



Nacel International School System

-How to get accepted to American and European Universities:
US High School diploma and bilingual curriculum with Nacel-



Optimized Strategy for North American College and University Admission

Getting accepted to North American Colleges and Universities:

A long term winning strategy!

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Start early and finish strong!

- Achieve good grades from Grade 9 onwards
- Maintain a high GPA (Grade Point Average) all 4 years long
- Justify punctual lower grades in your application
- Study hard, do homework, pay attention in class!



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Challenge yourself!

- Enrol for 1 or 2 Advanced Placement (AP) classes in both 11th and 12th grade
- Study a foreign language during your 4 High School years
- Choose classes in line with your study and career goals



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Improve your profile!

- Get intensively involved and committed to a few extracurricular activities
- Dedicate to volunteering
- Enter contests, join teamwork with your classmates
- Enrich your profile with international experiences



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Prepare a successful application !

- Prepare yourself and achieve high SAT , ACT and TOEFL scores
- Collect recommendation letters from key teachers
- Inform yourself about Colleges, Universities, financial aids, and select!
- Take leadership positions



Admission to European Universities: general and country-related requirements

Diploma Recognition

If you apply to a non-American University, your US High School diploma will need to be **recognized as equivalent** to the national High School diploma. Collect information about procedures involved early!

Admission Requirements

Each University has its own admission policy and will have specific requirements. Attendance and success with **AP classes** is the most common requirement for US High School graduates. One or two College years may be necessary before you're allowed to enter some European Universities. Enrol in AP classes in both 11th and 12th grade! SAT scores may also be required, prepare tests carefully!

Language Proficiency

You will need to prove your **advanced command of the language used** in the University you apply to. Study foreign languages in and outside of school, use your holidays to practise languages, take internationally recognized language tests!

International Profile

Universities usually value **international profiles and cross cultural skills**. Study in a foreign country, choose bilingual curriculum and dual diplomas, enrich your profile with various international experiences (from studies to volunteering)

UK Universities: 3 to 4 AP courses required.

Dutch Universities : 4 AP courses with higher scores required.

Swiss Universities: 5 AP courses or 2 College years required.

German Universities : 4 to 5 AP courses in specific areas and with higher scores required.

Austrian Universities: 4 AP courses required including in maths and foreign languages.

French Universities: No AP course required. Admission can be conditioned to attendance of a prior one-year intensive French language study program.




Nacel's internationally recognized graduation policy

Corresponds with the North Central Committee of Accreditation guidelines for college preparatory schools.

Meets and exceeds the Minnesota state graduation standards.

48 semester credits are required for graduation in the Nacel International School System.

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- 8 Language Arts credits
 - 6 Mathematics credits
 - 7 Social Studies credits
 - 6 Science credits
 - 2 Physical Education credits
 - 1 Health credit
 - 2 Fine /Performing Arts credits
 - 1 Technology credit
 - 6 Foreign Language credits (4 in the same language)
 - 9 Elective credits



Our College Preparation Courses

What is the best type of College for me?

What do I need to apply?

College Preparation is a one semester course designed to assist students with the college application process. 12th graders who are planning to attend universities are strongly encouraged to take this class during the fall semester. 11th graders may attend it too. 93% of our graduates continue on to College!



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Students will be assisted in searching for Colleges and Universities, filling out applications, producing a resume, writing essays, collecting recommendation letters etc.

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We discuss **budgets** involved, **financial aid** and **scholarship opportunities**.

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We give students instructions on **registering** for the **SAT**, **ACT** and **TOEFL** and ways to prepare for these exams. We offer **TOEFL** and **SAT** preparation courses.

4

We offer opportunities for students to meet with **representatives from Colleges** and **Universities** at school or on **College and University fairs**.

