UWC-USA ACADEMIC DESCRIPTION

UWC-USA offers 34 IB academic courses at both the higher and standard level. Every UWC-USA student is an IB Diploma candidate. Students also receive the New Mexico high school diploma upon graduation. The CAS program provides opportunities for students to engage with the local community. Student Life Capstone is a weekly class in which students learn about the UWC mission and values, as well as develop leadership skills. UWC-USA students perform more than 17,000 hours of community service in Northern New Mexico every year.

COVID-19 UPDATES

• Students had limited access to standardized tests in the fall of 2020 and the spring of 2021.
• Starting in the fall of 2021 UWC-USA has shifted to administering the school day SAT. This means that students are only able to take it twice during the school year.
• While UWC-USA had in person classes for the 2020-21 school year, many students were not able to arrive on campus at the beginning of the year due to travel and/or visa issues. These students took classes synchronously, online. Some students took classes virtually for the entire school year.
• During the 2020-21 school year students could only leave campus for wilderness trips. This limited the amount of extracurricular activities that UWC-USA could offer.

GRADING SCALE

Starting with the class of 2022, UWC-USA is using an A-E grading scale. Student life courses, and New Mexico Studies, are graded on a pass/fail basis.

RANKING

Our school does not rank.

SCHOOL PROFILE

2021 – 2022

Founded in 1982, UWC-USA is one of 18 schools on five continents that make up the United World College movement. UWC-USA is located in Northern New Mexico in the foothills of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains. A two-year international boarding school, UWC-USA is a school for students attending their final two years of high school with students from over 90 countries completing the IB Diploma Program. Students at UWC-USA start working to become agents for change the minute they set foot on campus by building bridges to understanding with students of diverse nationalities, races, beliefs, and economic backgrounds.

SIGNATURE PROGRAMS

The Bartos Institute for the Constructive Engagement of Conflict provide students with the skills to mediate differences between people with different backgrounds - a fundamental skill for a UWC student.

The Arts and Culture Program helps students learn about and explore the cultural differences between community members and challenges them to find new ways to express their values and experiences.

Sustainability is central to the UWC mission and an important part of our work is to become good stewards of the world we inhabit.

Wilderness provides opportunities for students to challenge themselves, develop leadership skills, and cultivate a keener appreciation of the natural world.

UWC-USA is one of 18 schools on five continents that make up the United World College movement. UWC-USA is located in Northern New Mexico in the foothills of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains. A two-year international boarding school, UWC-USA is a school for students attending their final two years of high school with students from over 90 countries completing the IB Diploma Program. Students at UWC-USA start working to become agents for change the minute they set foot on campus by building bridges to understanding with students of diverse nationalities, races, beliefs, and economic backgrounds.

The Bartos Institute for the Constructive Engagement of Conflict provide students with the skills to mediate differences between people with different backgrounds - a fundamental skill for a UWC student.

The Arts and Culture Program helps students learn about and explore the cultural differences between community members and challenges them to find new ways to express their values and experiences.

Sustainability is central to the UWC mission and an important part of our work is to become good stewards of the world we inhabit.

Wilderness provides opportunities for students to challenge themselves, develop leadership skills, and cultivate a keener appreciation of the natural world.
SOUTHWEST STUDIES

All first-year students participate in Southwest Studies trips in the fall. Led by faculty, Southwest Studies seeks to help UWC-USA students better understand the power of place, increase their appreciation for the people and cultures of the American Southwest, and provide them with opportunities to connect their academic learning with the communities we interact with.

PROJECT WEEK

In March of each year, students and faculty embark on Project Week programs across the Southwest. Supervised by faculty, students in groups of roughly 12 – 16 take on a challenging project that provides them with an opportunity to put into practice the skills they’ve been developing since they arrived on campus in Montezuma. Project Week provides students with an opportunity to extend their learning in a practical setting and a chance to get off campus to explore the Southwest. Our alumni routinely point to Project Week trips as among the most powerful learning experiences they recall as students.

CLASS OF 2020 AND 2021 UNIVERSITY MATRICULATION

UNITED STATES SCHOOLS
Bard College
Boston University
Brown University
Bryn Mawr College
California College of the Arts
Carnegie Mellon University
Case Western Reserve University
Central Michigan University
Clark University
Colby College
College of the Atlantic
Colorado College
Columbia University
Concordia College Moorhead
Cornell University
Earlham College
Emory-Riddle
Aeronautical University
Florida Institute of Technology
George Mason University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Haverford College
Hofstra University
Hood College
Johns Hopkins University
Lake Forest College
Lewis & Clark College
Macalester College
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Middlebury College
Minerva University
Mount Holyoke College
New York University
Northeastern University
Northwestern University
Oberlin College
Queen’s University of Charlotte
Rutgers University
St. John’s College
St. Lawrence University
St. Olaf College
Stanford University
Syracuse University
The College of Idaho
The George Washington University
The New School
Trinity College
Tufts University
UC Berkeley
UC San Diego
UCLA
University of Texas-Austin
University of Detroit Mercy
University of Florida
University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill
University of Oklahoma
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh
University of Richmond
University of Rochester
Vanderbilt University
Wake Forest University
Warren Wilson College
Wellesley College
Whitman College
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Yale University
Yeshiva University
UK SCHOOLS
King’s College London
SOAS
University College London
University of Bristol
University of Leeds
University of Nottingham
University of Sussex
University of the Arts London
CANADIAN SCHOOLS
McGill University
University of British Columbia
OTHER SCHOOLS
AROUND THE WORLD
Bard College Berlin
Carnegie Mellon University Qatar
Delft University
Duke Kunshan University
Erasmus University
College Rotterdam
Esmid Paris
Sciences Po
St George’s University
Temple University Japan
Trinity College Dublin
University College Amsterdam
University College Maastricht
University of Amsterdam
University of the West Indies
Yale-NUS

United World College–USA
State Rte 65
Montezuma, NM 87731
Phone: 505.454.4201
Fax: 505.454.4294
Online: uwc-usa.org

For further information, please contact
Victoria J. Mora, Ph.D.
UWC-USA President
president@uwc-usa.org
Alexis Mamaux
Dean of Academics / IB Coordinator
alexis.mamaux@uwc-usa.org
Marie Assir
Director of College Counseling
marie.assir@uwc-usa.org
Patrick Firme
Associate Director of College Counseling
patrick.firme@uwc-usa.org