DALAT INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL
HIGH SCHOOL EXPERIENCE
CURRICULAR PATHWAYS
Although graduation requirements may be completed by the end of grade 11, grade 12 students are expected to pursue a full load of classes for enrichment in grade 12 and may only request one study hall unless three or more AP classes are taken. In that case, grade 12 students are eligible to have a second study hall.

### GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

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<th>Subject Areas</th>
<th>High School Dalat Diploma</th>
<th>University/College Entrance Recommendations**</th>
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<td><strong>English</strong></td>
<td>4.0 credits</td>
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<td><strong>Math</strong></td>
<td>5.0 credits total</td>
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<td>(2 math, 3 science or 3 math, 2 science)</td>
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<td><strong>Science</strong></td>
<td>3 to 4 credits</td>
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<td><strong>Social Studies</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Bible</strong></td>
<td>0.5 credit each semester of enrollment at Dalat</td>
<td>Not applicable</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Fine &amp; Applied Arts</strong></td>
<td>1.0 credit</td>
<td>1 credit</td>
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<td><strong>Fitness I &amp; II</strong></td>
<td>1.0 credit</td>
<td>1 to 2 credits</td>
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<td><strong>Additional Credits</strong>*</td>
<td>6.5 credits</td>
<td>Language may require 2 to 4 credits (for those who do not speak a second language)</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td>24 credits</td>
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*Additional credits beyond the specified graduation credits.

** It is a student's responsibility to check universities/colleges regarding their specific entrances requirements.

Additional requirements for graduation include:
- All students must complete 10 hours of community service for each year of enrollment.
- University/College-bound students who do not speak a second language are strongly encouraged to take 2 years of a foreign language.

Courses may not be offered if there is insufficient demand.
It's a record of your academic life. It keeps track of how well you've done in school and what activities you've been involved in.

WHAT IS IT FOR?

WHO SEES IT?

- Teachers
- Principal & Director
- Parents

WHAT HAPPENS TO IT?

Copies of your Transcript of Credits go to universities or other schools you may transfer to.

WHAT IS IT?

Grades:
- Transcript of Credits
- Report Cards
- Progress Reports
- Transcripts from other schools

Test Scores:
- MAP scores (every year taken)
- PSAT scores (10th & 11th grade)
- SAT, ACT, AP scores (when applicable)

Information:
- Biographical information (application, parents’ names, health records, birth date, references)
- Notes from teachers
- Discipline reports
- Activities (sports, clubs, service, etc.)
Advanced Placement (AP) level courses offer students the opportunity to do university-level work in high school. The courses are available to approved, qualified, and motivated students in grades 10-12. Students who wish to earn university credit successfully pass the AP Examination administered in May. Registration for AP courses requires a commitment to academic achievement, an understanding and acceptance of the time and amount of work the course involves, teacher recommendation, and meeting the established course prerequisites as outlined below.

**TEACHER APPROVAL IS NECESSARY FOR ALL AP COURSES.**

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<th>Courses</th>
<th>Prerequisites</th>
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<tr>
<td>AP Biology</td>
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<tr>
<td>AP Calculus AB</td>
<td>A final grade of B or higher each semester of Pre-Calculus</td>
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<td>AP Calculus BC</td>
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<td>AP Chemistry</td>
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<td>AP Chinese Language &amp; Culture*</td>
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<td>AP Microeconomics</td>
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<td>AP Music Theory*</td>
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<td>AP Psychology</td>
<td>Pattern of As in Social Studies and English</td>
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<td>AP Physics I</td>
<td>Algebra II and Conceptual Physics</td>
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<td>AP Statistics*</td>
<td>Algebra II</td>
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<tr>
<td>AP Studio Art (Drawing, 2D, and 3D)</td>
<td>Master Studio</td>
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<td>AP World History*</td>
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*10th grade students: These 4 AP courses are approved; students may take 1 with teacher approval or 2 with teacher & Guidance Dept approval.

**WHAT TO KNOW ABOUT AP**

Advanced Placement Program (AP) courses are designed to give high school students the chance to study a subject at the level of an introductory university course. AP Exams are offered in May for all AP subjects (except Studio Art, which is graded on the basis of a portfolio). Depending on your exam score and on the AP policy at the university you attend, you may be eligible for university credit for that course and/or advanced placement into a higher-level college course.

**The difference between credit and placement**

Some colleges award credit for qualifying AP Exam grades (score of 3, 4, or 5). This means that you actually earn points toward your college degree. Others award advanced placement. This means that when you’re in college, you can skip introductory courses, enter higher-level classes, and/or fulfill general education requirements.

**The benefits of earning college credit or placement**

College credit or placement may allow you to move into upper-level courses sooner, pursue a double major or a combined bachelor’s/master’s degree program, gain time to study and travel abroad, and complete your undergraduate degree in fewer than four years.

**Why you need to take the AP Exam in order to earn college credit or placement**

Colleges and universities may give credit or placement only for qualifying AP Exam grades, not AP course grades. Without a corresponding AP Exam grade, they can’t verify that the AP courses you take are true college-level courses.

**What else you can get out of AP**

There’s more to AP than the possibility of earning college credit or placement. You might even consider these additional benefits to be more important. By taking an AP course, you can:
- Study subjects in greater depth and detail.
- Exercise your writing skills, reasoning ability, and problem-solving techniques.
- Develop the study habits necessary for tackling rigorous course work. Show colleges your willingness to challenge yourself.

Information obtained from Get It Together for College, published by CollegeBoard.
Dalat is excited to partner with Grand Canyon University (GCU), the largest Christian university in the world with more than 90,000 students enrolled in their traditional and online programs. Dual enrollment is a type of program that allows qualified high school students to enroll in college courses prior to graduation. College credits earned through dual enrollment are applied towards both high school and, potentially, college graduation. These credits can be transferred from one college or university to another in the United States. For school guidelines regarding this opportunity and a list of the courses available, click on the links Dual Enrollment Program Guidelines and Dual Enrollment Courses at GCU.

Through participation in Virtual High School (VHS) and SevenStar as well as other organizations, students acquire the skills needed to succeed in an increasingly technological world. Online learning helps students master course content, as well as develop communication, collaboration, and creative problem-solving skills, and enhances Dalat’s course offerings. While currently these courses are taken for high school credit, there is a further process that can allow college credit in some cases.

Advanced Placement (AP) level courses are designed to give high school students the chance to study a subject at the level of an introductory university course. The courses are available to qualified, motivated students in grades 10–12. Students who wish to earn college credit must register and successfully pass the AP examination administered in May. Depending on the exam score and the AP policy at the selected university, students may be eligible for university credit for that course and/or advanced placement into a higher-level university course. AP courses are internationally recognized for their quality, and as such may be accepted as college credit in universities outside the U.S. or at higher tier universities within the U.S.

Dalat is the only school in south-east Asia to be approved for CLEP Testing. Passing a CLEP test for a college-level course allows for a university to accept credits for the course regardless of whether a student has taken the course. Dalat recommends CLEP testing in several subject areas. Please see the high school university counselor for more details.
The high school language arts program develops high-level skills in vocabulary, grammar, punctuation, oral communication, textual analysis, critical thinking, argument, research, and written expression, all of which provide excellent preparation for college. Students read a wide range of literature that spans history, nations, and genres as well as engaging in self-selected reading. Advanced courses offer gifted students the opportunity to engage in specialized study through the Honors and Advanced Placement (AP) classes.

Junior class students who do not take AP English or pass the CLEP test are required to take English 12 World Literature and English 12 British Literature.

Junior class students who take AP English or pass the CLEP test, an optional test of college-readiness, are given additional course options for their senior year, including Journalism, Advanced Writing, and Capstone.
The mathematics program in the high school level prepares students for further studies at the university level by giving them access to college-level courses with the AP options. University-bound students should take a minimum of three math classes. Students bound for math/science-related fields should aim for completing AP Calculus.

Non-university bound students must take Algebra I and Geometry. Three credits are required in science if only two credits are taken in mathematics.

The first opportunity is in Middle School, qualifying to take Pre-Algebra in 7th grade, thereby advancing a year. An Algebra I grade earned in the Middle School becomes the student's high school grade if they do not retake Algebra I in High School. A Middle School student must have teacher approval to enroll in Geometry as a 9th grade student. Otherwise, the student must re-take Algebra I in grade 9.

There are two options for reaching AP Calculus by grade 12.

The next opportunity for advancing an extra year is after Algebra I, when Geometry and Algebra II can be taken concurrently. To qualify for this option, a student must be at least a 10th grader and obtain teacher approval.

Statistics and AP Statistics can be taken concurrently with any mathematics class beginning in grade 10 and after completion of the Algebra I course.
The science program in the high school level prepares students for further studies at the university level by giving them a well-rounded hands-on laboratory-based curriculum. University-bound students should take a minimum of three science classes. Non-university bound students who take only two science courses will be guided to take physics for the full year in ninth grade and then the first half of chemistry and the first half of biology in subsequent years. This will give them exposure to all the different sciences. Three credits are required in science if only two credits are taken in mathematics.

The order of the science classes is slightly unusual for a U.S. curriculum. It is taught with physics preceding chemistry and chemistry preceding biology as this is a more natural progression of the content and will allow for a more seamless flow between the disciplines. Courses are taught at an age-appropriate level, taking account of the student’s math abilities.
All ninth-grade students are required to take Modern World History.

U.S. passport holders in 10th grade are required to take U.S. History and Government. Canadian passport holders are encouraged to take an online Canadian history course. All other 10th grade students are required to enroll in any of the four grade 10 social studies classes.

Graduation Requirements

2.5 CREDITS

GR  Modern World History

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<td>AP World History: Modern</td>
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<td>Asian Studies</td>
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<td>US History &amp; Government</td>
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Satisfies the requirement for U.S. passport holders.

GR  AP Microeconomics

GR  AP Comparative Government & Politics

GR  AP Psychology

GR  Media Literacy

Psychology

0.5 Credit

0.5 Credit

0.5 Credit

0.5 Credit

Graduation Requirements

2.5 CREDITS
The high school Bible program seeks to give students a wide ranging and deep understanding of the Christian worldview. The courses are designed to be both academically rigorous and spiritually formative. During the first two years students are introduced to both the stories and major themes of the Bible. As Juniors they take a sustained look at the intellectual case that can be made for the Christian faith from the perspective of many different disciplines. In the final year students take a deep dive into spiritual disciplines and consider the interface between Christian belief and contemporary culture.

Bible classes and chapel meetings: The parent and student agree for the Bible classes and the chapel services in accordance with the attendance policy. Dalat is an international school that teaches from a biblical worldview.

Leadership Development is for seniors only, and interested students need to complete a short application process. There is limited space in this class, and only students who desire to grow as disciples of Christ and take part in leading campus ministries will be considered.
The fine and applied arts program recognizes that we are made in the image of a creative God and share in His creativity. It is the calling of the departmental teachers to lay a biblical foundation for students so they can begin their own pursuit of praising God with their creativity. Through participation in the fine and applied arts, students develop an appreciation for the arts, a sense of confidence and pride in themselves, and a profound means for worshipping God and sharing His wonder.
An entrance exam is required for original entry to a World Language beyond Level I.

Dalat does not require either proof of language proficiency nor two years of study for graduation. However, many universities either have this requirement in place or strongly encourage it. Families are encouraged to do research and planning about the expectations at their target schools as they make modern language study decisions.

Spanish III students are encouraged to take the CLEP test, as it can earn them university credits.

Because we are in Malaysia students with a Mandarin Chinese language background can qualify to take the AP Exam without the class based on the result of a Mandarin placement test offered in September (January for 2nd semester transfer students).
ADDITIONAL Online Courses

MUST HAVE 24 CREDITS TO GRADUATE

**FITNESS/HEALTH**

- **Fitness I**
  - 0.5 Credit
- **Fitness II**
  - 0.5 Credit
- **Fitness Advanced**
  - 0.5 Credit
- **Home Economics**
  - 0.5 Credit
- **Entrepreneurship**
  - 0.5 Credit
- **Journalism I**
- **Journalism II**
- **Physical Education**
  - 0.5 Credit
- **Computer Science**
  - 0.5 Credit
- **Exploring Technology Applications (Online)**
  - 0.5 Credit
- **Robotics I**
  - 0.5 Credit
- **Fitness II**
  - 0.5 Credit
- **Fitness Advanced**
  - 0.5 Credit

Physical Education, as an additional credit, is team-sport oriented. However, no P.E. credits are awarded for participation in varsity sports.

One credit of Fitness is a graduation requirement.

Fitness Advanced is an independent study class meeting outside of normal class hours. It enables students to develop and maintain a fitness for life habit to carry into the future.
When applying to colleges and universities, it is important to know what they expect of a student's high school education. The following represents recommendations beyond graduation requirements that will best prepare you for your specific area of interest. Requirements will vary based on country and/or university.

**ARCHITECTURE**
- Math: Algebra I, Algebra II, Pre-Calculus, and Calculus recommended
- Science: 3 years of Lab Science preferred, especially Physics
- Other: Both AP Art 2D and 3D recommended, Technology Applications

**BUSINESS**
- Math: Algebra I, Algebra II, Pre-Calculus recommended; 4 years of Math preferred
- Science: 3 years of Lab Science recommended
- Other: At least 2 years of Foreign Language recommended, Introduction to Business, Economics, Technology Applications, Computer Science, AP Psychology, Speech and Forensics

**CHRISTIAN MINISTRY**
- General: All college prep courses
- Bible: All required courses
- Other: Psychology, History, Spiritual Ministry Opportunities, Mentoring, Impact Trips

**COMPUTER SCIENCE**
- Math: 3 years of university-preparatory Math recommended (depending upon specific area)
- Science: 3 years of Lab Science recommended
- Other: Computer Science, Robotics, AP Computer Science (online)

**EDUCATION**
- Math: 3 years of university-preparatory Math recommended (depending upon specific area)
- Science: 3 years of Lab Science recommended
- Other: Technology Applications, AP Psychology

**ENGINEERING**
- Math: Algebra I, Algebra II, Pre-Calculus, Calculus recommended
- Science: 3 years of Lab Science recommended
- Other: Industrial Arts, Computer Science, Robotics

**ENGLISH (JOURNALISM, EDUCATION, EDITING)**
- Math: 3 years of university-preparatory Math recommended (depending upon specific area)
- Science: 3 years of Lab Science recommended
- English: Honors English grades 9 & 10, Journalism 1 and 2 as electives, at least 1 AP English course grade 11, and grade 12 Capstone and Advanced Composition.

Note: This indicates two English classes in grades 11 and 12 because of Journalism.
HEALTH SERVICES
Math: Algebra I, Algebra II, Pre-Calculus recommended; 4 years of Math preferred
Science: Biology, Chemistry, Physics recommended; 4 years of Lab Science preferred
Other: Exploring Technology Applications

MUSIC
Math: 3 years of university-preparatory Math recommended
Science: 3 years lab science preferred, especially Physics
Other: 4 years of primary performing ensemble, 1-2 years of secondary performing ensemble recommended, Music Theory, AP Music Theory recommended, private instruction recommended, 1-2 years foreign language recommended

PHYSICAL EDUCATION & RECREATION
Math: Algebra I, Algebra II, Pre-Calculus recommended; 4 years of Math preferred
Science: Biology, Chemistry, Physics recommended; 4 years of Lab Science preferred

PRE-LAW
Math: Algebra I, Algebra II, Pre-Calculus recommended
Science: 2-3 years of Lab Science preferred
Other: at least 2 years of Foreign Language, AP English,

AP American History and Government (as prep for college-level USA Constitutional Law) recommended, Introduction to Business, Technology Applications, Economics, AP Psychology, Speech and Forensics

PRE-MEDICINE
Math: Algebra I, Algebra II, Pre-Calculus recommended; 4 years of Math preferred
Science: Biology, Chemistry, Physics recommended; 4 years of Lab Science preferred
Other: at least 2 years of Foreign Language recommended, Exploring Technology Applications, AP Psychology

SCIENCES
Math: Algebra I, Algebra II, Pre-Calculus recommended; 4 years of Math preferred
Science: 4 years of Lab Science preferred
Other: Computer Science

SOCIAL WORK
Math: 3 years of university-preparatory Math recommended
Science: 3 years of Lab Science recommended
Other: Technology Applications, AP Psychology

For specific university admission recommendations, check the website of the university you are interested in and look under "Undergraduate Admissions".