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IS THE AMERICAN ACADEMY FOR ME?



Is the American Academy a study abroad program?

No. The American Academy is an international undergraduate course that follows the North American higher education model, known as Liberal Arts Education. Upon finishing the first two years in Brazil, students receive the Associate of Science degree from Kent State University.

Are the American Academy and the American Academy of Health recognized as higher education institutions in Brazil?

Yes. The Ministry of Education recognizes the American Academy with the highest score possible for its Interdisciplinary Bachelor's degree in Sciences and Humanities course. In addition to the Liberal Arts curriculum, students must fulfill additional components, such as electives, complementary activities, and a community project, to receive a Bachelor's degree from PUCPR.

The Ministry of Education also recognizes the American Academy of Health with the maximum score in the Interdisciplinary Bachelor's degree in Health. The student must complete all of the curricular components to receive a diploma for the course.

What is the difference between American and Brazilian universities?

Unlike Brazilian higher education, where students must define their desired degree on the vestibular college entrance exam. The North American model allows for college admittance without necessarily choosing a major right away. During the first two years, students study general classes that encompass fundamentals essential for all future professions, not just for education, but also for developing key skills. And it's at this moment when they decide on the career they want. **Model Liberal Arts Education or General Education.*

What is the American Academy?

The American Academy is a new degree program at PUCPR, in partnership with Kent State University in Ohio, United States, which follows the North American teaching style in Brazil. The program allows students to begin studying without having to choose a specific major. They explore several classes in the first two years and, afterwards, decide if they want to finish their education at PUCPR or KSU, in Ohio.

Classes are taught in English by Kent State University professors at the Curitiba Campus based on a Liberal Arts curriculum that stimulates overall student development far beyond traditional courses.

What makes the American Academy unique?

It's not enough to have a degree from a respected university: today's world demands much more from professionals who want to make a real impact. That's why the American Academy goes further, more than a Liberal Arts-based curriculum focused on developing future skills. The program offers unique opportunities for intercultural exchange, networking, mentoring, and personal development.

The American Academy provides:

- 1- **ESSENTIAL SKILL DEVELOPMENT FOR FUTURE PROFESSIONS:** The classes in the first two years develop fundamental skills and competencies for all positions in the 21st century such as research and data analysis, critical thinking, creativity, "oral and written communication, Conflict Management, Astronomy, Communication, Critical Thinking, Negotiation, Visual Design Thinking, Psychology, among others.
- 2- **CHOOSE YOUR MAJOR MORE ASSERTIVELY:** The extracurricular activities help students explore many different knowledge areas, enabling them to choose their degree or knowledge area more assertively after finishing the American Academy.
- 3- **STRUCTURED STUDY AT AN AMERICAN UNIVERSITY AND CONTINUE ALONG A SAFE PATH:** The American Academy is an opportunity for structured study at a North American university, taking students down a path of international education with a curriculum and certification from both partnering institutions. Students can also choose to finish their degree at PUCPR.
- 4- **BEING A STUDENT AT 2 UNIVERSITIES OF EXCELLENCE:** At the American Academy, you can be a student at PUCPR and Kent State simultaneously, with access to all of the academic and extracurricular benefits from both institutions.
- 5- **AT YOUR REACH:** The entire selection process is carried out by PUCPR and sent to Kent State University for analysis, always accompanied by the American Academy team. In addition, tuition fees follow the Brazilian model (monthly payments), and all students receive a scholarship and discount to study at KSU.

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I already know what degree I want. Is the American Academy for me?

Yes, the American Academy is for everyone. Even if you have decided on your degree, with the American Academy you can develop competencies to become a global professional, receive an international degree — the Associate of Science Degree from Kent State University — at the end of the first two years, and even have the opportunity to finish your degree at PUCPR if you want or at Kent State University.

ADMISSION TO THE PROGRAM

Can I participate in the program?

To participate in the program, you must:

- Have finished High School (or are studying your last year of high school to participate in the selection process);
- Speak English;
- Pass the program selection process.

What are the requirements for admission to the American Academy of Health?

As with any undergraduate degree, it is necessary to finish high school and pass the program's selection process.

I have already started my undergrad studies. Can I do the American Academy?

Yes, it is possible, but you need to go through the selection process. Since the American Academy is a full-time undergraduate course, it is crucial to reflect on whether it is viable to pursue both undergraduate degrees simultaneously.

How do I enter the American Academy?

Unlike the traditional Bachelor's degree, you do not need to take the Vestibular or ENEM admissions exams to get into the American Academy. The selection process includes document analysis (with minimum requisites) and an interview. [More details here](#)

Is it possible for someone who doesn't speak English to join the American Academy or the American Academy Health program?

No. It is necessary to have a high intermediate or advanced level of English, as assessed through proficiency tests in the selection process, since all Liberal Arts classes are taught in English. The professors at Kent State University don't speak Portuguese. If your English is still basic, we recommend that you study the language before applying.

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SELECTION PROCESS

When can I apply for admission?

Applications for 1st-semester admission always open in April of the previous year. For 2nd-semester admissions, Applications open in April of the same year.

I haven't finished high school. Can I take part in the selection process?

In the last year of high school. However, to enter the program, you must have completed high school.

How do I send my documentation to participate in the selection process?

A representative from the American Academy team will reach out to provide instructions on how to submit your documents. Alternatively, you may upload them directly through the applicant portal.

I don't have an English proficiency exam. Can I apply to take part in the selection process?

Yes, you can take the proficiency exam during the selection process. The valid exams are:

Duolingo | minimum score 100:

<https://englishtest.duolingo.com/applicants>

TOEFL iBT | minimum score 71: <https://www.ets.org/toefl/ibt/about> (*in the application, request that the result be sent to KSU code 1367*)

PTE Academic | minimum score 48: <https://pearsonpte.com/the-test/test-centers-and-fees/>

IELTS Academic | minimum score 6.0: <http://www.culturainglesacuritiba.com.br/ielts-exame/>

I attended a period of high school in another country. How do I send my high school transcript?

No problem. You can send the transcript of the period you attended abroad for analysis. Important: if you are approved in the selection process, you will need to validate the document in Brazil for enrollment.

Does the letter of intent have a specific model?

No. You are free to write your motivation letter. Remember that both versions must have the same content: one in Portuguese and one in English. The letter can be typed.

We suggest that you talk about your background, your dreams and passions, and how the American Academy can contribute to your life.

How does the interview work?

A person from the American Academy team will contact you to schedule the interview. The interview lasts approximately 20 minutes and is conducted in Portuguese, based on your motivation letter.

How long is the American Academy open for?

Since there are no entrance exams, applications for the selection process remain open until all the spots are filled.

When will I know if I have passed the selection process?

After completing all the stages of the selection process, the result will be announced within 10 days.

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ABOUT THE PROGRAM



How does this undergraduate program work?

At the American Academy, you don't have to choose a specific major or career in advance (such as Business Administration, Architecture, or Psychology). You can direct your studies towards any area you wish.

The first two years of the curriculum encompass subjects from various knowledge areas, with a focus on broad, humanistic higher education that aims to develop essential 21st-century skills, including research and data analysis, critical thinking, creativity, oral and written communication, teamwork, and problem-solving, among others.

During these first two years, classes are held full-time (morning and afternoon) at PUCPR and are taught in English by professors from Kent State University, just as they are in the United States.

The format of the courses is modular, with each one lasting 3 to 4 weeks, and they are combined with various extracurricular activities.

Additionally, during this period, you will have the personalized support of our Student Advisor, who will guide you on your academic career path and course selection.

After completing the American Academy courses, you will receive the Associate of Science Degree issued by Kent State University. You will then be able to choose both the course you wish to follow and the university where you will finish your studies. Remember that, from the moment you enroll, you will be a student at both PUCPR and Kent State simultaneously, and can complete your degree in either Brazil or the United States.

**Except for Medicine at PUCPR. For those who want to study Medicine, the American Academy of Health makes this possible.*

CLASSES

What classes are taken in the first two years of the American Academy?

The first two years of the curriculum follow the class syllabus of Kent State University, taught at PUCPR in English and by professors at the American university.

Who are the professors during the first two years?

During the first two years of the program, all program professors are from Kent State University, exclusively from the United States, and are affiliated with the American Academy. It's very common for American universities to have professors of different nationalities, so you'll have the opportunity to meet and take classes with professors from a wide range of backgrounds.

How do the courses work during the first two years?

The courses in the first two years are taken in modules, meaning one course is taken at a time. Each course lasts 3 to 4 weeks: a KSU professor comes to Brazil, teaches the course at PUCPR, returns to the USA, and then another professor arrives to teach the next course.

When is the academic calendar? The American Academy calendar follows the Brazilian academic calendar, i.e., from January to June/July and from July/August to November/December.

What are the class times?

Classes are full-time, starting at 9 am. Most subjects finish at 14:30, but some may extend to 17:30.

Are all classes in English?

Yes, all classes are taught in English by professors from Kent State University, who come to the PUCPR Campus in Curitiba to teach.

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Besides the courses, what else does the program offer?



What are the extracurricular activities?

In addition to the classes with the Kent State professor, you will also participate in several extracurricular activities. These activities will help you make a more informed decision about choosing a degree. There are several types of extracurricular activities, such as laboratory practice at PUCPR, technical visits to companies, and talks with market professionals.

What is personalized individual support?

You are going to have personalized academic counseling with the objective of increasing knowledge on the variety of subjects offered at PUCPR and/or Kent State University, in addition to supporting your academic path (course, major, minor) for the second cycle of your education.

Will I have the opportunity to experience another country during the first two years of my program?

Yes! During the first two years, you will have the possibility of participating in two international experiences:

Summer Program at Kent State

In July, students can take an extension course and experience university life at Kent State University in the United States.

**Prices not included with the American Academy*

Take a class in Florence, Italy.

Kent State University and PUCPR have a campus in Florence, Italy.

American Academy students can have an experience on another continent by choosing to take a course in June (about 3 weeks) at PUCPR or the Florence campus*.

**Airfare, accommodation, and meals are not included at the American Academy.*

ABOUT KENT STATE UNIVERSITY

Can you tell me about Kent State University and where its campus is located?

According to U.S. News & World Report, Kent State University is among the best universities in the United States.

The university offers over 300 undergraduate, graduate, master's, and doctoral programs across 11 schools, with a faculty of more than 2,600 professors and a student body of over 43,000, including approximately 2,900 international students from over 100 countries.

Among its main degree programs are: Aeronautics, Architecture, Biology, Business Administration, Computer Science, Entrepreneurship, Fashion Design, Interior Design, Nursing, among others.

Kent State University's main campus is located in the city of Kent, Ohio, in the Midwest region of the United States. Recognized as one of the safest cities in the country, Kent offers the typical experience of a small university town. Affectionately nicknamed "Tree City", it is full of open spaces and fresh air. [Click here to find out more about Kent.](#)

In addition to its main campus, KSU also has other campuses in the state of Ohio, as well as four international campuses located in India, China, Switzerland, and Italy. As an American Academy student, you'll have the opportunity to take part in exchange and internship programs in these places and elsewhere in the United States.

[Click here to see a Campus Tour of Kent State University.](#)

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AFTER 2 YEARS



When should I decide which degree to choose and which university?

You need to make this decision at the beginning of your last semester of the American Academy (4th semester).

If I decide to continue my studies at Kent State University, do I have to pass a selection process?

No. From your first day, you will be a student at both PUCPR and Kent State simultaneously. If you decide to finish your undergraduate degree at KSU, there is just a campus transition — from Curitiba to Ohio.

If I decide to continue at PUCPR after the American Academy, will I need to start over again?

No, you will continue your studies and take the remaining classes from the curriculum—the information about which classes will be given by the Advisor at the individual sessions.

What are my degree options to finish my education at PUCPR?

If you want to complete your studies in Brazil, you'll finish them at PUCPR. You can choose from all the degrees at the university except for Medicine. Credits from classes taken in the first two years will be accepted.

**For Medicine, it is the American Academy of Health that enables one to study Medicine at PUCPR after the first two years.*

What are my options for degrees that I can pursue to complete my education at Kent State University?

If you choose to finish your degree at Kent State University, you can choose from more than 300 course options offered by the institution.

In this case, the student graduates with a bachelor's degree from Kent State University.

Some courses offer the possibility of a double degree with PUCPR, provided that the equivalent courses are completed at both institutions, subject to prior validation by the course coordinator at PUCPR. In other words, you can earn a degree from PUCPR and Kent State University at the same time.

Does PUCPR assist with preparing enrollment and visa documents for the United States?

Yes. The team at the American Academy provides the support necessary for you to prepare the documentation and solicit your visa. However, neither PUCPR nor Kent State University is responsible for the visa acceptance or denial of American Academy students.

DUAL DEGREE

What courses can be part of a dual degree?

If you stay at Kent State University and choose a degree that is also offered at PUCPR, a dual degree may be possible.

PUCPR can validate all classes studied at KSU. Depending on the curriculum chosen at PUCPR, it may be necessary to complete some additional credits to finish your degree and receive a Brazilian diploma.

How much does an American university cost?

According to the College Board, the average cost of a 4-year bachelor's degree in the United States is approximately \$ 35,800 per year at a private university, not including room and board.

One of the advantages of studying at the American Academy is the more affordable prices.

American Academy students receive US\$10,000 annual scholarships (discounts), which include monthly amounts for the first two years of the program, also applicable to the period of study at Kent State University.

American Academy

In the first two years, the monthly tuition is R\$6,918.62* (subject to annual readjustment).

If the student finishes their undergraduate degree at Kent State University, the monthly tuition will be about US\$1,200 (18-credit maximum).

If the student finishes their undergraduate degree at PUCPR, the monthly tuition will depend on the chosen course.

**Monthly tuition is valid for students admitted in 2025.*

Suppose credits from previous classes are accepted, as well as class waivers or additions at the time of academic adjustment. In that case, the proportional amount will be subtracted or added to the semester course load, taking into account the study unit of the semester in question.

**The course amount is annually readjusted and fixed per the current legislation – Law 9.870/99.*

American Academy of Health

In the first two years, the monthly tuition is R\$7,622.80* (subject to annual readjustment).

If the student decides to finish their undergraduate degree at Kent State University, the monthly tuition will be about US\$1,200 (18-credit maximum).

If the student finishes their undergraduate degree at Kent State University, the monthly tuition will depend on the chosen course.

**Tuition rate applicable to 2025 incoming students.*

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Are there any vacancies in PROUNI?

Yes, there are 50% and 100% scholarships offered by the Federal Government. The Prouni scholarship is only available for the time spent studying in Brazil.

Interested students should follow PROUNI rules and, in addition, undergo an extra selection process that includes submitting an academic transcript, a letter of intent, and an English proficiency test. Important: in addition to the ENEM selection process, it is mandatory to participate in an additional section (document analysis) to be admitted to the American Academy (Interdisciplinary Bachelor in Sciences and Humanities) and the American Academy of Health (Interdisciplinary Bachelor in Health)*.

**In the American Academy of Health, the scholarship is over when the Interdisciplinary Bachelor's in Health course is finished, and is not extendable to the course in Medicine. [For more information: www.prouni.com.br](http://www.prouni.com.br)*

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DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE AMERICAN ACADEMY AND THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF HEALTH



What's the difference between the American Academy and the American Academy of Health?

The primary difference between the American Academy and the American Academy of Health is that the latter enables enrollment in the Medical School at PUCPR. The course load is also greater, as students take specific classes in the health area of PUCPR, in addition to the courses on the American syllabus.

I am not interested in pursuing a Career in Medicine; however, I am interested in taking health courses. Do I need to attend the American Academy of Health?

No. You can do the American Academy. If you choose the American Academy of Health, the health courses taken in the first two years can be validated as equivalent to the PUCPR majors that have these classes in their curriculum.

If approved for the American Academy of Health, and I discover that I don't like Medicine, can I switch to the American Academy?

Yes, it is possible as long as there are vacancies. In this case, students will stop taking health classes; they will not be eligible to vie for admission into Medicine at PUCPR and, at the end of the first two years, will not receive the Interdisciplinary Bachelor's degree in Health, but will receive an Interdisciplinary Bachelor's degree in Science and Humanities.

If I pass the American Academy and discover that I want to pursue a career in Medicine, can I switch to American Academy Health?

No. To be admitted to the American Academy of Health, it is necessary to participate in the first stage of the selection process, which is the entrance exam. If you pass and are admitted to the American Academy of Health, the related classes already taken at the American Academy can be accepted.