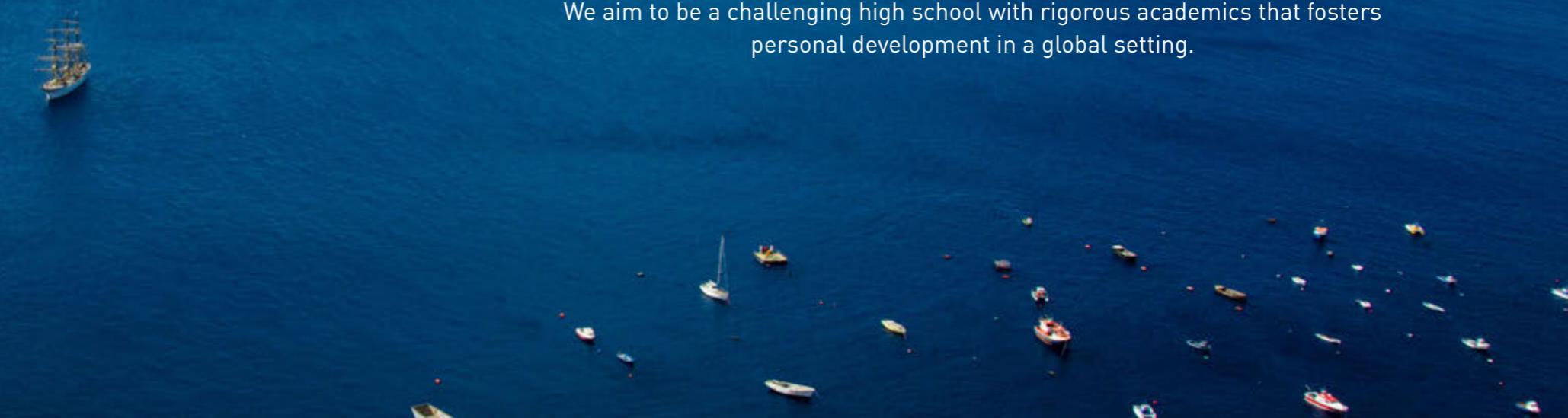




WORLD ACADEMY



# High School at Sea



**A+ World Academy is a boarding school on a tall ship.**

We aim to be a challenging high school with rigorous academics that fosters personal development in a global setting.

**60 students** in grades 11 and 12 live and work  
on a **Norwegian tall ship**, 'Sørlandet', while  
studying **AP courses** and **traveling the world**.



ACADEMICS



CULTURAL EXCHANGE



PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT





## Academic program

Our students follow a rigorous academic program based on a selection of **Advanced Placement** courses. The instruction is **traditional** and similar to any other school. All instruction, however happens at sea while moving from one destination to the next. Seven international teachers lead, guide, and **support** our students around the clock throughout the year.

### CORE PROGRAM

Students must complete each of the 4 elements of the core programme:

- English
- Mathematics or Calculus
- Physical Education
- Extended essay

### ELECTIVE PROGRAM

Students must complete 4 courses from any of the following 9 courses in the 3 fields of study:

#### Science

- Biology (AP)
- Chemistry (AP)
- Physics (AP)
- Statistics (AP)

#### Languages

- Spanish

#### Social Science

- Communication & Digital Arts
- Comparative Government and Politics (AP)
- Macroeconomics (AP)
- World History (AP)



\* Course selection may change

## Field Studies

Live and learn. Explore the world outside of the classroom. In **20 ports** around the world, we balance our time between free time ('**Shore leave**') and organised activities ('**Field Studies**') with cultural and academic objectives.

Is there a more relevant place to study apartheid than in South Africa? Or to study the impact of volcanic hot-spots at the junction of three major tectonic plates in the Azores archipelago? Through an academic year traveling around the world, you will be able to see and experience what you learn in class and read in books.

For 10 months you will live alongside students from around the world. Not only will you meet people from other cultures with a variety of backgrounds, but you will learn to live and work closely together.

In 2018, the school year will follow the old trade routes of the '**Atlantic Figure-Eight**'. We will start in Norway and sail to, Portugal, Argentina, South Africa, St. Helena, and the Caribbean, among others.





**FIXED PORT**

**FLEX PORT**

**FIRST AND FINAL PORT**

**PARENT PORT**

The itinerary may be changed



## Daily life onboard

Life at sea is busy. Balancing classes, homework, and watches is a challenging exercise in time management. Most of your spare time at sea is spent on socializing with your friends and the occasional game night, movie night on deck or swim call when the captain gives the green light.

At A+, we encourage initiative and responsibility, thus the clubs are all organised by the students and vary from year to year. What clubs there are, and how often they meet, depends on student initiative. Clubs typically vary from Student Council, Baking Club, and Yoga Club, to Photo Club, Podcasting Club, and different sporting clubs.

In port you'll have time to explore new cities and countries as about 50% of our stay is dedicated to shore leave. This will also be a valuable time to do research on your extended essay and for seniors to finish up college applications.

## Shipboard life

The school is demanding and not for everyone. Not only are you a student at the school, but you also take part in sailing and maintaining the world's oldest operating fully-rigged tall ship. You will have a day watch and a night watch, with challenging chores that will teach you to push your limits, and show you that you are more capable than you thought you were.

As part of a crew that needs to work together in order to reach the next destination, you will not only learn about sailing and seamanship but also important life skills such as accountability, leadership and teamwork.

It will be hard but worth it. With the right mindset, you will go ashore more independent, more mature, and with a life story that will set you apart in any college application process.





## Safety & Communication

### Safety

The ship has the highest possible safety certificates. Our safety procedures are based on three principles: competency, planning and preparedness. We plan to minimize risk and prepare for every possible scenario. A double set of crew, including a medical officer, rotate on a regular basis. Drills are performed on a weekly basis. The Sørlandet is continuously maintained and keeps the highest possible technical classifications for a ship in its class.

### Contact with the shore

The Sørlandet is equipped with modern communication equipment that allows the ship to maintain continuous contact with the outside world. Students will be without internet access at sea, but can – with their own computers and mobile devices – communicate with family and friends in port. A Media Coordinator will regularly supply updates from the ship on Facebook and Instagram for family and friends to follow.

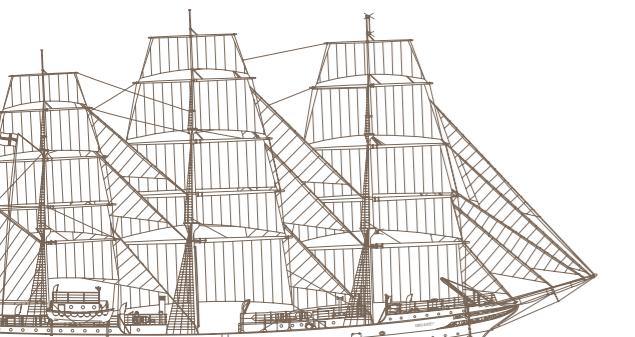


## Our Sailing Campus

Our campus is a Norwegian tall ship that was built in Kristiansand in 1927. The Sørlandet is commonly referred to as the 'Pearl of Norway', and is today the world's oldest fully-rigged tall ship still in active service. For 90 years she has been an arena for young people to learn and to grow.

Even though the ship is old, she is equipped with modern facilities from showers and bathrooms under the foredeck to a laundromat in the aft deck. Most students sleep in hammocks that follow the motion of the sea.

The students' dorm onboard is the banjer, a room below the main deck that serves as a classroom, dining hall and bed room. 60 students, divided into designated spaces for boys and girls, must learn to come together as a close community that communicates well and is sensitive to each others' needs.



# The Application Process

A+ World Academy has a rolling admission. Given the limited places available, we highly recommend that you apply as soon as possible.

You can apply following these three simple steps:

STEP 1

## Step 1: Fill out the online application form

Get in touch with us to get all the information that you will need to make an informed decision. If you decide that this school might be a good fit for you, fill out the application form on our website.

STEP 2

## Step 2: Complete your application

Submit the following supporting documentation:

- Report cards from the last two years
- Two teacher recommendation forms that you can find on the website ("Practical information")
- A 300 word essay on a global topic of your choice

STEP 3

## Step 3: Interview

When the application has been submitted (including all the supporting documents), an interview via Skype will be set up. Once your interview is completed, we will try to have a decision to you as soon as possible, and no later than 2 weeks after all supporting documents have been received. If you are offered a place at our school, you may accept it by paying a 10% non-refundable deposit.

Next it's time to secure your visas, take the swim test, see your doctor, and look forward to a year you'll never forget.



# Tuition

Our program is unique. We are a non-profit school and all tuition goes to cover costs related to the program and to preserving the world's oldest fully-rigged tall ship, the Sørlandet.

Application fee for new students: EUR 150

## Tuition

Norwegian students  
International students

NOK 315,000  
EUR 56,000  
Aprox. USD 60,000

## Payment plan

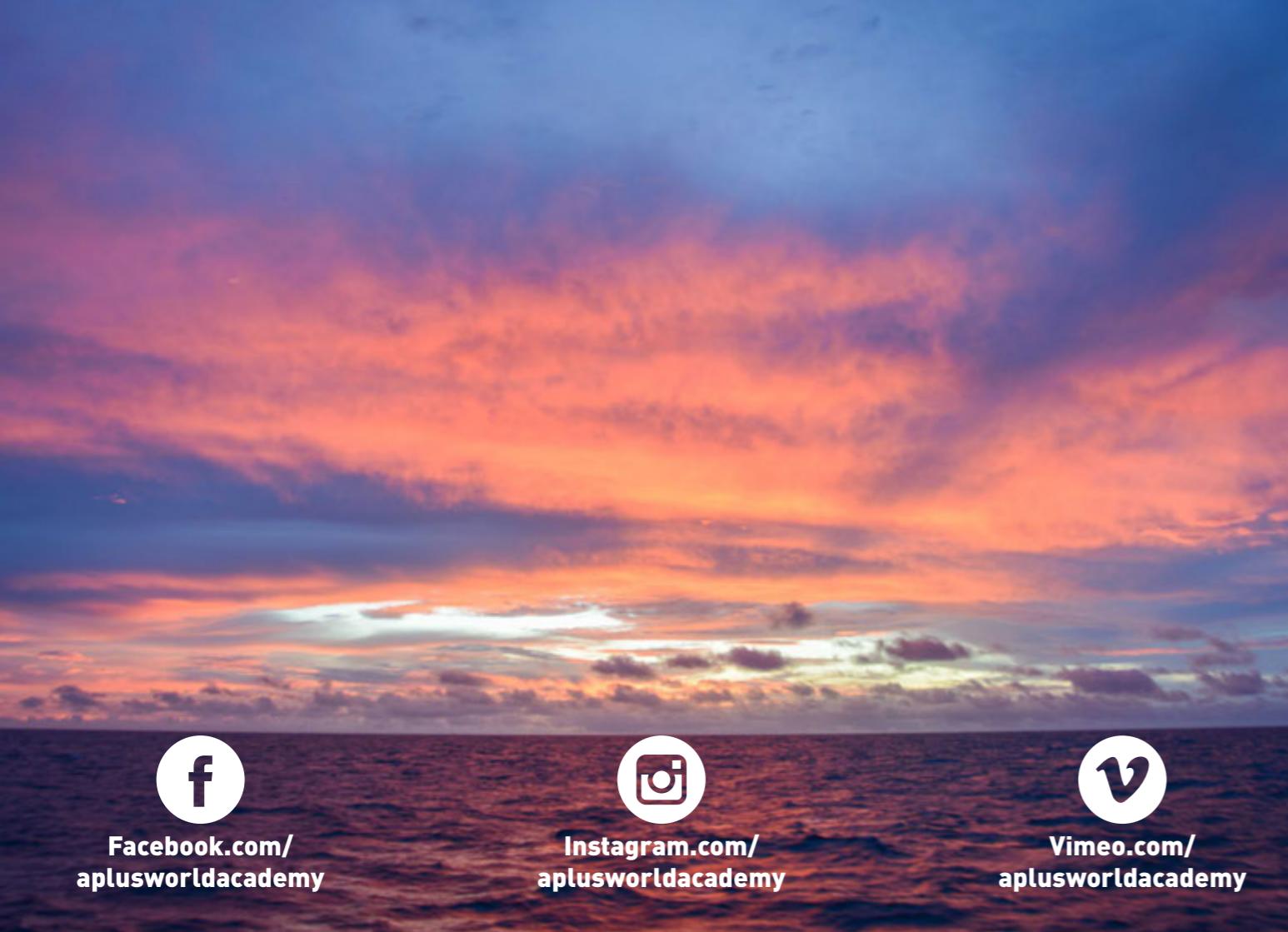
Tuition is paid in three instalments: 14 days after acceptance, May 1st and August 1st.

## The annual tuition fee includes:

Full boarding, cost of the academic program, field studies and lab work.

## Not included are:

Vaccinations, visas, personal medication, insurance (500 €), travel to/from the school, pocket money, meals during shore leave, external exam costs and uniforms.



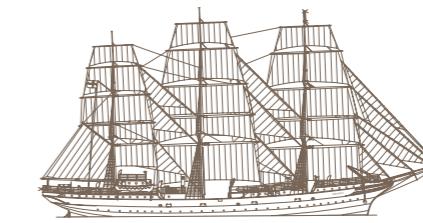
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