

UWC Adriatic | Italy

College Information

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College Bio: UWC Adriatic is set in the picturesque village of Duino, near Trieste, in north-eastern Italy. It offers a challenging holistic, residential educational programme including the two-year IB Diploma taught in English to around 185 students from 80 countries. The college mission is to welcome young people at the threshold of adult independence and guide them on the way to being compassionate and conscientious individuals with the energy and understanding to work for positive change. Experiences gained within a diverse multicultural community in an Italian region at the crossroads of cultural, political, historical and geographical transitions are used to stimulate personal reflection and growth. Interwoven through the surrounding community, UWC Adriatic draws inspiration from Italian and local culture, music, art, architecture, history and linguistic diversity to stimulate personal reflection and creativity of students. Outdoor activities in adjacent hills, mountains, rivers and sea provide a breadth of physical challenges. Throughout their time at the college all students are committed to service to the community around them. UWC Adriatic offers students opportunities to fulfil their potential and develop the skills to become agents of positive change in an increasingly interconnected world. UWC Adriatic was established in 1982 as first college outside the English speaking area.

Residences: The college has student residences scattered all over the village of Duino. Rooms vary in size and may be single, double, triple or quadruple. Each residence is unique and this is reflected by the distribution of students/rooming and facilities. Every residence is manned by one or more residence tutors. Furthermore the distribution of students varies yearly according to our intake. Students are allowed access to all residence dayrooms until curfew (23:00 Sunday-Thursday; up to 01:00 Saturday morning and Sunday morning). Every day there is an expectation that at quiet time (22:30) guests have left rooms, though may be in dayrooms up until curfew.

Facilities: Fully equipped music centre. Sports facilities located in Duino and nearby shared with other local associations which fosters socialising with the local youth and population.

Does the college cater / not cater for specific groups: Unfortunately only a few buildings are accessible to students on a wheelchair or with disabilities that can limit their movement. NCs should always contact the college directly before nominating students with such disabilities. The college caterer provides limited halal and kosher food. A vegetarian or non-pork option is always available at the college canteen.

Is your college able to accommodate the following:	Comments
Students who are deaf or have hearing impairments	Yes
Blind or partially-sighted students	Yes
Students who are wheelchair users	Since only a few buildings are accessible to students on a wheelchair NCs should always contact the college before nominating students with disabilities.
Students with learning disabilities	Yes
Students with mental health problems	Depends on the problem. NCs should always contact the college before nominating students with mental health problems.
Dietary requirements (including Kosher and Halal)	The college caterer provides limited halal and kosher food. A vegetarian or non-pork option is always available at the college canteen
Facilities / provisions for faith groups: <i>i.e. prayer room, specific days for religious celebration</i>	Not on campus. Students are free to attend religious groups and celebrations in Trieste provided that this doesn't clash with their academic and extra-academic activities.
LGBTQ students (i.e. different bathrooms for Trans students):	The college is able to accommodate LGBTQ students, but different bathrooms for Trans students are not available.

Medical provision: There is a medical doctor present at college three times a week and a nurse coming in every morning and on Saturday afternoon. The psychologist and counselor is a full time college employee. She is also in charge of students with special educational needs and learning difficulties. Emergency medical care and all other medical services and hospitals are available in case of emergency 24/7 in nearby Sistiana, Monfalcone and Trieste.

Counselling and pastoral care: Each student is assigned a Personal Tutor, who provides both personal and academic support. Tutorial groups meet once a week, and also plan dinners or other events together three times a term to develop a sense of a smaller 'family' group.

Each student residence has a Residence Tutor who is mainly in charge of more practical aspects of residence life, but is also available to support and help students when needed.

The College has a full time Psychologist as a counsellor. For the rare occasions involving medical problems, the Psychologist can work with the Medical Staff to provide "team" support and assistance for the student. Being a psychologist enables the college counsellor to determine the appropriate level of response, they may or may not be directly involved in the therapy offered to an individual student. The college Psychologist will be present in the library for large parts of the academic day and can assist students with specific learning needs if they are referred to her by the Study Skills support team.

The College offers a Peer Support programme which is a means to connect students with trained peer supporters in times of need. Peer supporters are trained by the College to provide support through listening. The aim of the Peer Supporters is to provide an additional option to the current support system (Counsellor, Tutor, Medical Staff, etc) through which students can find support from students who are similar in age, experience and comfort zone.

Subjects taught:

Group 1	Group 3	Group 5
English Literature (SL and HL) English Language and Literature (SL and HL) Italian Literature (SL and HL) Spanish Literature (SL and HL) Russian Literature (SL and HL) Tutored languages: Arabic Literature (SL and HL) Croatian, Serbian, Bosnian Literature (SL and HL) German Literature (SL and HL) Slovene Literature (SL and HL)	Economics (HL and SL) History (HL and SL) Philosophy (HL and SL) World Arts and Cultures (SL only) Environmental Systems & Societies (SL only) Global Politics (SL only)	Mathematics (HL and SL) Mathematical Studies (SL only)

Group 2	Group 4	Group 6
Italian B (SL and HL) Italian Ab Initio English B (SL and HL)	Biology (SL and HL) Chemistry (SL and HL) Environmental Systems & Societies (SL only) Physics (SL and HL)	Visual Arts (SL and HL)

CAS available: Each student is required to have at least one weekly Physical activity and engage in Creative Activities on either a regular weekly basis and/or by contributing substantially to the college programme of performances and exhibitions. In addition each student must join the Social Service programme. Students are welcome to take additional activities beyond these requirements, as well as to start up their own activities. Students are not expected to have prior experience in any activity and are encouraged to try something new.

Physical activities are meant to take full advantage of UWC Adriatic's location on the sea and close to mountains. Hence, land and marine activities are offered in addition to traditional sports. These activities **typically** include: Climbing, Orienteering, Hiking, Cross-country and Downhill Skiing, Kayaking, Sailing, Swimming, Basketball, Road Hockey, Floor Ball, Football, Ultimate Frisbee, and Volleyball, Archery, Aerobics, Dance, Karate, Yoga.

Regular Creative and Aesthetic activities have included: Amnesty International, Ceramics, Creative Writing, Current Affairs Study Group, Decoupage, Model United Nations, various Musical Activities including choir and instrument lessons, Philosophy Café, Photography, Sustainability Group, Theatre, Yearbook, Web 2.0 (check list). The activities vary from year to year depending on student and teacher interest and expertise.

Social services include:

- Work with Italian and Slovene speaking children through art, teaching English and other activities in local kindergartens and primary schools.
- Multicultural presentations to offer a multicultural experience to students of local primary schools through a range of activities aimed at fighting prejudice and racism.
- Assistance to persons with mental or physical disabilities.
- Offering companionship to the elderly, the blind or other persons who are confined to their homes.
- Visiting the elderly in local institutions.
- Working as volunteers in the local Red Cross Ambulance service, following qualification in a first aid course.
- Performing musical concerts in hospitals and institutions for elderly and sick people.
- Visiting people with multiple sclerosis
- Engaging in sport activities with people with disabilities

- Offering English lessons to the local community
- Visiting the residents of a local hospice

In addition to a social service, each student takes on a **College Service**, by which he or she takes responsibility and helps in the running of an aspect of college life. College services include unlocking school buildings in the morning and locking them at night, supervising the library, and recycling, among others.

Student Body: 188 students in total, all in IBDP years

Term dates:

For 2018-2019 Academic Year:

Term 1: 24 August 2018 – 14 December 2018

Term 2: 8 January 2019 – 26 May 2019

Nomination Info

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Age criteria:

Minimum age	16 years old at entry <i>Will consider 15 years old based on maturity and academic record as long as they will be 16 by December of the 1st year. The final decision stays in any case with the college.</i>
Maximum age	17 years old at entry <i>Can accept students older than 17 at entry provided there is a motivated reason (e.g. students who had their education disrupted, refugee students, etc.). The final decision stays in any case with the college.</i>

What supporting documents do you require with the nomination:

- Nomination form (financial assessment required for needs-based college funded places)
- Declaration form complete with NC and parents' signatures
- UWC Application form with a commentary in English if the originals are in another language
- Recommendation Letter in English
- School reports
- A clear copy of the passport that the candidate will travel on

What support do you offer to help strengthen English proficiency: The college offers an Intensive English and Educational Skills Programme for those students who need special support. The intensive programme starts around 10th August and lasts until 22nd August when all the other students arrive. Over the course of the academic year the college provides students who are not proficient enough with additional English classes.

Additional information: Student passports must be valid for the entire duration of the two year cycle. Normally there are no big issues with obtaining an Italian study visa. The College will assist the students with providing information and instructions on how to apply for an Italian study visa.

Information about Refugee candidates: Refugee or IDP students, such as all other students, must hold a valid passport or a travel document issued according to the Geneva Convention on Refugees. We cannot accept students who hold no valid passport or travel document.

Nearest Airport / Airport that college will provide transport from: It is strongly advisable arriving at Trieste airport (TRS) as this is the airport nearest to Duino. In the event there are no convenient connections with Trieste, Venice Marco Polo (VCE) or Treviso Antonio Canova (TSF) airports can be used. All first year students arriving at the above listed airports are met at their arrival by college staff or second year students and are accompanied to Duino by college vans or public transport.

Confirmation of the place: Once a full and complete nomination is received within the 'nomination window' committed to. Schools and colleges, in turn, commit to reply within two weeks after receiving this..

The Joining Papers are normally sent out in May each year.