

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN STUDYING IN THE USA AND THE UK

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Annotation: In this article you can read about some general pattern and variety of education in the UK and the USA, at what age kids study in each grade, and what exams students take in these countries.

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The biggest difference between the British and American systems is that in the former, you study one subject, whereas in the latter you have a general sense of emphasis-what's called a major. Americans fresh out of high school don't have to decide on that major straight away either.

The education system in the UK

In Great Britain, England, Wales and Northern Ireland follow the National Curriculum, with some variations. Scotland, on the other hand, has its own curriculum.

In the UK, children generally start formal education at the age of four, earlier than in the US. Students take exams at key stages in their education. Then the two-year program starting at the age of 14 ends with the GCSE (General Certificate of Secondary Education - O-Levels or ordinary levels until 1988), and the next two-year program starting at the age of 16 is crowned with the English “Baccalaureate”—secondary school diploma exams, i.e., A-Level exams. (Advanced Level). Overall, it can be said that the system leads students towards increasing specialization.

A-levels

The A-Level diploma was introduced in Great Britain in 1951, and its idea is to educate the best candidates for leading universities.

The A-Levels are taken between the ages of 16 and 18 and are much more difficult than the GCSEs. They can't be taken without having passed GCSEs in similar subjects. If you want to go to university, you have to take both exam.

The education system in the USA

In the US system, less emphasis is placed on examinations and students study general subjects until the end of high school, which is Grade 12, the UK equivalent of Year 13.

In the United States, most children attend preschool part-time, but state-provided education does not start until Kindergarten (Year 1 in the UK).

In the early years, children are gradually introduced to learning, with a strong emphasis on socialization as well as developing basic language and math skills. It's generally accepted that from kindergarten through Grade 3, children acquire basic knowledge that is then applied and developed more rigorously in Grade 4.

The US system is typically divided into three levels:

- Basic: Elementary school (K - Grade 5),
- Middle school (Grades 6-8)
- High school (Grades 9–12).

The curriculum in the United States is usually quite extensive, and students are expected to study many subjects—such as English, math, science, foreign languages, history, art, music, and physical education—all the way to Grade 12.

Students are assessed at the end of each grade when they move on to the next, but the exams are not nationally standardized and have traditionally had relatively little influence on their progression to the next grade. They can, however, help to determine at what level a student can choose a course in the next grade—more or less advanced. However, there are no exams in the US comparable to GCSE or A-Levels.

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