



Prospectus 2024-25



*At CATS Academy Boston, we empower students to explore their passions, build lasting connections, and confidently embrace challenges. We inspire excellence in both academics and character. We offer an American School experience for culturally diverse students in one of the best student cities in the US, driving success in academics, arts and athletics.*



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# Welcome to CATS Academy Boston

On behalf of the entire staff at CATS Academy, I am happy to welcome you to CATS Academy Boston.

We believe that a school is more than a building held together by brick and mortar. At CATS Academy we believe our school is a foundation for the future of our students and that an independent school education is a partnership between families, students, and the staff.

We are committed to helping students create their own learning experiences. Our staff are fully immersed in developing and delivering our beliefs outside of the school day as we have a strong sense of community embedded into our culture and climate. Each day our students are growing, developing, and maturing into positive, contributing global citizens of today's society.

We are excited about the opportunity to building a relationship with each and every one of you.

*Kathleen P. Sheridan*

Kathleen Sheridan  
Principal

# Student Experience

CATS Boston is a true home away from home for all students. With our vibrant multicultural community, we offer students locally and from around the world a nurturing environment where they can thrive academically and personally. CATS Boston is not just a school; it's a place where students find a second family, making their educational journey an enriching and unforgettable experience.

With 25% of our cohort consisting of American students, international students will study and live closely with their American counterparts. Our multicultural environment fosters cultural exchange, allowing international students to gain a deeper understanding of American customs, traditions, and values, while also sharing their own perspectives and backgrounds. This enriching blend of cultures not only enhances the overall educational experience but also promotes global awareness, preparing our students for success in an increasingly interconnected world.

## STATE-OF-THE-ART FACILITIES

Across our campus we have outstanding facilities for you to socialise with friends, study for your classes, or to experience our range of extracurricular activities.

## BECOME PART OF THE CATS COMMUNITY

At the heart of the school community is Student Government. It helps create recreational and academic events for the students acting as the voice of their peers. Being involved teaches you how to work with others, how to develop leadership skills, how to take initiative, and it helps build your university or college application.



### BOSTON: A CITY OF INNOVATION

Boston is home to some of the world's most renowned educational institutions, few other destinations can boast such a rich history of innovation and achievement. The city is a thriving metropolitan hub and is home to many pioneering organisations at the forefront of science, engineering and technology sectors. Boston is the ideal destination for dedicated students who want to push themselves to the greatest heights of success.



#### Multicultural environment

Students will learn in a dynamic environment for shared learning and living experiences.



#### Competitive sports

Compete against other schools in baseball, golf and cross country.



#### Trips and excursions

Experience American life by attending sports games and visiting places of interest



#### On-site health centre

Managed by trained healthcare professionals

# Boston

## The Academic Heart of the U.S

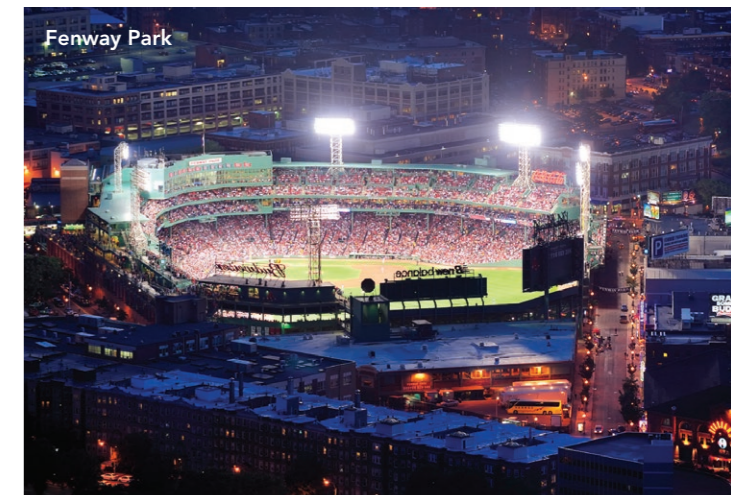
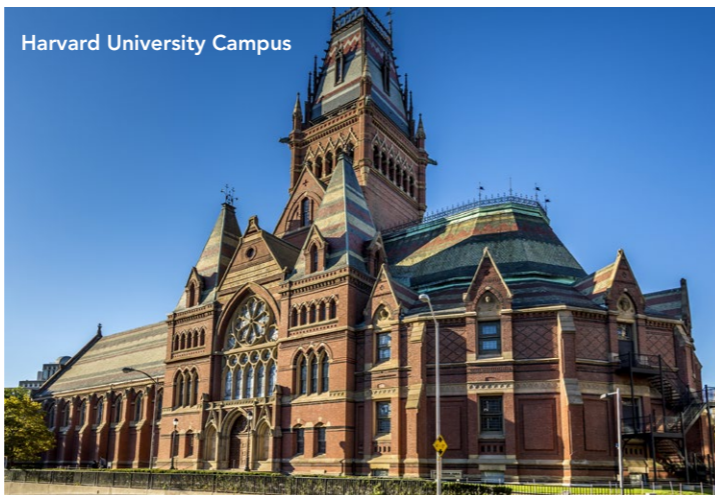
### THE ACADEMIC HEART OF THE U.S.

Boston is the perfect setting for you to gain the experience and knowledge to succeed in your studies. A bustling student city, home to the highest-ranked global universities and colleges such as Harvard, MIT, and Boston University, Boston has been welcoming international students and visitors for many years.

You can take part in a wide range of academic, athletic, and social experiences across the city and at many of the top universities and colleges. On the weekends, CATS Academy runs free student shuttle buses from the campus to the local train station in Braintree.

Additionally, there are a number of exciting events organized by the school, in and around Boston area.

Boston was ranked number one university city in the world by Times Higher Education



#### World-ranked colleges

100 universities in the Boston area including Harvard and MIT



#### Student city

250,000 students from around the world study in Boston



#### A city of innovation

No.1 city for start-up businesses by U.S. Chamber of Commerce



#### American sports

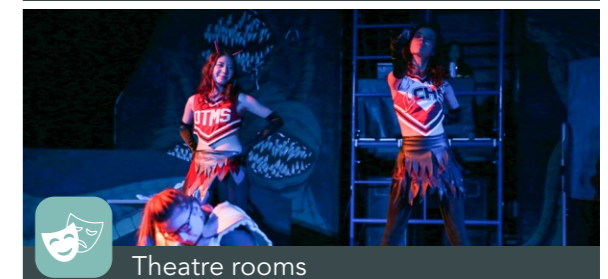
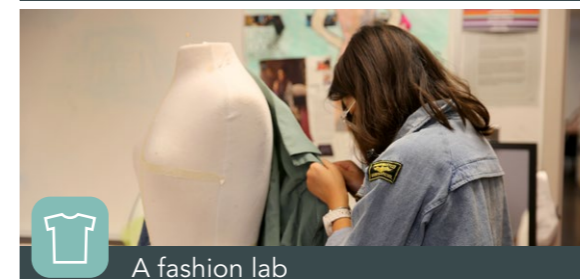
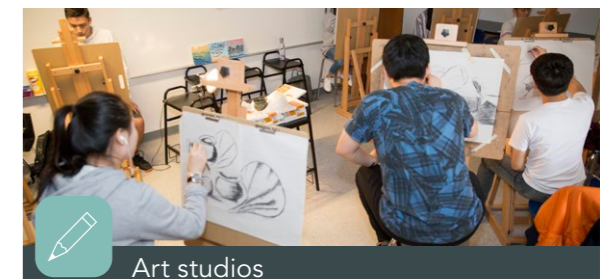
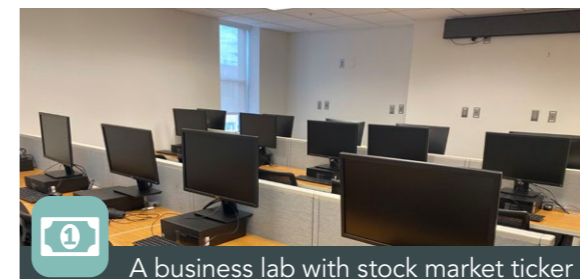
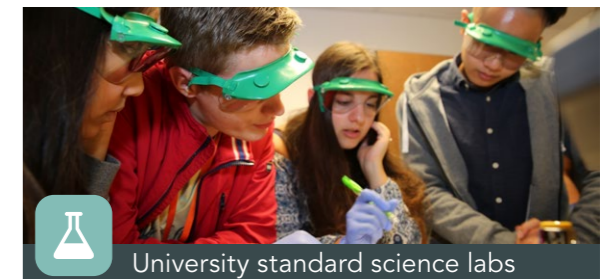
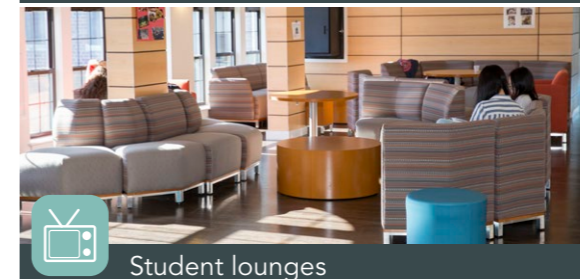
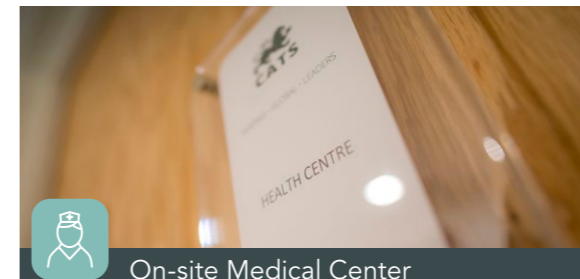
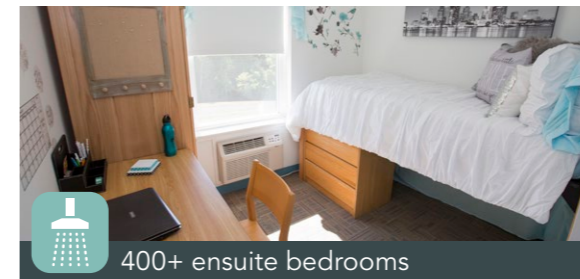
Four major league sports teams; baseball, hockey, basketball and soccer

# CATS Academy Boston

## Purpose-Built Campus

### Campus map

- |                          |                           |  |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|--|
| 1 Outdoor soccer pitches | 5 Academic block          | 9 Single room accommodation<br>Emerson House<br>Kennedy House<br>Wheatley House<br>Gardner House |
| 2 Dining room            | 6 Yoga/dance salon        | 10 Shared room accommodation<br>Attucks House  |
| 3 Medical services       | 7 Weight room             |  |
| 4 Student lounge         | 8 Multi-purpose gymnasium |  |



# Residential Life

## An authentic dorm experience

Living at CATS Academy is like life on a college campus. We offer a mix of single and shared rooms with en-suite bathrooms in purpose-built accommodation – because we know if you are comfortable and relaxed in your surroundings you will flourish academically, socially and emotionally. We treat our students as young people, not children. Houseparents are available 24 hours a day to provide the support and nurturing you need to thrive.

### Key features:



Close-knit community atmosphere



Modern well-equipped dorms



Weekly dorm activities and social events



**400+ en-suite rooms**  
Single and shared en-suite rooms on campus or live with a local family



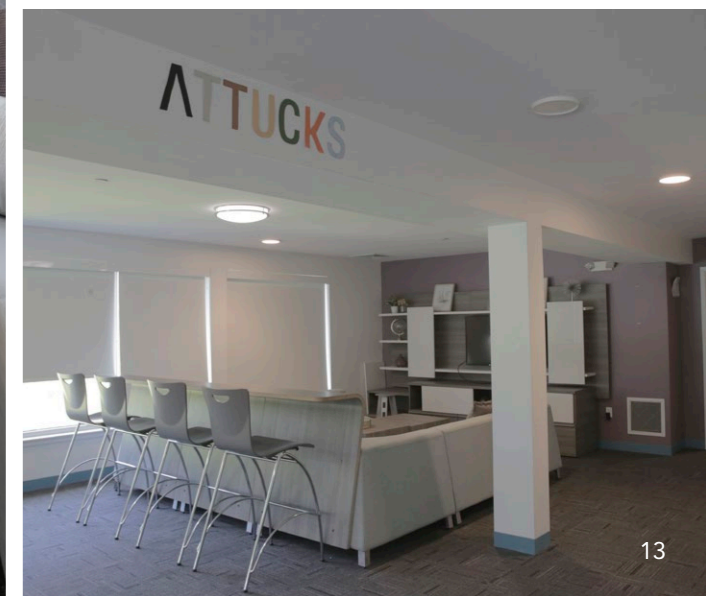
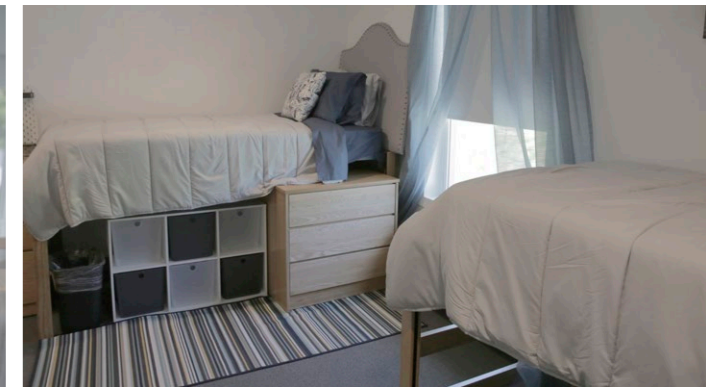
Attucks House  
Twin Rooms

- Wheelchair accessible
- Shared kitchenette and dining area on every floor
- Free high-speed WiFi throughout the campus
- Secure access cards
- Laundry rooms
- Workout rooms
- Game tables



*“Dorm life is exceptionally nice, you get a sense of family here that I didn’t get anywhere else”*

Mia from Vietnam

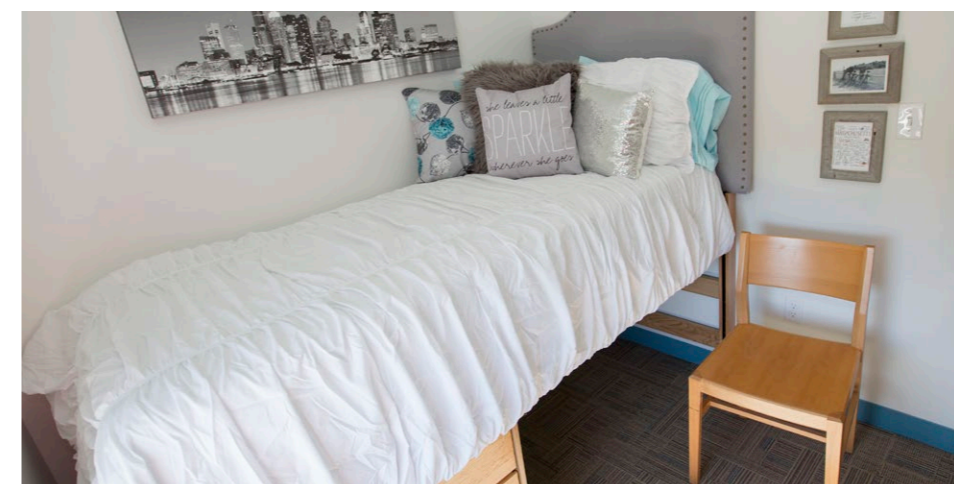
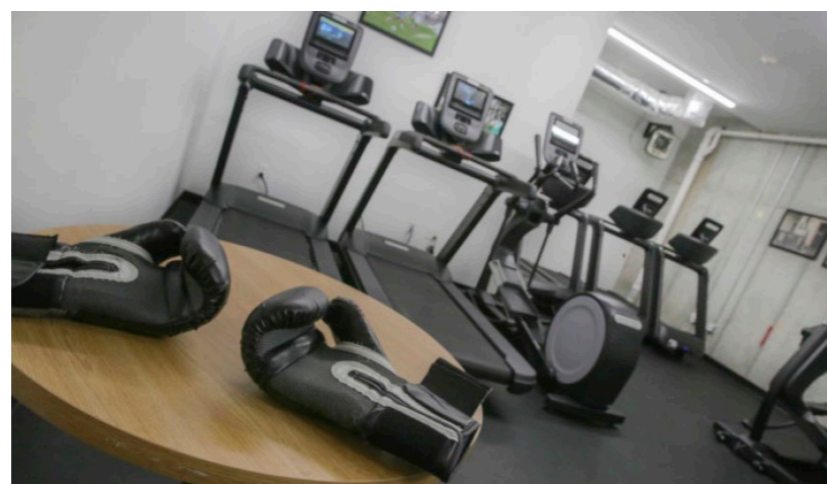




Kennedy And Emmerson  
Single Rooms



Wheatley and Gardener  
Single Rooms



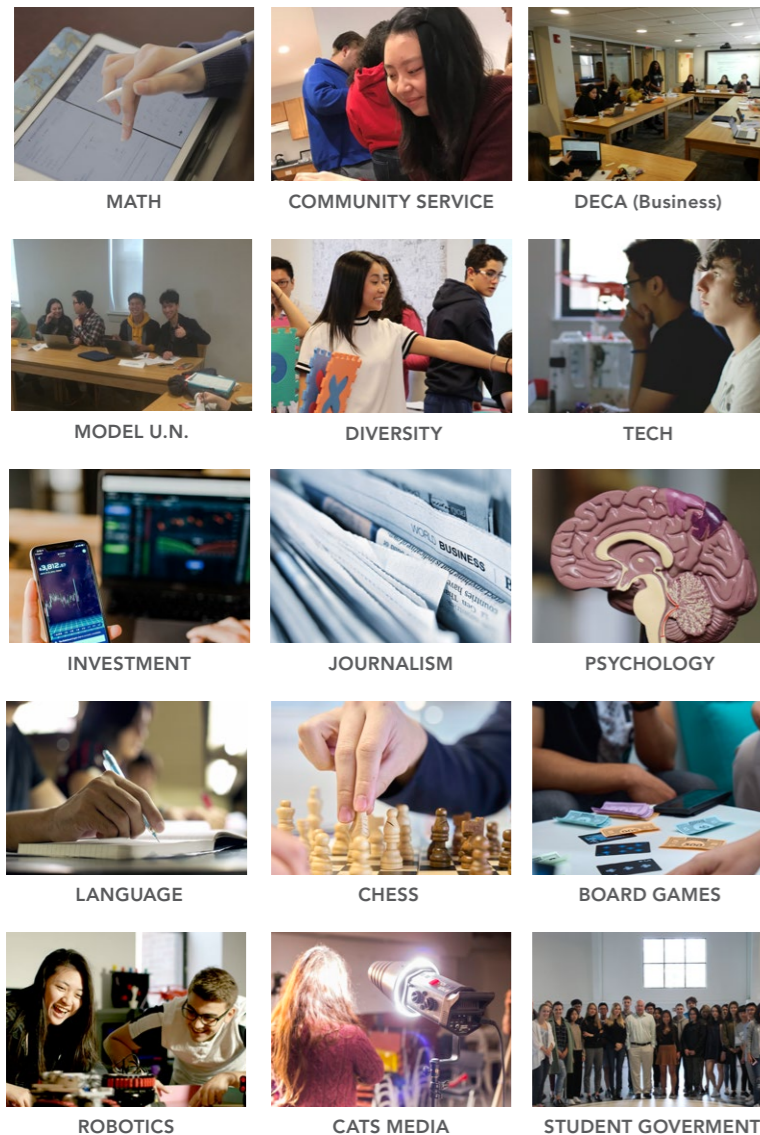


# Extracurricular Clubs & Activities

## Enhance your University Application

You can join a wide range of clubs during the day and activities after the school day. We offer you extra opportunities to help you stay healthy, develop academically, stretch your creative muscle and enhance your university or college application.

### ACADEMIC



MATH COMMUNITY SERVICE DECA (Business)  
 MODEL U.N. DIVERSITY TECH  
 INVESTMENT JOURNALISM PSYCHOLOGY  
 LANGUAGE CHESS BOARD GAMES  
 ROBOTICS CATS MEDIA STUDENT GOVERNMENT

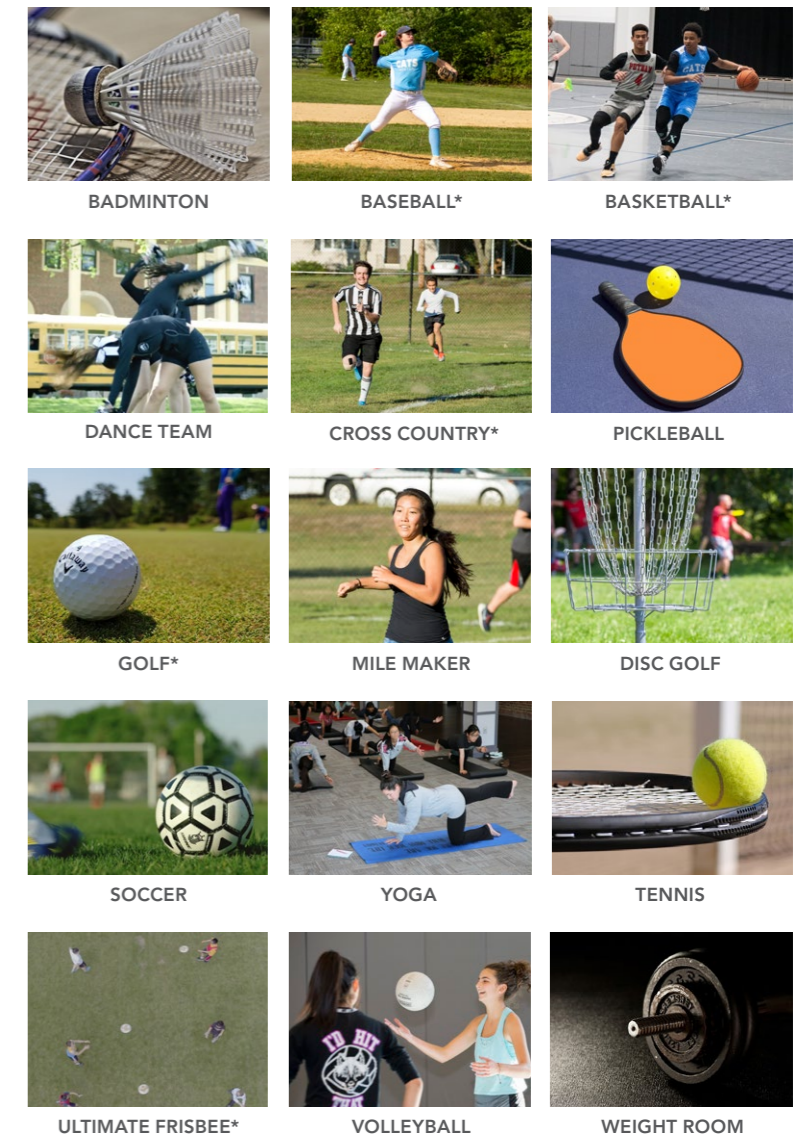
Top universities in the U.S. look for well-rounded individuals with a passion for their subject and varied social interests. CATS Boston has an extensive extracurricular and excursion program throughout the year. These activities give you the opportunity to keep up your passions from home, try new things, and never be bored.

### CREATIVE



BAND FASHION YEARBOOK NEWSPAPER STUDIO ART  
 Extracurricular clubs run subject to student demand

### SPORTS



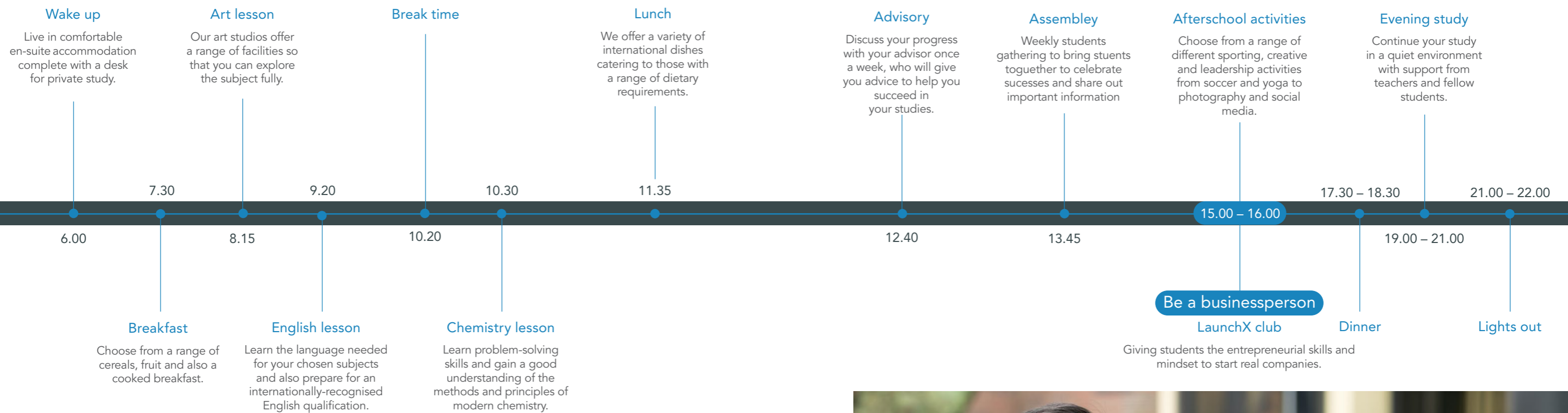
BADMINTON BASEBALL\* BASKETBALL\*  
 DANCE TEAM CROSS COUNTRY\* PICKLEBALL  
 GOLF\* MILE MAKER DISC GOLF  
 SOCCER YOGA TENNIS  
 ULTIMATE FRISBEE\* VOLLEYBALL WEIGHT ROOM



\*Competitive sport

# A Day in the Life

A typical day in the life of a CATS student is full of variety from start to finish – all with the goal of preparing you for life at university.



*“LaunchX focuses on teaching you how to build your own company and encourages entrepreneurship in young people”*

**Minh from Vietnam**  
Former leader of the LaunchX club

Progressed to Carleton College  
(#5 National Liberal Arts College)

This timeline illustrates a variety of activities. Your timetable will vary depending on your program and subject choices. Not all activities will take place in a single day.

# Academics



# Outstanding Student Achievements

At CATS Academy, our primary focus is getting you into the best U.S. university for you. Unlike many other countries where admission is based on standardized test scores, U.S. universities and colleges take into account everything about a student, not just academics.

Our program builds your talent, focusing equally on helping you develop a wide range of skills, as well as top grades.



### Acceptances

46% of student acceptances from the top 100 universities and colleges



### Scholarships

\$16.8 million university scholarships secured since 2014



### Top university offers

On average each CATS student receives six university acceptances



### Art school progression

Our students study at some of the best art schools in the U.S.



*“I’m really thankful to my college counselor for being there every step of the way”*

### Livia, Albania

Livia studied at CATS Academy for 4 years and has now progressed to Northeastern University (#44 National University)



Since 2014, we have helped our students receive acceptances to top universities and colleges across the U.S. and many with impressive scholarships. Destinations include:

Top 100 National Universities	Rank	Top 50 Liberal Arts	Rank	Top Arts Colleges
Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)	2	Carleton College	6	American Academy of Dramatic Arts
Brown University	13	Claremont McKenna College	9	Berklee School of Music
Washington U.-St. Louis	15	Middlebury College	11	California College of the Arts
Rice University	15	Smith College	13	Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising
Cornell University	17	University of Richmond	18	Fashion Institute of Technology
University of California: Los Angeles (UCLA)	20	Colby College	24	Istituto Marangoni, Florence
University of California: Berkeley	20	Bates College	25	Maryland Institute College of Art
Georgetown University	22	Kenyon College	31	Massachusetts College of Art & Design
University of Michigan	25	College of the Holy Cross	33	Otis College of Art and Design
University of Southern California (USC)	25	Mount Holyoke College	36	Parsons School of Design
New York University	25	Bucknell University	37	Pratt Institute
University of North Carolina: Chapel Hill (UNC)	29	Denison University	39	San Francisco Art Institute
University of Florida	29	Oberlin College	39	Savannah College of Art & Design
Tufts University	32	Skidmore College	39	School of the Art Institute of Chicago
University of California: Santa Barbara	32	DePauw University	45	School of Visual Arts, New York
University of California: Irvine	34	Union College	48	The School of Fashion Design
University of California: San Diego	34			
Boston College	36			
University of Rochester	36			
University of Wisconsin	38			
University of California: Davis	38			
Boston University	41			
Northeastern University	44			
Tulane University	44			

Notes: Rankings from the 'US NEWS & WORLD 2023 Report' top 100 national and liberal arts universities and colleges.



*“I wanted to attend an Ivy league school and CATS Academy Boston has made it possible. I have been constantly supported by my college counselors”*

### Karolina, Ukraine

Karolina progressed to Brown University, an Ivy league university



### University support

Your college counselor will support you from day one in applying to university



### University visits

150+ university visits to the campus each year



### Open door policy

Meet with your counselor at any time and plan your route to university



### Application guidance

Frequent reviews to check your application progress

# University Preparation

You will receive expert guidance from our college counselors to help you apply to the best colleges and universities. You will be offered college counseling from Grade 9, giving you a head start to prepare your application for the colleges of your choice.

It is our privilege to work with international and domestic students representing 30 countries. Our completely comprehensive college advising program offers an open-door policy that allows all students to have access to us when they need us.

### Our focus is in three areas:

1. Advising our students how to prepare for applying to the best college/university for them
1. Providing excellent testing guidance, offering the SAT on campus twice a year
1. Working closely with students to prepare a list of colleges and supporting them with their final decision

Your college counseling support includes:	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12	Post Grad
An introduction to the college admissions process	•	•			
Advice on what you can do to prepare	•	•			
Help with building a college essay that will showcase your strengths			•	•	•
Provide you with assistance registering for required standardized tests			•	•	•
Assistance with obtaining transcripts from previous schools, if needed			•	•	•
Advice on financial aid options		•	•	•	•
Arranging meetings for you with representatives from colleges and universities			•	•	•
Providing trips to local colleges and universities			•	•	•
Guidance on how to ask for school and teacher recommendations			•	•	•
Support with 'Common App' submissions				•	•
Finalizing your college lists				•	•
Collecting and sending all appropriate documentation, including transcripts, letters of recommendation, profiles needed for application to your chosen colleges				•	•

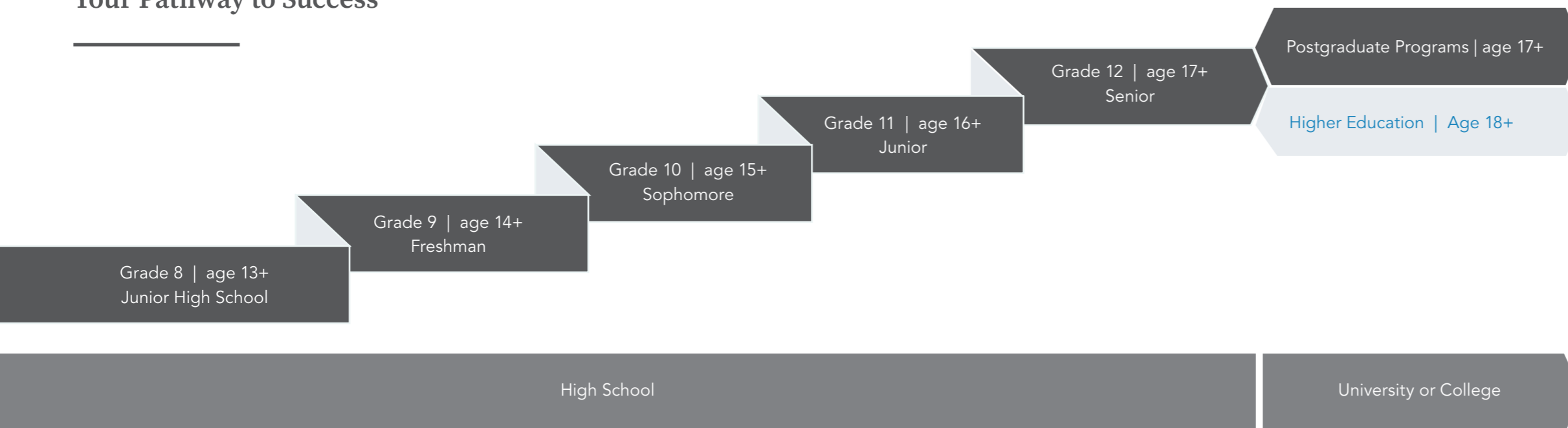


*“I didn’t know where I wanted to go to college. However, The college counselors guided me through the entire process from the beginning until the moment I submitted my college applications.”*

**Egbaren, Nigeria**  
Progressed to New York Institute of Technology

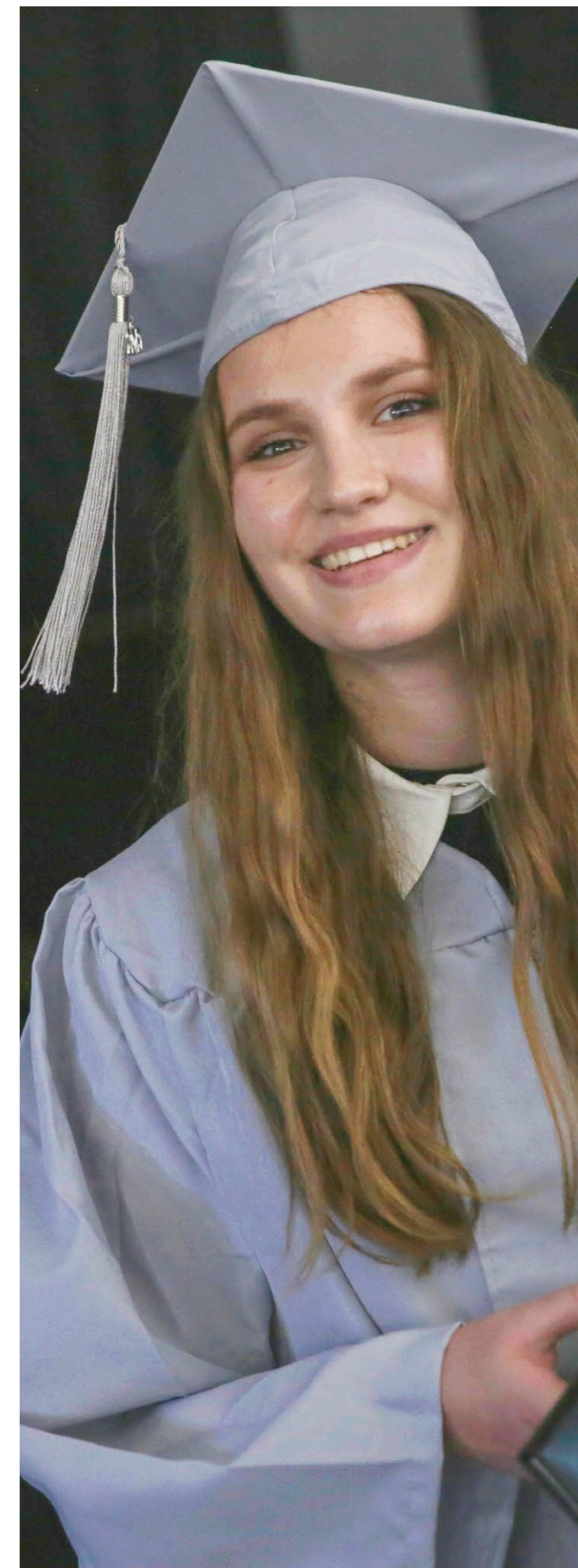
# The U.S. Education System

## Your Pathway to Success



### Your High School Diploma at CATS Academy

Our High School Diploma program has been designed to suit your individual study needs and put you on the pathway to university or college success.



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### THE QUALIFICATION

A high school diploma is a North American academic school qualification awarded upon high school graduation. Your high school diploma is typically earned over the course of four years, from Grade 9 to Grade 12.

### CORE AREAS OF STUDY

To graduate from CATS Academy and receive your high school diploma, you will need to have studied the following, or the equivalent:

- 4 years of English Literature
- 1 year of the Arts
- 3 years of World Languages (for native speakers of English)
- 4 years of Mathematics
- 3 years of Science
- 3 years of Social Sciences/History (including one year of US History)
- up to 4 years of ESL (English as a Second Language) for non-native speakers

### Key Facts

Age	13+
Average class size	14
Hours per week	22
Start dates	Sept or Jan

### CHOOSE YOUR COURSES BASED ON YOUR ABILITY

#### College Prep

These are standard level courses suitable for most students and are needed to obtain your high school diploma. You can expect to get 20–30 minutes of homework each night per elective.

#### Honors

These are aimed at higher ability students. You will study in greater depth and at a faster pace. You can expect to get 30–40 minutes of homework each night per elective. You must qualify to study these courses.

#### Advanced Placement (AP)

Aimed at exceptional students, Advanced Placement courses are college-level courses that prepare students to take College Board exams which can help establish advanced placement in college courses or credit toward a college degree. On these courses, you can expect to get 60 minutes of homework each night per elective. You must qualify to study these courses.

# Course Offerings

● AP COURSES ● HONORS ● COLLEGE PREPARATORY ● EXTRA ● ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE



## VISUAL ARTS

- Visual Arts
- Introduction to Drawing
- Illustration
- Creating Comics
- Introduction to Painting
- Printmaking
- Sculpture
- Graphic Design
- Digital Photography
- Video Production and Editing
- Introduction to Fashion Design



## PERFORMING ARTS

- Guitar
- Piano
- Music Technology and Production
- Music Theory and Composition
- Acting for Film
- Acting for Theater
- Musical Theater
- Dance



## SCIENCE

- AP Biology
- AP Chemistry
- AP Physics: Electricity and Magnetism
- Biology Honors
- Chemistry Honors
- Physics Honors
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Anatomy
- Physiology



## MATH

- AP Calculus
- AP Statistics
- Calculus Honors
- Statistics Honors
- Introduction to Abstract Mathematical Thought Honors
- Multivariable Calculus Honors
- Geometry Honors
- Algebra Honors
- Pre-Calculus Honors
- Geometry
- Algebra
- Pre-Calculus
- Integrated Mathematics
- Discrete Mathematics
- History of Mathematics
- Introduction to Statistics
- Game Theory
- Applications of Game Theory: Traditional Game Design



## ENGLISH LITERATURE

- AP Language and Composition
- AP Literature & Composition
- Literature 1: Society and the Individual
- Literature 2: Journeys
- Literature 3: Independence
- Literature 4: Critical Lenses
- English Skills
- Literature 1: Society and the Individual
- Literature 2: Journeys
- Literature 3: Independence
- Literature 4: Critical Lenses
- Creative Writing
- Social Justice Literature



## SOCIAL SCIENCE

- AP Economics
- AP United States History
- AP Human Geography
- AP World History
- World History Honors
- World History: Global Conflicts Honors
- United States History Survey Honors
- Legal Concepts Honors
- World History
- United States History
- Contemporary Issues
- World History: Global Conflicts
- Introduction to Philosophy
- Macroeconomics
- Microeconomics



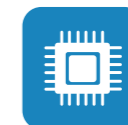
## ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL)

- English Conversation
- English Grammar
- Academic English
- Academic Writing and Research



## WORLD LANGUAGES

- AP French Language and Culture
- AP Spanish Literature and Culture
- AP Spanish Language and Culture
- French Level 1-4
- Spanish Level 1-4
- French Culture
- Spanish Culture



## TECHNOLOGY

- AP Computer Science
- 2D/3D Design and Fabrication
- Introduction to Programming
- The Fundamentals of Electronics
- Robotics

# STEAM Enrichment Program

Explore your passion for Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math

The STEAM Enrichment Program is a selection of electives, combined with event participation and a project presentation, leading to an award that will improve your college application and demonstrate your achievements.

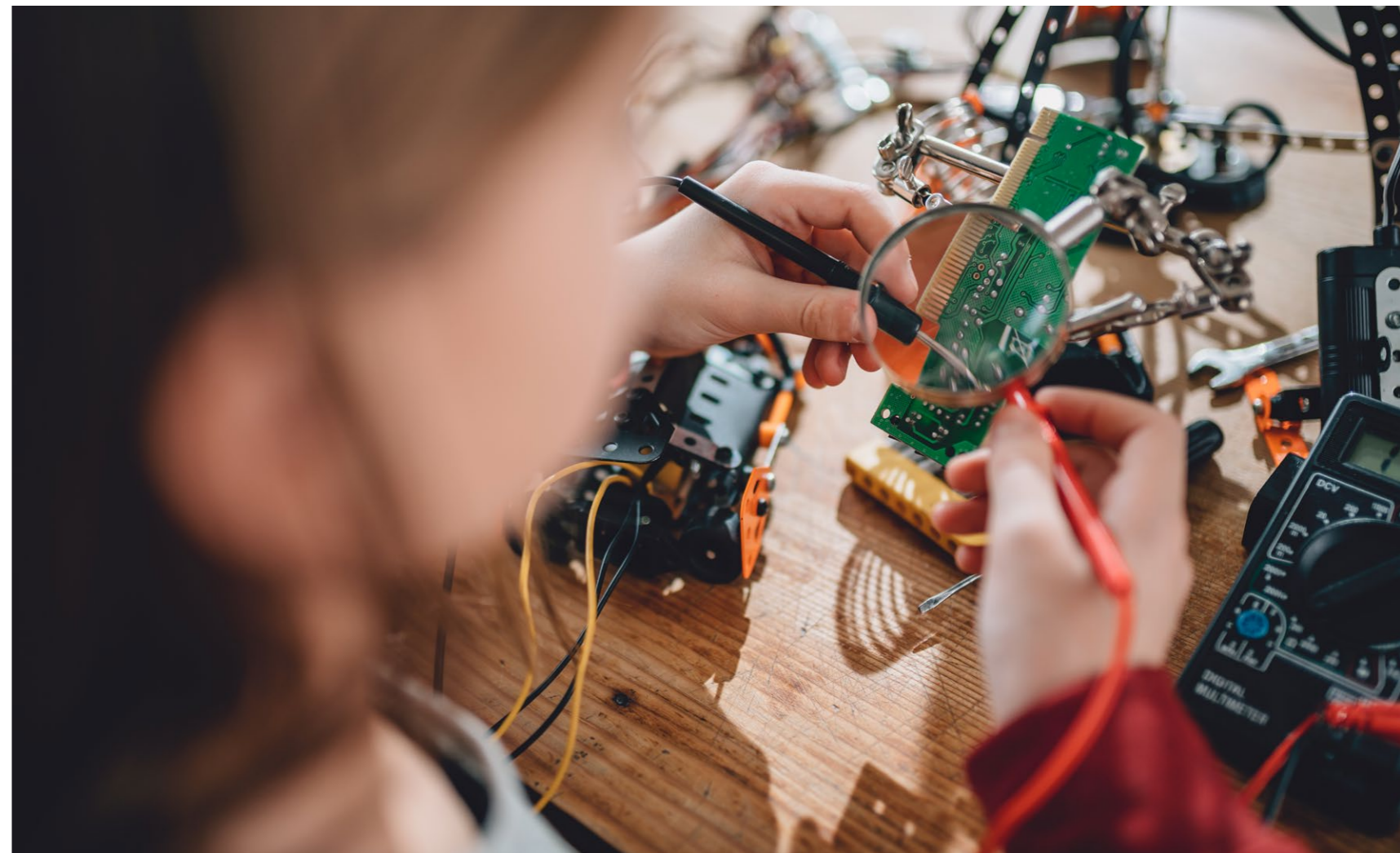
By following our three-step program, you will develop and excel in your area of interest under the guidance of a team of STEAM tutors. You will also receive expert support from our college counselors to help you apply to leading colleges/universities.

## Quick facts

Age	14+
Course length	2 years minimum
Start dates	September and January



Scan the QR Code to download full details



Choose your Electives

**To complete this program, you must complete 5 steam elective courses**

For a full list of electives, visit page 28



Create and present a project

**Use skills developed in your electives to complete a capstone project**

Students will create and present a project approved by the Director of CATS Innovation and a project advisor.

Potential student projects could include:

- An interactive art piece, blending technology and visual art
- A gesture-controlled robot, with innovative design and coding
- A new board game, using 3D printed figures and custom-designed gameplay
- A model smart house, controlled from your phone by the Internet-of-Things



Participate in an event

**Participate annually in local and school events**

Students must attend and reflect upon at least three public events with significant STEAM content. Previous events students have participated in include:

- Science and technology festivals
- Museum exhibits
- Lectures from professionals in the STEAM fields
- Films and performances
- Local fairs and competitions



Receive your award

**Receive your award**

On successful completion of the program, you will be awarded a certificate to demonstrate your achievements throughout the STEAM Enrichment Program.

Your STEAM enrichment certificate will not only be an addition to your record of achievement, but it will also benefit your overall college application to top colleges in the U.S.



# Scholars Program

## Be a CATS Scholar

### DO YOU WANT TO BE A SCHOLAR?

By invitation only, the Scholars Program provides extra educational opportunities for high achieving students to prepare for college life. Previous trips include seeing a professor from Stanford speak at MIT on the future of clean energy, and the head of the Government department at Harvard speak on Russian-American relations.

As a CATS scholar, you will regularly visit universities and colleges to gain an understanding of life after high school. You also make regular cultural trips such as trips to museums, places of historical interest, orchestra recitals, sports games and more. Scholars are selected based on academic excellence and a passion for learning, students may apply after one semester at CATS Academy Boston.



University lectures



Museum visits



Theatre trips



Concerts



Visiting the Harvard-Radcliffe Orchestra at Harvard

## CATS scholar achievements



**Livia from Albania**  
Progressed to Northeastern University  
(#44 National University)



**David from Mexico**  
Progressed to University of Washington  
(#59 National University)



**Julia from Brazil**  
Received acceptances from  
5 top 100 National Universities



**Dmytro from Ukraine**  
Progressed to University of British Columbia  
(#37 Times Higher Education World University  
Rankings 2019)



**Minh from Vietnam**  
Progressed to Carleton College  
(#5 National Liberal Arts College)



**Artem from Russia**  
Progressed to Boston University  
(#42 National University)



## Potential university visits

- **Harvard University**  
(Ivy League, #2 National Universities)
- **Dartmouth College**  
(Ivy League, #12 National Universities)
- **Brown University**  
(Ivy League, #14 National Universities)
- **New York University**  
(#30 National Universities)
- **Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute**  
(#49 National Universities)
- **University of Massachusetts Amherst**  
(#70 National Universities)
- **Amherst College**  
(#2 National Liberal Arts Colleges)
- **Wellesley College**  
(#3 National Liberal Arts Colleges)
- **Bowdoin College**  
(#5 National Liberal Arts Colleges)
- **Smith College**  
(#11 National Liberal Arts Colleges)
- **Mount Holyoke College**  
(#30 National Liberal Arts Colleges)











# College Counseling Preparation



Transferring into grade 12 in the U.S. can be challenging, even for the most dedicated students.

At CATS Academy we have successfully helped hundreds of grade 12 transfer students graduate to the college/university of their dreams. In order to do this, it is necessary for these students to join our dedicated College Counseling Preparation Program two weeks before regular classes commence to get a head start on preparing for university progression.

## YOU CAN EXPECT TO

-  Meet with the Head of School & College Counseling team before the start of the semester
-  Create your Common Application account
-  Create your dream university/college list
-  Design your "six-year plan"
-  Receive guidance on the application process in the US
-  Take part in fun activities and trips to theme parks, shopping malls and recreational centres
-  Go on trips to top US universities including Harvard
-  Explore the city of Boston
-  Complete your personal essay
-  Refine your resume

### Key Facts

<b>Age</b>	Compulsory for grade 12 transfer students
<b>Average class size</b>	17+
<b>Course length</b>	2 weeks
<b>Course dates</b>	Begins two weeks prior to the new student orientation week.

# High School Preparation Program

An intensive two-week preparation program for you to acclimatize to the CATS campus before starting your high school diploma. It also provides an introduction to the CATS community. You will take part in critical thinking activities and relationship building exercises both inside and outside of the classroom.

## IN ADDITION, YOU WILL:

- Improve your reading, writing and speaking skills in English with other new members of the CATS community
- Make friends with other students
- Work on a research project and practice a format required by CATS Academy and most colleges and universities
- Refine your academic writing skills
- Have fun and explore the city of Boston

### Key Facts

<b>Age</b>	14+
<b>Average class size</b>	12
<b>Course length</b>	2 weeks
<b>Course dates</b>	Begins two weeks prior to the new student orientation week.

## Sample timetable

	7am - 8am	9am - 12pm	12pm - 1pm	1pm - 2pm	2pm - 4pm	4pm - 5pm	5pm - 9pm
Monday	Breakfast	Study skills	Lunch	Free time	How to conduct research	Dinner	Mini Golf
Tuesday	Breakfast	Research MIT	Lunch	Free time	Excursion to MIT	Dinner	Trip to the movies
Wednesday	Breakfast	Writing: Identity and identification	Lunch	Free time	Reading: 'My Name' by Sandra Cisneros	Dinner	Trampoline park
Thursday	Breakfast	Listening: What does your name say about you?	Lunch	Free time	Speaking: Introducing Myself	Dinner	Shopping excursion
Friday	Breakfast	Journal Entry: How I see my future	Lunch	Free time	Speaking: 'Where I see myself...'	Dinner	Comic-Con Convention
Saturday	Breakfast	Full day of activities: bowling, shopping, Carousel Fun Center					
Sunday	Breakfast	Free time: shopping at the mall or a movie					

Please note that this schedule is subject to change

# English as a Second Language

Be an effective communicator

**BE YOUR BEST AT:**



Academic writing



Collaboration



Public speaking



Research skills

**Areas of Study**

- Academic English
- Academic English Advanced
- Communicative English
- Academic Writing

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

Focus on work in vocabulary, grammar, pronunciation, reading, listening, writing and speaking. Over time improve and develop your ability in Academic English and prepare for the TOEFL exam. To graduate you will be expected to have completed up to four years' English as a Second Language, or equivalent.

# CATS Extra

## Additional English support

Designed for international students with a lower level of English. The CATS Extra Program offers small classes and regular language assessment in the core credit bearing areas of study. Additional support in maths, science, history, academic English and literature means that you will gain the necessary English language skills to prepare you for mainstream classes.

**ENGLISH ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

English Level	Grade 8	Grade 9	Grade 10
TOEFL 30 (IELTS 3.0)	CATS Extra	CATS Extra	
TOEFL 35 (IELTS 3.5)			CATS Extra



# Arts



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# UAL Diploma in Arts & Design – Graphics & Illustration

We are proud to be an approved UAL center in the US. At CATS Academy Boston you will be able to study the UAL Level 3 Foundation Diploma in Arts & Design – Graphics & Illustration.

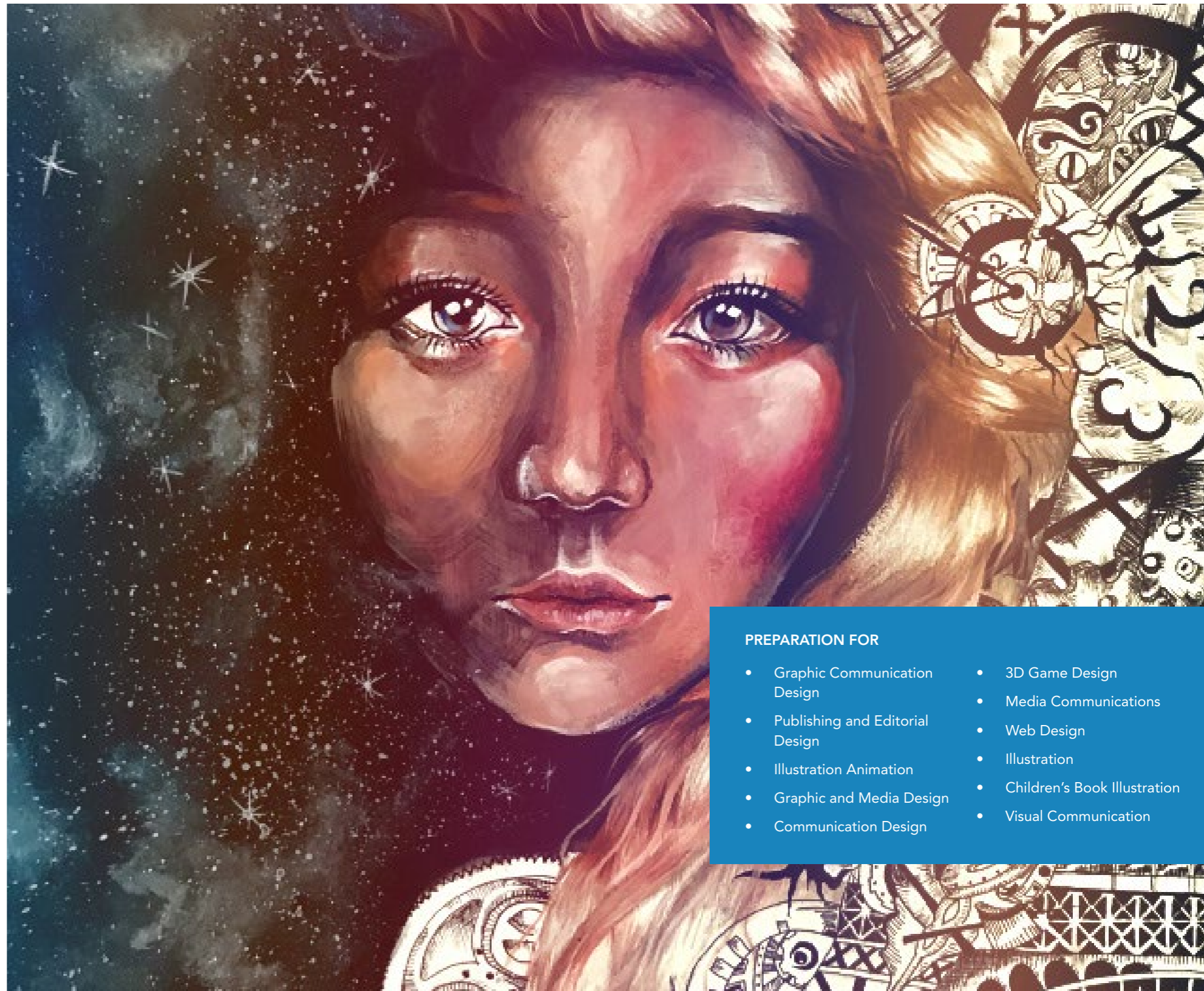
Students will be guided through the process of UAL's program to learn all the techniques needed to develop unique portfolios to achieve success in Art School or University applications.

You can take this program while you are taking your year 12 at CATS Academy Boston (please see requirements with admissions).

This partnership includes ongoing delivery of instruction and assessment from instructors trained and following the guidance of the UAL evaluators.

A 1-year program, accredited by the University of the Arts London Awarding Body, it is designed to prepare you for progressing onto most visual art and design related degrees.

Graphic Design and Illustration underpin most of the visual creative arts industry. You are introduced to the fundamentals of illustration, such as composition, visual storytelling, color, the relationship between narratives and images, and how all of the above unites to form what makes a great illustrator. All media from pen and paper to digital creative software is encouraged. A sharp eye for detail and an understanding of story, image and layout are key assets to succeed in this sector of the creative arts.



#### PREPARATION FOR

- Graphic Communication Design
- Publishing and Editorial Design
- Illustration Animation
- Graphic and Media Design
- Communication Design
- 3D Game Design
- Media Communications
- Web Design
- Illustration
- Children's Book Illustration
- Visual Communication



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A Career in Creative Arts

# CSVPA Arts Academy Boston

Be an Artist, Designer, Musician, or Actor

Explore your passion for Art, Design, Music, or Theater with our choice of art electives. With a vibrant Arts Department, our facilities at CATS Academy will allow you to explore a wide range of talents and interests within professional, well-equipped environments.

Learn from the best with our highly skilled arts faculty, who have experience both in teaching the arts, and pursuing them through successful careers. The Arts Department at CATS Academy is where the world within you can become the world around you.



*“CATS Academy makes it possible to get the support and guidance that you need including extra studio time that you really need in order to excel.”*

**Mariia, Ukraine**  
Progressed to The University of British Columbia



## Art School progressions

### Universities (Acceptances)

- Berklee College of Music
- California Institute of the Arts
- Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising
- Fashion Institute of Technology
- Istituto Marangoni, Florence
- Maryland Institute College of Art
- Otis College of Art and Design
- Parsons School of Design
- Pratt Institute
- Savannah College of Art and Design
- School of the Art Institute Chicago (SAIC)
- The School of Fashion Design
- Rhode Island School of Design
- UCLA School of Arts and Architecture
- School of Visual Arts



Key Facts	
Grade level	10
Course length	2 years minimum
Start dates	September and January

This program is designed to prepare students for entrance to art school and life beyond as a professional artist. Students choose an area of focus while rotating through elective workshops to create a well-rounded portfolio of work. Combined with event participation and a project presentation, leading to an accredited award that improves your college application, and a guaranteed place at Cambridge School of Visual & Performing Arts, students will be well-prepared for future success.

You will also receive expert support from our college counselors to help you apply to leading visual and performing art schools.

Together with Cambridge School of Visual & Performing Arts (CSVPA), a world-famous art school, the Visual and Performing Arts Boston Academy allows you to explore the skills needed as artists, designers, storytellers, actors, and performers. This program is designed to prepare students for entrance to art school and life beyond as a professional artist. Students choose an area of focus while rotating through elective workshops to create a well-rounded portfolio of work. Combined with event participation and a project presentation, leading to an accredited award that improves your college application, and a guaranteed place at Cambridge School of Visual & Performing Arts, students will be well-prepared for future success.

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#### CHOOSE YOUR AREA OF FOCUS

To complete this program, you must choose

- Illustration and Sequential Art
- Fine Art and Printmaking
- Photo and Video
- Fashion Design



#### CREATE AND PRESENT A PROJECT

Use skills developed in your electives to complete a capstone project

All projects will be presented to the school in the students senior year. Potential student projects could include:

- Creating a fashion line
- One person art show



#### PARTICIPATE IN AN EVENT

Participate annually in local and school events

Previous events students have participated in include:

- Fashion shows
- Local art exhibitions and competitions
- Design opportunities



#### RECEIVE YOUR AWARD

Receive your accredited certificate and guaranteed place

On successful completion of the program, you will be awarded a certificate accredited by Cambridge School of Visual & Performing Arts and a guaranteed place on one of their undergraduate degrees.



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A Career in Fashion

# Visual Arts

Be an Artist, Designer, or Storyteller



From painting to video production, learn the techniques of visual communication and develop your voice. Learn to create a portfolio of work using traditional mediums, industry-standard software, and professional equipment. In order to graduate, you will be expected to have completed one year of visual or performing arts or equivalent.

## AREAS OF STUDY

- Visual Arts
- Introduction to Drawing
- Illustration
- Creating Comics
- Introduction to Painting
- Printmaking
- Sculpture
- Graphic Design
- Digital Photography
- Video Production and Editing
- Introduction to Fashion Design
- Accessory Design
- Music Composition
- Sculpture

## EXTRACURRICULARS

Put into practice the skills you learn by joining one of our after school clubs. Enter art competitions and exhibit your work in local galleries, produce video content for the student YouTube channel, or learn how to design and make theatre props for the end of the year musical.

## EXCURSIONS

Expand your knowledge of the arts by attending trips and excursions. Recent trips have included a visit to Rhode Island School of Art and Design and a trip to the MIT Media lab to see cutting-edge uses for technology in fashion.

Be an artist. Enter art competitions. Braintree Community Art Fair winning artwork by student Ruobing

# Performing Arts

Be a Musician, Actor, or Producer

Study acting for stage or screen, dance, music production, song writing, or learn to play an instrument. Learn to express yourself and perform your craft in dynamic classroom settings, staged plays, and musical events. Faculty with professional experience will guide you on your journey to a life of creativity.

## AREAS OF STUDY

- Guitar
- Piano
- Music Technology and Production
- Music Theory and Composition
- Acting for Film
- Acting for Theater
- Musical Theater
- Dance





# Athletics



# Athletics

With state of the art facilities and highly experience coaches we empower our students to compete at the highest level, instilling values like discipline, teamwork, and determination.

## ACADEMY SPORTS:

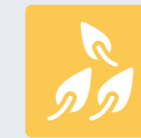
**Basketball Academy**  
Boys Prep Basketball

## Hockey Academy

U15 AHA Hockey  
U16 AHA Hockey  
U18 AHA Hockey



## OTHER SPORTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR



### Fall Sports

Girls Soccer  
Boys Soccer  
Cross Country.



### Winter Sports

Boys Varsity Basketball  
Boys Junior Varsity Basketball  
Girls Varsity Basketball



### Spring Sports

Tennis  
Baseball  
Golf  
Ultimate Frisbee  
Boys Volleyball  
Girls Volleyball



# Basketball Academy

CATS Academy Basketball Academy presents a balance of challenging academics and on-court expert instruction. Each student-athlete is surrounded by a support team inclusive of experienced coaches, academic teachers, knowledgeable college placement advisors, and more.

Student-athletes experience an atmosphere that closely mirrors the intensity and schedule of a collegiate program. CATS Academy's Basketball Academy's overall structure both supports and challenges individuals while providing them with a platform to achieve their goals on and off the court.

## BASKETBALL ACADEMY WILL:

- Challenge student-athletes to go beyond their comfort zone to reach their full potential both as an athlete and as a person.
- Provide student-athletes with the necessary skills to be successful in college and beyond, creating a pathway and roadmap to success.
- Emphasize individual skill development to broaden each athlete's knowledge of the game on the court through on and off court methods.
- Help prepare student-athletes physically and mentally.
- Full time coaching staff is available to serve as a coach but also a mentor and role model.
- Develop Academy Individual Development Plan to help the athlete grow.
- Develop Strength & Conditioning program including fitness, endurance, core strength, flexibility, and speed.



# American Hockey Academy

## Pursue your Passion

CATS Academy Boston has joined forces with a newly formed elite hockey team to offer student-athletes the perfect opportunity to blend a high-end academic and cultural experience with elite hockey training.

The American Hockey Academy student-athletes will receive an organized environment structured to fit the student-athletes' schedules. They will also receive training and coaching by well-established elite professional coaches, on and off the ice, to properly ensure that student-athletes have the necessary development, exposure, and advancement opportunities to take the next step in their hockey career.

Located minutes from downtown Boston and the main CATS Academy Boston campus, Boston has been ranked as one of the best cities in the country for hockey.



### AMERICAN HOCKEY ACADEMY WILL:

- Challenge student-athletes to go beyond their comfort zone in order to reach their full potential both as an athlete and as a person.
- Provide student-athletes with the necessary skills to be successful in college and beyond, creating a pathway and roadmap to success.
- Emphasize skills development to deepen each player's knowledge of hockey through on-ice and off-ice methods.
- Help prepare student-athletes physically

### STUDENT-ATHLETES WILL DEVELOP:

- USA Hockey Sanctioned Midget Tier 1 ELITE/ AAA and US/ Canadian Prep Levels.
- A nine-month training and competition calendar which includes weekly skills sessions with highly specialized skills and skating coaches, on top of the up 2 hours of practice per day (3/4 days a week)
- 60+ game schedule at National Showcases vs. Top Tier 1 Teams, as well as independent prep schools.
- Full-Time coaching staff where a staff member is always available 24/7 to not only serve as a coach but also as a mentor and role model.
- Direct access to Hockey Academy advisors with Individual Development Plan (Mid-season and year-end reporting) as well as Bi-weekly team and individual film session breakdowns.
- Opportunities to travel to and participate in top showcases (2-4 minimum) attended by various Division 1 college/junior scouts.
- Access to nutritionists for proper diet balance.
- Professional Strength & Conditioning program with ongoing monitoring of fitness, endurance, core strength, flexibility and speed.



# University Partnerships



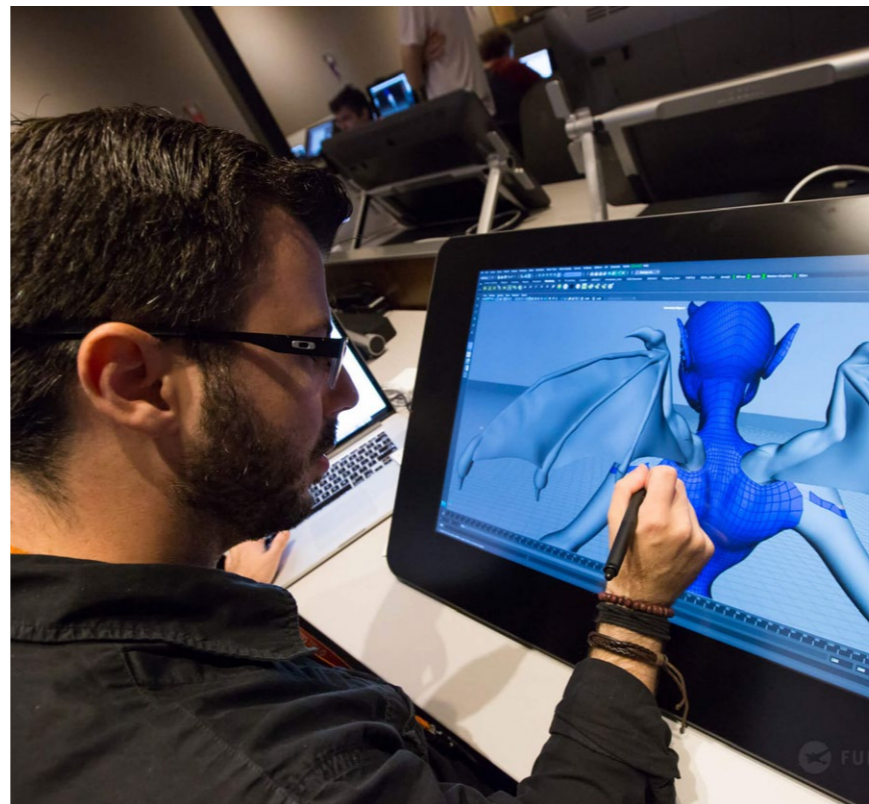
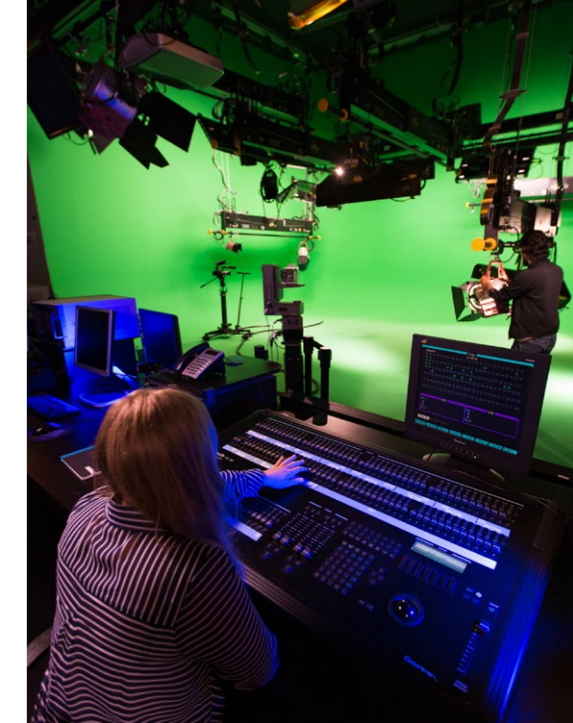
**FULL SAIL**  
UNIVERSITY

## FULL SAIL UNIVERSITY

Full Sail University was founded in 1979, located in Winter Park, Florida, holds more than 50 degree programs designed for the world of entertainment, media, arts & technology in today's rapidly evolving industries.

CATS Academy Boston students will receive guest lectures and projects in collaboration with Full Sail and will also be able to visit the university campus and meet key staff.

Students who meet the entry grades may be eligible to receive a partial scholarship of \$15,000 from Full Sail University. These students will be provided with a VIP admissions service giving them priority reviews, as well as a Conditional Letter of Acceptance.



## QUINCY COLLEGE

CATS Academy Boston is thrilled to announce a new partnership! This time with Quincy College. This College founded in 1958 serves approximately 3,500 students at campuses located in Quincy and Plymouth, Massachusetts.

Our students can enroll in online college credit courses through QC at reduced tuition on the fall or spring semesters. This is a dual-enrolled in courses that are approved by the College and new courses will be added each year.



## THE SAVANNAH COLLEGE OF ART AND DESIGN

SCAD –The Savannah College of Art and Design was founded in 1978 to provide college degree programs not previously available in southeast Georgia and to create a specialized professional art college to attract students from throughout the United States and abroad.

With more than 100 degree programs in 3 locations plus online programs CATS Academy Boston can dually enrol and take up to 5 courses in grades 11 and 12 and earn up to 15 credits to be eligible for a half-tuition scholarship for their chosen SCAD courses, but also being able to transfer any earned credits to another university if they choose not to progress to SCAD.

Students must maintain a 3.0 GPA to be eligible for the scholarship and chose a minimum of 4 SCAD courses. This will give students access to a VIP admission service, giving them priority review, as well as a SCAD acceptance letter if the students is accepted as a join enrolled student.





# Scholarship of Excellence

The CATS Academy Scholarship of Excellence is aimed at exceptional students of any nationality who successfully apply and attend the following Universities:

- Princeton University
- Harvard University
- Yale University
- University of Pennsylvania
- Dartmouth College
- Brown University
- Cornell University
- Columbia University
- Stanford University
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology

With the assistance of CATS Academy Boston's college counseling team, students who enroll or continue their studies with us in September or January to pursue the two-year high school diploma will have the opportunity to qualify for our scholarship program. Recipients of these scholarships will receive full reimbursement of their course and accommodation fees upon successfully securing admission and completing their first semester at the specified universities mentioned above. Additionally, scholarship recipients will be expected to actively participate in marketing activities and events and provide a testimonial for promotional purposes. Students can inform the Director of Enrollment and External Affairs about their eligibility to apply for these scholarships.



# Applying to CATS

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## ONLINE

Visit [www.catsacademyboston.com](http://www.catsacademyboston.com) and follow the application instructions on the online form. Applying online provides instant confirmation that we have received your application, instant upload of documents and a response from our Admissions Team within two working days – we recommend this option for the fastest application.





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