



Araratian
Bacculaureate

The Araratian Bacculaureate: A guide for universities

What is the Araratian Bacculaureate (AB)?

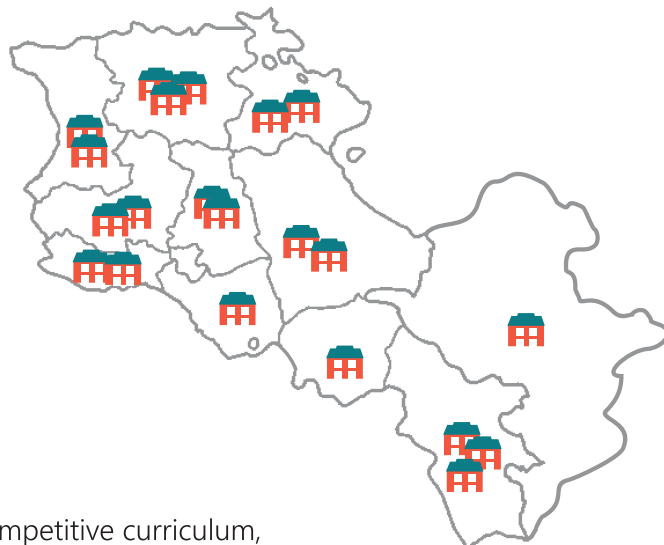
- Academically rigorous 3-year upper-secondary-school **A-Level-equivalent qualification** delivered in Armenian
- Developed by Ayb Educational Foundation in cooperation with RA Ministry of Education and Science as part of Armenia's National Program for Educational Excellence (NPEE) and international partners **Cambridge Assessment International Education** (Cambridge) (assessment and curriculum development) and **University College London Institute of Education** (teacher training and pedagogy)

How is AB assessed?

- AB exams assessed by Araratian Bacculaureate Examination Center (ABEC) with Cambridge
- STEM (Math, Physics, Chemistry and Biology) A-Level-equivalent grades **jointly certified by ABEC and Cambridge**

Who takes the AB?

- The AB is designed for a selected **high-performing national cohort** and offered during the last 3 years of the 12-year Armenian comprehensive public education system (school year: 32 weeks, 6 days/week).
- Starting fall 2018, students throughout Armenia will be eligible to pursue the AB at **specially certified public schools around the country.**



Why AB?

- Enriched program, internationally competitive curriculum, innovative pedagogy, delivering 21st century skills
- **Direct admission** to local and international universities without additional examinations



UCL Institute of Education – Teacher Training Partner



Cambridge Assessment – Examinations Partner

From UK NARIC benchmarking report 2016

Qualification: Araratian Baccaulaureate

Awarding Institution: Araratian Baccaulaureate Examination Center (ABEC)

Comparability:

- Is considered comparable to the overall GCE A Level Standard Subjects passed at Extended Level, jointly certified by ABEC/Cambridge, can be considered comparable to GCE A Level on a subject-for-subject basis. Jointly-certified subjects at Standard Level can be considered comparable to the GCE AS Level on a subject-for-subject basis.
- Is considered comparable to the overall US Advanced Placement Standard

AB curriculum

- Balanced-learning qualification covering **8 subject areas** with a requirement of:
 - 3 extended courses (360 guided learning hours each) comparable to A Level
 - 4 standard courses (180 guided learning hours each) comparable to the AS Level
- **English proficiency** at CEFR level B2 or C1 upon graduation
- Required courses: **Extended Armenian Studies** and **Extended English Language**, as well as up to two additional Extended Subjects of their choice (Extended Mathematics, Extended Biology, Extended Chemistry, Extended Physics)
- **Project-based learning** – Student-designed projects are well-structured interdisciplinary activity with social impact, carried out in teams under the guidance of a mentor

How will the AB be reported?

Graduates receive AB Diplomas, awarded at three levels: **Honors, Merit** and **Standard**, along with the State Attestat of Secondary Education. Grade reports are jointly certified by ABEC/Cambridge for STEM subjects

International recognition

- Benchmarked by UK National Recognition Information Centre (**UK NARIC**) to be **comparable to GCE** A Level and US Advanced Placement Standard qualifications
- AB graduates pursue university education in Armenia and **highly competitive programs** in the US, UK, Europe, Russia and the Far East