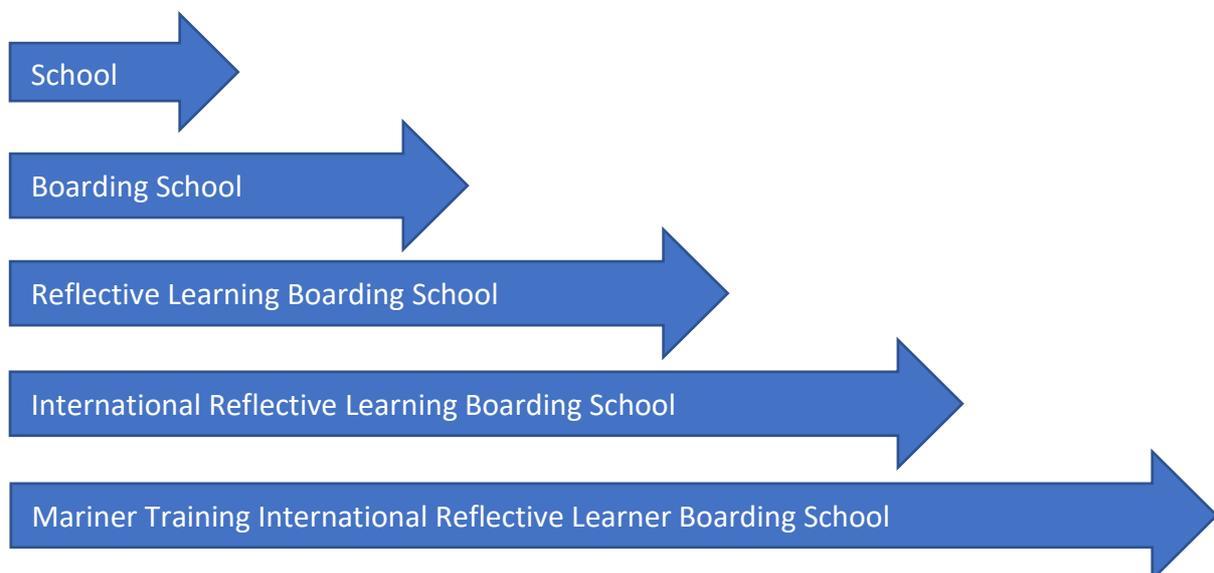
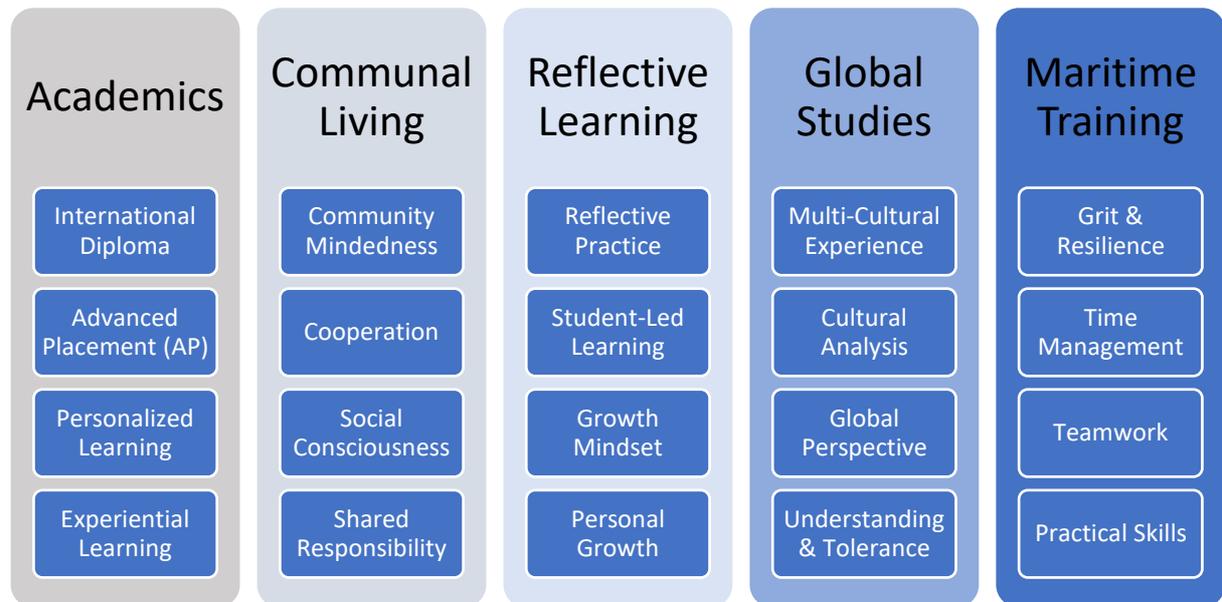


A+ World Academy's "My Five to Global Leadership"

The My Five to Global Leadership program helps identify and explain the mission and purpose of A+ World Academy's program. We are not just a school but rather a life-changing program that develops confident leaders with real world experience on a global perspective. As students experience our program, they will learn more about themselves and others, with not only a focus on expanding their academic knowledge but developing them wholly as a human. Through the learning environment provided and the unique community challenges that accompany living and working on a tall ship, students learn the importance of being positive contributors to a community and embracing a balanced lifestyle, which better prepares them for university and beyond. Our unique boarding school environment will impact students through experiencing different cultures and the hard work of maritime training that will give them structure, purpose, resilience, and grit for the rest of their lives. Our program is unique and uniquely challenging to describe, but these five domains help clarify what we do and what we believe.



ACADEMICS

International Diploma	Our educational program places the international perspective as primary importance. All coursework is in English, but students live and study in a truly international setting and gain the knowledge and experience of multiple perspectives, beliefs, ideas, and ways of understanding as they travel the world with students from various countries.
Advanced Placement (AP)	Our teachers are certified AP instructors and students can select AP-level coursework in every subject area in order to provide them with transferable university credits through exam scores of 3 or higher.
Personalized Learning	More than individualized or differentiated, our program provides, on average, 10:1 student-teacher ratios and students live with their teachers; establishing deep connections between students and staff that allow for truly personalized learning opportunities.
Experiential Learning	Our classroom is not on a sailing ship, our classroom is the world! Students are learning from their experiences on the ship, in the ship, off the ship, and as they explore the world from cultural icons to architectural monuments and places of social/political significance in history and culture. Their academic learning is directly integrated into their experiences at ports across the globe and the two are mutually connected. Our students do not take field trips; they actively connect their learning to experiences as they discover the world.

COMMUNAL LIVING

Community Mindedness	Living in a community that has unique needs, has a critical reliance on everyone's participation and support, and is affected by each individual's contributions to the community; provides our students with a maturity, level of loyalty, and sense of duty that is unparalleled.
Cooperation	Students not only rely on each other, they rely on the cooperation of everyone in every aspect of living: Academic studies, ship duties, cleaning responsibilities, life ashore, and every other facet of daily life is never singular.
Social Consciousness	Learning social equity, fairness, balancing wants and needs of self and others, and helping those in need in a socially responsible and sustainable way.
Shared Responsibility	Our living philosophy is Ship first, shipmates second, and self last. We develop servant leaders that are aware of the needs of the group and others.

REFLECTIVE LEARNING

Self-Reflection	Reflective practice is an essential component to becoming a life-long learner that involves identifying what an individual's strengths and areas of growth are and what needs to be done in order to reach mastery. Our program provides guided practice in becoming reflective in all aspects of development, not just academics.
Student-Led Learning	Our students become strong, independent learners that are self-led. Their global experiences, ship training, and academic learning bring each student to the realization that they alone are responsible for their learning and must take proactive steps in order to succeed.
Growth Mindset	There is no possibility for a fixed mindset to exist in a program that is designed specifically for challenging, expanding, and pushing students beyond their previous concepts of ability and skill. Students are awakened to their potential, see failure as motivating, and that how you mentally approach a challenge is a stronger determinant to one's success than any other factor.
Personal Growth	Our program fosters maturity, emotional intelligence, effective communication skills, and growth opportunities through real-world life situations that they would never experience in a traditional school. Our students walk with purpose, confidence, and stand apart from their peers in a very distinct way.

GLOBAL STUDIES

Multi-Cultural Experience	Our students live with, learn with, and travel the world with students from a multitude of countries, nationalities, and cultures. The way they learn, what they discuss, and how they interact are all influenced by their multicultural environment.
Cultural Analysis	Students are challenged to examine their own beliefs while examining those of others. Students are guided to identify the similarities and differences among cultures and how their beliefs change through the progression of the year in a reflective way.
Global Perspective	Students will experience the needs of children, adults, nations, governments, societies, and cultures in the span of ten months that most people will never experience in their entire life. Students develop an understanding of political, historical, religious, and cultural systems that shape how people think and behave.
Understanding & Tolerance	Students begin the year holding on to their own understandings, beliefs, and culture. As the year progresses, they develop an understanding and a tolerance for the differences among cultures and an awareness of how systems shape the beliefs and actions of people across the globe.

MARITIME TRAINING

Grit & Resilience

Grit has been shown through research to be one of the strongest indicators of success, both in academics and life. Grit is persevering through difficult situations without giving up. Resilience is seeing the failures and mistakes as learning opportunities for growth and improvement. Our program's foundation is based on these two life skills. Students learn these characteristics from the mariner crew, their ship duties and chores, and from their academic journey.

Time Management

University preparation is more than academic; it is about time management, learning to prioritize, and becoming independent/self-led learners that can manage multiple tasks simultaneously. Students leave our program with a mastery of these skills. They will perform day and night watch duties, attend classes throughout the day, study in the morning and at night, and experience ports around the world. They quickly adapt to a demanding schedule of truly living life to the fullest, without internet, cell phones, or social media.

Teamwork

Teamwork is an integration of social responsibility, collaboration, and one of the very first life skills students develop as they are trained by the mariner crew in how to sail the oldest fully-rigged sailing ship in the world. This teamwork bleeds into academic life and communal living in a way that establishes a 'one ship, one crew' philosophy.

Practical Skills

Our students are not passive learners: students who memorize textbooks or learn how to become proficient test takers. Our students have practical skills and knowledge, a functioning intelligence of how the world works, what it takes to succeed, and how to become a global leader.