UWC makes education a force to unite people, nations and cultures for peace and a sustainable future

Staff and students of the UWC Adriatic have been carefully selected. They are expected to contribute to the College community and to identify with its aims and with the UWC ideals. These include:

- The promotion of international understanding
- Respect for others regardless of culture, gender, race, religion, disability, sexual orientation or social status
- Participation in a programme of community service
- Appreciation of Italy's language and cultural heritage
- Demonstrating responsibility for oneself and for others in College affairs
- The pursuit of serious academic study and integrity.

UWC Adriatic is one of 18 United World Colleges worldwide. It is a co-educational, international, residential school offering the rigorous two-year International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme to about 190 students from some 80 different countries. Selection Committees in each country nominate candidates in a thorough and highly competitive process. All students receive scholarships to attend (75% of students are on full scholarships). UWC Adriatic, founded in September 1982, has an international faculty with a wide range of professional experience including many senior staff with extensive International Baccalaureate, United World College or other international school experience. Several teachers are Examiners and/or Workshop Leaders with the IB.

UWC Adriatic does not have a separate campus; students attend classes, live and eat in buildings located throughout the Italian-Slovene village of Duino. They are all engaged in an intense academic schedule, physical and aesthetic activities, and social service. They balance all these commitments while learning to live together in six residences where they have a large measure of autonomy. UWC Adriatic has high expectations of its students – as residents of a village, they must demonstrate a higher degree of social responsibility and self-discipline than in a typical campus setting. All students are enrolled in the full IB diploma programme in English. This is especially challenging as some students have never studied in English before, and may come from diverse academic backgrounds, including those whose studies have been interrupted by strife or conflict. All are students who have been chosen because they are among the most talented in their countries. These talents are not only intellectual; many are gifted musicians, artists, and performers; many have demonstrated extraordinary leadership qualities in their respective communities.

IB statistics (most recent data available, May 2025):

IB Diploma points	**40-45**	**35-39**	**30-34**	**24-29**	**0-23**	**Diploma Average**	**Pass Rate**
Worldwide % students	9.3	20.5	27.8	27.7	14.7	30.6	81.3
UWC Adriatic % students	11.0	35.8	31.5	15.2	6.5	33.5	92.4

UWC Adriatic 10-year (2015-2025) IBDP average: 35.1 points (pass rate 97.5 %)

IB results demonstrate the academic potential and achievement of the students of UWC Adriatic. These results do not capture the depth of their commitment to others through their social services, to each other, and to the College. Living and working together in this small international environment, students gain not only an IB Diploma, but also the tools to channel their energy and diverse talents in service of their own countries and the wider world.