



# The Guivy Zaldastanishvili American Academy in Tbilisi

School Profile 2025-2026

CEEB CODE: 664101

Founded in 2001, the Guivy Zaldastanishvili American Academy in Tbilisi is a private, coeducational day school enrolling 356 students in grades 8 through 12. Central to our teaching is the Harkness method, borrowed from Phillips Exeter Academy in the United States. Our founding teachers have undergone extensive training in the Harkness method at Phillips Exeter Academy and have earned Master's degrees in Education from Harvard and Simmons Universities.

Our mission is to offer a rigorous education to prepare our students to enter universities in Georgia, Europe, the UK, and the USA, as well as to be a model for education reform in Georgia. Admission to the Academy is highly competitive, entailing rigorous in-house testing in Georgian, English, and mathematics, along with an interview with the Admissions Committee. Students who achieve the highest combined scores in these assessments are offered admission. The first senior class graduated in 2005.

### QUICK FACTS

- Language of Instruction: English
- Class Size: 12 Students
- Faculty: 67 (95% with MA/MS or Ph.D.)
- Student-Teacher Ratio: 10:1

### MOTTO:

Enlightment and Goodness

- 296 Total High School Student Body
- 71 Students in the class of 2026
- 98% Georgian citizens

### TUITION ABATEMENT AND DIVERSITY

The American Academy in Tbilisi is committed to making quality education available to talented and promising students from a broad range of backgrounds. Tuition Abatement is granted to approximately 30% of the entire student body.

### GRADING AND GPA:

Our school uses an unweighted 4.0 GPA scale. Due to selective admissions and a high-achieving student body, GPAs are consistently strong. Because ranking would not provide meaningful differentiation, our school does not rank students.

### GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS:

To receive the GZAAT diploma, students must attempt a total of 25 credits, earn a minimum of 22.5 credits over four years and complete a senior project.

### DIPLOMAS

- ✓ High School Diploma
- ✓ General Education Diploma of the Ministry of Education and Science of Georgia (Sruli Zogadi Ganatlebis Atestati)

### ACCREDITATION

National Center for Educational Quality Enhancement



### MEMBERSHIP

Council of International Schools



### COURSES APPROVED BY NCAA



COURSE	CREDIT	COURSE	CREDIT	COURSE	CREDIT
Georgian.....	4	Biology .....	1	History of Religion.....	0.5
English.....	4	Chemistry.....	1	History of Music .....	0.5
German/Russian.....	3	Physics.....	1	History of Western Philosophy.....	0.5
Mathematics .....	3	History .....	3	Electives.....	0.5
Calculus/Math through Applications/Probability & Statistics/AP calculus AB.....	1	Interdisciplinary Course (Self, Society and The Universe).....	0.5	Physical Education .....	1
		History of Art .....	0.5		

**JURIES:** Freshmen and sophomores undergo Juries (oral exams) in all six of their subjects at the end of the year. Students must pass their Juries.

**HONORS COURSES:** All our junior and senior courses, with the possible exception of Beginning Georgian, Beginning Russian, and Electives are honors level.

**ELECTIVE COURSES:** Global Order and International Politics, Totalitarianism and Dystopian Literature, Filmmaking, Photography, Introduction to Criminal Law, Introduction to Psychology, Introduction to Statistics with Python, The Economics of Everyday Life.

**EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:** GZAAT Gazette, MUN, Debate, Drama, Chess, Art Club, Kendo, Green Club, HOSA Club, Coding, Psychology, Media, Writing, Key Club.

**GRADING SYSTEM:** A- 95-100%, A 90-94%, B+ 87-89%, B 83-86%, B- 80-82%, C+ 77-79%, C 73-76%, C- 70-72%, D+ 67-69%, D 63-66%, D- 60-62%, E (failing) 59% and below.

### ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2025-2026

Grade reports for the 1st semester are submitted to universities in early February  
Grade reports for the 2nd semester are submitted by late June

### GPA DISTRIBUTION: Class of 2026

4.0	6%
3.5 – 3.99	45%
3.0 – 3.49	27%
2.50 – 2.99	16%
2.0 – 2.49	6%

### TESTING INFORMATION

SAT	MIDDLE 50%
EBRW	640-720
Math	720-790
Total	1410-1475

# UNIVERSITY MATRICULATION 2021-2025

## USA

Academy of Art University  
Bard College  
Barnard College  
Bennington College  
Bentley University  
Berea College  
Boston College  
Boston University  
Brandeis University  
Brown University  
Clark University  
College of William and Mary  
College of the Redwoods  
Columbia College Chicago  
Columbia University  
Connecticut College  
Cornell University  
CUNY Brooklyn College  
Davidson College  
DePaul University  
Dickinson College  
Drew University  
Drexel University  
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University  
Fordham University  
Georgia Institute of Technology  
Gettysburg College  
Grinnell College  
Harvard University  
Hamline University  
Louisiana Tech University  
Manhattan College  
Manhattanville College  
Marist College  
Michigan State University  
Middlebury College  
Minerva Schools at Keck Graduate Institute  
Mount Holyoke College  
New York School of Visual Arts  
New York University  
Northeastern University  
Parsons School of Design  
Pomona College  
Purdue University  
Ramapo College of New Jersey  
Rhode Island School of Design  
Rice University  
Rochester Institute of Technology  
Sarah Lawrence College  
St. Olaf College  
Smith College  
SUNY Plattsburgh  
Swarthmore College  
Syracuse University

Temple University  
The American Musical and Dramatic Academy  
The George Washington University  
The New School  
Trinity College  
University of California, Los Angeles  
University of California, Davis  
University of Colorado Boulder  
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
University of Miami  
University of Rochester  
University of Southern California  
Vassar College  
Virginia Tech  
Washington and Lee University  
Wesleyan University  
Worcester Polytechnic Institute  
Yale University

## Europe

Amsterdam University College  
Architectural Institute in Prague  
Bard College Berlin  
Budapest Business School  
Ca' Foscari University of Venice  
Catalyst – Institute for Creative Art and Technology  
Central European University  
Charles University in Prague  
City University of London  
Cordon Bleu Paris  
Constructor University  
École Polytechnique  
Erasmus University Rotterdam  
ESSEC Business School  
EDHEC Business School  
EHL Swiss School of Tourism and Hospitality  
ESRA Paris  
ESADE Barcelona  
Eötvös Loránd University  
EU Business School Barcelona  
Franklin University Switzerland  
Frankfurt School of Finance and Management  
Free University of Brussels  
IE University, Madrid  
IE University, Segovia  
IED – Istituto Europeo di Design  
International University of Catalonia  
Barcelona  
Istituto Marangoni  
Hotelschool The Hague  
Katholieke Universiteit Leuven  
King's College London

Lancaster University, Leipzig  
Leiden University College  
Les Roches International School of Hotel Management, Marbella  
LUISS Guido Carli  
Maastricht University  
MetFilm London  
Nuova Accademia di Belle Arti Milano (NABA)  
Paris Diderot University  
Prague College  
Saint Louis University – Madrid  
SHG Milano, International Hospitality & Business School  
SKEMA Business School  
SOAS University of London  
Technical University of Munich (TUM)  
The American University of Paris  
The Hague University of Applied Sciences  
The University of Edinburgh  
The University of Sheffield, Thessaloniki  
TIO University of Applied Sciences  
Toulouse Business School, Barcelona  
Università Bocconi  
Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore  
University College London (UCL)  
University Carlos III of Madrid  
University of Amsterdam  
University of New York in Prague  
University of Rome La Sapienza  
University of Sussex  
University of Warwick

## Georgia

Agricultural University of Georgia  
Business and Technology University (BTU)  
Caucasus University  
David Tvildiani Medical University  
Free University of Tbilisi  
Georgian Institute of Public Affairs  
International School of Economics at TSU – ISET  
Ivane Javakishvili Tbilisi State University  
Kutaisi International University  
San Diego University, Georgia  
Tbilisi State Academy of Arts  
Tbilisi State Medical University  
The University of Georgia

## Other

Carnegie Mellon University in Qatar  
Duke Kunshan University, China  
Ewha Womans University, Korea  
Georgetown University in Qatar  
New York University Abu Dhabi, UAE

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