



International boarding high school in the USA

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2016-17

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CORE SUBJECTS Mandatory elements of the curriculum	Number of years required to graduate				1	2	3	4
	CIGB foundation courses (Financial Management & Presentation Skills)				•			
	English Literature (Literature, Grammar, Writing)							•
	English as a Second Language (up to four years for non-native speakers)				•	•	•	•
	Fine Arts (Music, Drama and Visual Arts)				•			
	Mathematics (Pre-algebra, Algebra, Geometry, Trigonometry)							•
	Science (Biology, Chemistry, Physics)						•	
	Social Sciences (Ancient Civilizations, US and World History)						•	
World Languages (for native English speakers)					•			
ELECTIVE SUBJECTS Students can choose from the following subjects to supplement their core curriculum - they will be selected with guidance from teachers based on ability, course scheduling and university aspirations.	Actor's Studio	Economics in Literature*	Italian					
	Advanced Fashion: Marketing & Technology*	Environmental Science	Mandarin					
	Advanced Painting and Drawing	French	Music Business*					
	American Art History Visual Literacy	Game Theory*	Music Literacy					
	Big Data*	Gender Politics in Literature	Music Technology and Production*					
	Biotechnology*	Genetics	Philanthropy in Business*					
	Business Writing*	Global Music	Robotics*					
	Chorus	History of Economics, 1785-1900	Russia's Role in the Global Economy*					
	Computer Science	History of Economics, 1900-2015	Spanish					
	Creative Writing	Introduction to Fashion: Reclaimed Materials	Viral Imagination*					
	Economics Macro*	Introduction to Drawing	*CIGB course					
Economics Micro*	Introduction to Painting							
ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES High performing students (minimum 3.25 GPA and advanced English language level) may wish to enhance their curriculum with these college level classes. AP examinations will be provided at no additional cost, to eligible students.	AP Art College Portfolio		AP Macroeconomics					
	AP Biology		AP Microeconomics					
	AP Calculus AB		AP Music Theory					
	AP Chemistry		AP Physics 1					
	AP Chinese Language and Composition		AP Physics C					
	AP Computer Science		AP Spanish Language and Culture					
	AP Economics*		AP Statistics					
	AP English Language and Composition		AP United States History					
	AP French Language and Composition		*CIGB course					

Please note that future course offerings are subject to change by CATS Academy Boston faculty.

Fees

2016-2017	TUITION	ACCOMMODATION	
		Dormitory	Homestay
EARLY BIRD 5% DISCOUNT* September start	\$33,915	\$20,140	\$17,480
September start	\$35,700	\$21,200	\$18,400
January start	\$17,850	\$10,600	\$9,200
Single Semester (study abroad students only)	\$18,350	\$10,600	\$9,200

All fees are subject to a \$200 registration fee and a deposit of \$2,300 (refundable at the end of the course)

*Early Bird Discount available only to students who pay their fees in full by March 31, 2016. Fees paid April 1st and after will be subject to normal rates.

Included in fees:

Tuition fees include English as a Second Language (ESL) classes as needed, any AP exams undertaken, SAT/ACT preparation** and full college counseling program. Pre-arrival and on-site visa advice is also provided if requested.

Accommodation fees include the provision of full-board meals (three per day on weekdays & two per day on weekends). Shuttle transportation for homestay students is provided.

** Students will be responsible for standardized exam fees which may include but are not limited to the SAT, ACT, TOEFL or IELTS

Additional yearly fees:	Per year	Per semester
Medical insurance (required for all international students)	\$1,700	\$990
School materials (including textbooks and limited supplies)	\$1,500	\$750
Full excursion and activities program complete with enriching visits within Boston and surrounding areas	\$3,000	\$1,500
High School Preparation Program (to provide students with an additional supportive landing into their USA education, or as a 4-week English language pre-semester addition, in August 2016)	\$4,935 (Early bird 5% discount*) \$5,195 (fee due April 1 st and after)	

Accommodation during vacations:

During winter and spring vacations, the residences are closed - students may return home, stay with approved family/guardians or, if available, a homestay can be arranged for an additional cost.

Airport transfers:

Boston Logan International Airport \$150 each way

Dates

Fall semester: September 5th - December 16th, 2016

High School Preparation Program: August 8th - September 1st, 2016

New student orientation: September 3rd - 4th, 2016

Winter vacation: December 17th, 2016 - January 8th, 2017

Spring semester 2017: January 9th - June 2nd, 2017

New student orientation: January 8th, 2017

Spring vacation: March 4th - 26th, 2017

Please see the website for the most up-to-date information: www.catsacademy.com/en/admission/dates/

Entry criteria

		AEP (Full-year ESL)	CATS EXTRA (Intensive ESL)	HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA	
GRADE OF ENTRY*	AGE	TOEFL (OR EQUIVALENT**)	TOEFL (OR EQUIVALENT**)	TOEFL (OR EQUIVALENT**)	ACADEMIC REQUIREMENT
9	14+	30 (IELTS 3.0)	35 (IELTS 3.5)	40 (IELTS 4.0)	Completion of US Grade 8 or equivalent
10	15+	N/A	40 (IELTS 4.0)	50 (IELTS 4.5)	Completion of US Grade 9 or equivalent
11	16+	N/A	50 (IELTS 4.5)	60 (IELTS 5.0)	Completion of US Grade 10 or equivalent
12	17+	N/A	60 (IELTS 5.0)	70 (IELTS 5.5)	Completion of US Grade 11 or equivalent

* CATS Boston reserves the right to re-assess students on arrival and adjust grade of entry if this is in their best academic interests.

** Other internationally recognized English language tests may also be accepted.

Students must be under 21 when they graduate from Year 12.

Admissions requirements

- Completed application form
- Copy of passport
- Copy of most recent official academic transcripts (translations must include translator's name, date of translation and school's official stamp) OR complete high school transcripts from Grade 9 to point of entry.
- Evidence of funds/bank statement <http://www.f1studentvisa.com/USA-F-1-Visa.html>
- Evidence of English language level through one of the following:
 - Copy of test scores
 - Completion of our internal English language level assessment
- Students applying for entry to Grade 12 will be required to have an interview with a school official.

Sample class schedule

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday & Sunday
7:30 - 7:55	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Free time
8:00 - 8:30	Personal Advisory or Assembly	Personal Advisory or Assembly	Personal Advisory or Assembly 9:00 - 10:15	Personal Advisory or Assembly	Personal Advisory or Assembly	
8:30 - 9:20	ESL/TOEFL Preparation	Math Statistics		Music Technology and Production	AP US History	
9:25 - 10:15	Math Statistics	Music Technology and Production	ESL/TOEFL Preparation	AP US History	Robotics	Brunch
10:20 - 11:10	Music Technology and Production	AP US History	10:20 - 11:35 Personal Advisory or Study Hall	Robotics	ESL/TOEFL Preparation	Excursions, Community Service & Free time
11:15 - 12:05	Personal Finance	Lunch	11:35 - 12:50	SAT/ACT Preparation	Personal Finance	
12:10 - 1:00	Lunch	SAT/ACT Preparation	Lunch	Personal Finance	Lunch	
1:05 - 1:55	SAT/ACT Preparation	Personal Finance	12:50 - 2:05 Music Technology and Production	Lunch	SAT/ACT Preparation	
2:00 - 2:50	AP US History	Robotics	2:10 - 3:25	ESL/TOEFL Preparation	Math Statistics	
2:55 - 3:45	Robotics	ESL/TOEFL Preparation	AP US History	Math Statistics	Music Technology and Production	
3:50 - 5:00	Model United Nations	Innovation and Science Club	Personal Advisory or Study Hall	Model United Nations	Innovation and Science Club	
5:30 - 6:30	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner
7:30 - 9:30	Study Hall at Dormitory	Study Hall at Dormitory	Study Hall at Dormitory	Study Hall at Dormitory	Study Hall at Dormitory	Free time

*Day students conclude at 5:30pm



CATS Academy Boston is accredited by
The New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC)

Step-by-step application guide



STEP 1 – APPLY

Complete the CATS Academy Boston application form and send to our Admissions team, along with electronic copies of the following:

- ▶ Academic Transcripts for the previous year and any current year School reports if available (along with certified translations if not in English)
- ▶ Evidence of English language level
- ▶ Evidence of funds/bank statement <http://www.f1studentvisa.com/USA-F-1-Visa.html>



STEP 2 – RECEIVE OFFER

Within 2 working days, you will receive a response either with a conditional offer, a request for more information, or a notification that the application is under further review. Conditional offers will note any missing required documents and will be sent along with the Previous Study in the US Form and the Student Enrollment Contract.

- ▶ Send the completed Previous Study in the US form and a copy of any previous or current I-20 documents electronically to Admissions
- ▶ Carefully read the details of the Student Enrollment Contract - then sign, initial and send electronically to Admissions
- ▶ Collect proof of funds covering the Total Obligation as detailed in the Student Enrollment Contract and send electronically to Admissions
- ▶ Fulfill any remaining conditions noted on your conditional offer letter
- ▶ In some cases, an interview may be required and this will be noted clearly as a condition of offer.
- ▶ Pay the registration fee (\$200) and the deposit (\$2,300)



STEP 3 – ACCEPTANCE LETTER AND I-20

- ▶ Upon receipt of all required documents that meet the entry requirements, payment of the registration fee and deposit, and compliance with all remaining conditions on the offer, a draft Acceptance Letter will be issued within 2 working days.
- ▶ Review the Acceptance Letter to make sure all information is correct and confirm the shipping address to which the original of the I-20 document should be sent.
- ▶ Once any amendments have been sent to the Admissions team or the Acceptance Letter is confirmed accurate with them, the student will be emailed an electronic copy of the I-20, followed by the original document in the mail.



STEP 4 – US F-1 STUDENT VISA APPLICATION

- ▶ Once you have received a copy of your I-20, book a visa appointment at your local US Embassy and collect all the required documents.
- ▶ Pay the SEVIS fee online.
- ▶ Students should ensure they are prepared to answer questions relating to CATS Academy Boston, the High School Diploma program, their own educational background, career intentions and why they have chosen this course. Students may also be asked questions about their intention to return to their country of residence.



STEP 5 – ARRIVAL AT CATS ACADEMY BOSTON

- ▶ A Pre-arrival Handbook will be sent following payment of the deposit and will help prepare students for their arrival in Boston.
- ▶ Students will also receive a packet of medical forms which need to be completed and returned to Student Services prior to the student attending classes. Please allow time to review these with a medical doctor.
- ▶ Students must provide arrival details to Admissions and should arrive for the first day of orientation and no later than the Saturday or Sunday before the course start date.
- ▶ Please note that our dormitories do not open until the Saturday before classes begin.
- ▶ Payment of full fees are due two weeks prior to the start of the first semester.



Where to apply

Web:
www.catsacademy.com
Email:
admissions@catsacademy.com
Phone: +44 1223 345698
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How to pay

Bank transfer to the following account:

Account Name:
CATS Academy Boston Inc.

Bank Name:
RBS Citizens, N.A.

Bank Address:
1 Citizens Drive, Riverside,
Rhode Island 02915

Account Number:
1322714301

ABA number:
011500120

SWIFT Code:
CTZIUS33

- ▶ When submitting payment, please make sure to use the student's full name and student reference number found on the conditional offer letter.
- ▶ Before submitting payment, please review our terms and conditions as listed in the Student Enrollment Contract.



CATS Academy Boston Contact Details

Contact Student Services at
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Tel: +1 (857) 400- 9702

Preparing for your visa interview

Should your application be successful and you are admitted to our program, international students may need to apply for a student visa. As part of your visa application process, you will likely have to attend an in person visa interview. Below are some tips on how to prepare for this.

Please note: we can not guarantee a successful outcome to your visa interview. These points are only meant to assist you with preparation for the interview process.



Attend!

Failure to attend the interview may result in your application being automatically refused.



Answer

You should always answer all questions fully and honestly.



Think!

You should think in advance about your course, the documents you provided in your visa application, and your intention to study. The Visa Official wants to know that you have given serious thought before choosing your course.



Speak English!

One of the most important things they will be checking is your level of English, so always answer in English, not via an interpreter. Practice answers to potential questions and be prepared.



Ask!

Ask for clarification if you do not understand a question to make sure you are providing the information they want.



DOCUMENTS TO BRING

Check the documents required by your specific Embassy at: <http://www.usembassy.gov>

In general, students are asked to provide the following documentation:

1. Original I-20
2. Proof of payment of SEVIS fee
3. Completed DS-160 form (Non-immigrant visa application)
4. Acceptance Letter
5. Passport
6. Academic transcripts (with translations)
7. Financial evidence used for the I-20
8. Passport-sized photograph

Here are tips for some of the types of questions you may be asked:

Question type	Tips
General information about you, your education, your choice to study in the USA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Show that you are a genuine student looking to further your education ▶ Make it clear that you plan to return to your home country by showing strong ties – give reasons for returning to your home country that are stronger than those for remaining in the United States
Intended course: what you plan to study at CATS Academy, course dates, and program details	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Become familiar with the information on our website and/or brochure ▶ Bring a brochure with you to show the Visa Official ▶ If you are not able to articulate the reasons you will study in a particular program in the United States, you may not succeed in convincing the consular officer that you are indeed planning to study, rather than to immigrate ▶ You should be able to explain how studying in the US relates to your future professional career in your home country
Financial circumstances: who is paying for your course, what are the fees, etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Bring all required financial documents and anything else you may have that helps support your financial status ▶ If you've been awarded a scholarship, bring a certificate or proof of your award
Living in the US: where is the school and your accommodation, how will you commute, etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Bring your housing confirmation if booked through our program

Application form



STUDENT DETAILS- All details MUST be completed

Please complete this form in CAPITAL LETTERS in black ink.

Family Name:	First Name:
Date of Birth:	Male/Female:
Country of Citizenship:	Country of Birth:
Home address:	
Town:	State:
Country:	Zip Code:
Telephone (home):	Cell phone:
Email:	Passport number:

PROGRAM OF STUDY

Please select the program of study you wish to follow.

Length of Study:	1 Semester <input type="checkbox"/>	2 Semesters <input type="checkbox"/>		
Grade of entry:	9 <input type="checkbox"/>	10 <input type="checkbox"/>	11 <input type="checkbox"/>	12 <input type="checkbox"/>
Do you plan to complete a high school diploma with us:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>		

Please select the start date of your academic program of study.

September <input type="checkbox"/>	January <input type="checkbox"/>
Year: 2016 <input type="checkbox"/>	2017 <input type="checkbox"/>
Would you like to attend our High School Preparation Program*?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

*Please note this program takes place in August and is only available to students attending the September semester.

Please select your preferred subject in each category¹:

Art	Music Business* <input type="checkbox"/>	History / Social Sciences	Science
Actor's Studio <input type="checkbox"/>	Music Literacy <input type="checkbox"/>	Economics Macro* <input type="checkbox"/>	Big Data* <input type="checkbox"/>
Adv. Fashion: Mktg & Tech* <input type="checkbox"/>	Music Tech & Production* <input type="checkbox"/>	Economics Micro* <input type="checkbox"/>	Biotechnology* <input type="checkbox"/>
Adv. Drawing & Painting <input type="checkbox"/>	Viral Imagination* <input type="checkbox"/>	Hist. of Econ. 1875-1900 <input type="checkbox"/>	Environmental Science <input type="checkbox"/>
Amer. Art His Visual Lit. <input type="checkbox"/>	English	Hist. of Econ. 1900-2015 <input type="checkbox"/>	Genetics <input type="checkbox"/>
Chorus <input type="checkbox"/>	Creative Writing <input type="checkbox"/>	Philanthropy in Business* <input type="checkbox"/>	Robotics* <input type="checkbox"/>
Global Music <input type="checkbox"/>	Economics in Literature* <input type="checkbox"/>	Russia's Role in Gbl Ecom. <input type="checkbox"/>	World Languages
Introduction to Drawing <input type="checkbox"/>	Gender Politics: Literature* <input type="checkbox"/>	Mathematics	French <input type="checkbox"/>
Introduction to Fashion <input type="checkbox"/>	Viral Imagination* <input type="checkbox"/>	Computer Science <input type="checkbox"/>	Italian <input type="checkbox"/>
Introduction to Painting <input type="checkbox"/>	English as a Second Language	Game Theory* <input type="checkbox"/>	Mandarin Chinese <input type="checkbox"/>
	Business Writing* <input type="checkbox"/>		Spanish <input type="checkbox"/>

¹Course selection in other subject areas will be determined by testing done on arrival. Please note selections are subject to availability.

*CIGB course

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