

MOE/KHDA/DAA, University, and UAE Equivalency Credit Requirements

Subject	Required Credits DAA/KHDA Graduation	Recommended Credits University Application	UAE Equivalency Requirements: US Diploma ^{3, 4}
English	4	4	Required to complete five Ministry of Education approved courses in each academic year-Grades 10, 11, and 12. (One of the courses each year <i>must</i> include English) US Diploma Requirements - Class of 2023 & Beyond Requirements for KHDA Attestation & UAE Equivalency
Science	3	3-4 (Lab Science)	
Math	3	4	
Modern Foreign Language	2	2 (Same Language)	
Social Studies	2	3-4	
Physical Education	2	2	
Visual/Performing Art	0.5	1	0
Electives	5.5		0
Arabic ¹	4		4
Islamic Education ²	2		2

Footnotes

- Arabic:** Arabic is mandatory for Arab Nationals. Arabic credits can replace a combination of credits or units from the elective and Modern Foreign Language components.
- Islamic Education:** Islamic Education is mandatory Muslim students. Islamic Education credits can replace a combination of credits or units from the elective component.
- Equivalency:** Students shall successfully pass 5 of the Ministry of Education Approved courses within Grades 10-12 ; noting that English must be one of the credits and that the Arabic language and Islamic Education credits are not included. Please refer to [Requirements for KHDA Attestation & UAE Equivalency](#) for details.
- Equivalency and The IB Diploma:** The requirements for the IB Diploma Programme align with and fulfill UAE Equivalency requirements.

Definition: "Lab Science": Laboratory Science is scientific instruction or experimentation that provides opportunities for students to interact **directly** with the material world, or with data drawn from the material world, using the tools, data collection techniques, models and theories of science. Typically Biology, Chemistry and Physics are recognised as 'Lab Science'. Other Science-based courses may not be recognised as 'lab Science'.