australia, South Africa, Singapore, and France with a wide range of teaching and other professional experience. All teachers hold at least a bachelor's degree; 60% hold a master's degree; and 15% hold a doctorate degree.

School Calendar



The school year generally starts in mid-August and ends in early June, divided across two semesters. There are a minimum of 180 school days in the school year.

Graduation Requirements

A minimum of 24 credits are required for graduation, with one credit earned for each full year of passing work in a course in Grade 9-12. Specific credit requirements include the following:

English	4
Social Studies	3
Science.....	3
Math.....	3
Second Language	2
Philosophy/Leadership*	3
Physical Education/Health	2
Fine Arts	1
Electives	3 as needed

*Philosophy/Leadership credits vary by years of high school enrollment.

College + University Acceptances

*Asterisked schools indicate where our graduates enrolled

Canada

- McGill University
- *University of British Columbia
- *University of Toronto
- McMaster University
- Queens University
- University of Waterloo
- Western University
- *York University

Australia / New Zealand

- *Deakin University
- *Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology University
- University of Auckland
- University of Melbourne
- University of Waikato
- *University of New South Wales (medical program)

United Kingdom/Switzerland

- *University of the Arts London
- *EHL Hospitality Business & Hotel Management School

United States of America

- American University
- Arizona State Univ.
- Indiana University Bloomington
- Michigan State Univ.
- Pennsylvania State Univ.
- *University of Pittsburgh
- Utah State University

Asian

- Universiti Sains Malaysia
- Universiti Teknologi Malaysia

Administration

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Grading + GPA

YIA does not rank its students and does not use prior school records in calculating GPA. The cumulative GPA reported on transcripts is calculated based on courses completed while at YIA. AP courses do not receive extra weighting. The maximum number of AP courses that a student can take throughout 4 years of high school is 9 courses.

Letter Grade	Percent	Point Value
A+	98-100	4.00
A	93-97	4.00
A-	90-92	3.66
B+	88-89	3.33
B	83-87	3.00
B-	80-82	2.66
C+	78-79	2.33
C	73-77	2.00
C-	70-72	1.66
D+	68-69	1.33
D	63-67	1.00
D-	60-62	0.66
F	<60	0.00

Course Offerings

AP course offerings include:

- AP Calculus BC
- AP Chemistry
- AP Computer Science A
- AP Computer Science Principles
- AP English Literature and Composition
- AP Macroeconomics
- AP Microeconomics
- AP Physics 1
- AP Pre-Calculus
- AP Psychology

Elective courses offered include:

- Theater/Drama, Band, Choir, Business Entrepreneurship, Computer Science, French

Extracurricular Activities

Sports + Tournaments

- Boys and Girls Volleyball, Soccer, and Basketball

Clubs + Activities

- Student Council
- Reading Club
- Badminton Club
- Robotics Club
- Model United Nations (MUN)
- Cooking Club
- Swimming Club
- Ping Pong Club

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