Overview

The Aga Khan Academy Mombasa is a non-denominational, co-educational, day and boarding school for students in grades 1–12, with residential life beginning from grade 6. It is part of the Aga Khan Academies network of schools being established in 14 countries in Africa, Asia and the Middle East. The Academies are an agency of the Aga Khan Development Network.

The aim of the Aga Khan Academies is to influence progress in the developing world by educating students to become home-grown leaders who can effect positive change in their societies. The Aga Khan Academy Mombasa works towards this vision by providing world-class education for exceptional students irrespective of their cultural or socio-economic background.

Curriculum

The Aga Khan Academy Mombasa is a triple programme IB World School, offering the Primary Years, Middle Years and Diploma Programmes. The Academy’s programme additionally emphasises five cross-curricular areas of study: Ethics, Pluralism, Cultures, Governance & Civil Society, and Economics for Development. These themes provide a framework for developing students as global citizens and ethical, pluralistic leaders.

Graduation requirements:

- 6 subjects: 3 at the Higher Level (HL) and 3 at the Standard Level (SL)
- Theory of Knowledge course
- 4,000-word Extended Essay on a student-chosen topic
- Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS): Extensive participation in community-based service projects

Unique service internships

The Academy’s summer internship programme is a unique, service-based learning initiative that supplements the CAS (Creativity, Action & Service) portfolio of the IB Diploma Programme. Students spend an intensive month working with either non-profit or private sector organisations focusing on issues ranging from education, rural development, women’s empowerment, child health, disaster awareness, youth training, sustainability and nutrition among many other areas.

Courses offered

- Biology HL/SL
- Chemistry HL/SL
- Economics HL/SL
- English Language & Literature HL/SL
- Environmental Systems and Societies SL
- French B HL/SL
- Geography HL/SL
- Global Politics HL/SL
- History HL/SL
- Information Technology in a Global Society HL
- Mathematics: Analysis and Approaches HL/SL
- Mathematics: Applications and Interpretations HL/SL
- Physics HL/SL
- Russian B SL
- Swahili A HL/SL
- Swahili Ab initio SL
- Swahili B HL/SL
- Theatre Arts HL/SL
- Visual Arts HL/SL

Past performance on IB Diploma exams

The Aga Khan Academy Mombasa does not rank its students. However, achievement is awarded with an honour roll. Additionally, the Award of Excellence is awarded to a graduating male and female student. It is awarded to students who exhibit exemplary holistic development over the course of the Diploma Programme and personify the Academy’s Learner Profile.

Thirteen classes have graduated and have outperformed the IB world average on the Diploma exams. The chart to the left shows the comparative results: world average versus the Academy’s average for four years.
Grade distribution chart: Projected grades for Class of 2020

University destination by country 2016-2019

IB Diploma Programme students by nationality