

# THE AMERICAN SCHOOL OF BARCELONA



## SCHOOL PROFILE 2019-2020

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### THE SCHOOL

Founded in 1962, ASB is an international, independent, non-profit, co-educational, university preparatory day school which serves the international and Spanish communities in Barcelona from pre-school to grade 12. ASB is accredited by the International Baccalaureate Organization, the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools and is authorized by the Spanish and Catalan Ministries of Education. The school has a purpose-built facility located just south of Barcelona.

### MISSION

Our mission is to empower pre-school through 12th grade students to become global citizens with the critical thinking skills and the self-confidence to maximize their potential.

### ENROLLMENT

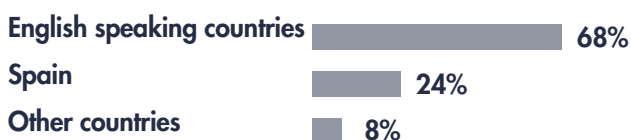
There are 928 students from 55+ different nationalities enrolled in Pre-K through 12th grade, with 330 in the high school.



### FACULTY

The ASB staff includes 114 faculty members (teachers and assistants), 23 support staff and 15 administrators.

The approximate composition of faculty by nationality is:



More than 80% of our international teachers have advanced degrees.

### INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM

ASB offers a rigorous university preparatory program, taught in English, that prepares students for admission to top universities throughout the world.

Students in grades 9 and 10 access a curriculum which follows Common Core (English, Social Studies and Math) and NGSS science standards where all students take Biology, Chemistry and Physics. There are differentiated levels for mathematics and language learning (English, Spanish, and Catalan) in each grade.

More than half of our grade 9 and 10 students also complete local requirements in Castellano and Catalan Language and Literature, and Spanish History and Geography.

Participation in electives has been limited given other academic requirements, but some opportunities have included: Visual Arts, Music, Information Technology, Model United Nations, Speech and Debate, and Entrepreneurship. All students participate in developing a wide range of community service activities throughout the year.

Graduates earn a U.S. high school diploma and, in grades 11-12, can additionally pursue the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma. 65% percent of IB diploma students in the class of 2019 earned the bilingual diploma and many students graduate having achieved a level of language appropriate for university instruction in all three languages (English, Spanish, and Catalan).

### GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

A minimum of 22 credits are required to obtain the U.S. high school diploma, including:

English	<b>4 credits</b>	World Language	<b>3 credits</b>
Science	<b>3 credits</b>	Electives	<b>3 credits</b>
Social Studies	<b>3 credits</b>	Physical Education	<b>2 credits</b>
Mathematics	<b>3 credits</b>	Community Service	<b>1 credit</b>

## INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE

The International Baccalaureate Diploma Program (IBDP) is a demanding, two-year course of study leading to external examinations. At ASB, the IBDP is an open enrollment program. In 2019, 68 ASB graduates earned the full IB Diploma, with an average score of 33 points.

IB Course Offerings	Standard Level	Higher Level	IB Course Offerings	Standard Level	Higher Level
English A Literature		Y	Psychology	Y	Y
English A Language and Literature	Y	Y	Computer Science	Y	
Spanish A Language and Literature	Y	Y	Biology	Y	Y
Spanish B	Y	Y	Physics		Y
Spanish Ab Initio	Y		Chemistry	Y	Y
Self-study Language	Y		Environmental Systems and Societies	Y	
Economics	Y	Y	Mathematics	Y	Y
Global Politics		Y	Visual Arts	Y	Y
History		Y	Music		Y

## INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE DIPLOMA SCORES

	No. of ASB IB students	% of ASB students that passed	Avg. ASB IB score	ASB high score (out of 45)	World average
<b>2017</b>	51	98%	35	42	30
<b>2018</b>	52	94%	34	44	30
<b>2019</b>	72	94%	33	42	30

## OFFICIAL IB COURSE GRADE DISTRIBUTION FOR THE CLASS OF 2019

IB SUBJECT AREA	Number of exam takers	Grade received					
		7	6	5	4	3	2
Group 1: Studies in Language and literature (English A)	72	3%	29%	55%	13%	0	0
Group 1: Studies in Language and literature (Spanish A)	47	2%	32%	51%	15%	0	0
Group 2: Language Acquisition (Spanish)	23	52%	39%	9%	0	0	0
Group 3: Individuals and societies	110	11%	35%	37%	10%	6%	1%
Group 4: Sciences	97	14%	36%	22%	13%	15%	0
Group 5: Mathematics	73	7%	22%	23%	27%	16%	5%
Group 6: The Arts	9	11%	0	34%	33%	22%	0

## GRADE 11 FINAL ASB GRADE DISTRIBUTION (CLASS OF 2020)

IB SUBJECT AREA	Number of students	Grade received				
		7	6	5	4	3-1
Group 1: Studies in Language and literature (English A)	72	14%	40%	29%	14%	3%
Group 1: Studies in Language and literature (Spanish A)	46	13%	57%	26%	2%	2%
Group 2: Language Acquisition (Spanish)	25	20%	52%	28%	0%	0%
Group 3: Individuals and societies	108	19%	38%	31%	8%	4%
Group 4: Sciences	87	29%	37%	14%	15%	6%
Group 5: Mathematics	72	12%	38%	26%	18%	5%
Group 6: The Arts	21	43%	48%	5%	0%	5%

## GRADING SYSTEM

Until the end of the 2013-2014 school year ASB used a percentage-based grading system. In September 2014 ASB began the transition towards a Standards Based Grading system in order for our final grades to more accurately demonstrate a student's achievement level at the end of each year. In grades 9 and 10 the class of 2020 was assessed on a four-point scale that has been converted to the A-F scale. In grades 11 and 12 the class of 2020 has been assessed on a seven-point scale. Transcripts reflect this transition.

Due to the high mobility of the student population, ASB does not rank students or calculate GPA.

Grades 9 - 10		Grades 11 - 12	
Descriptor	Letter Equivalent	Descriptor	Grading scale
Exemplary	A+	Exemplary	7
	A		6
	A-	Proficient	5
B+	4		
Proficient	B	Developing	3
	B-		Limited/ No Evidence
	C+	Developing	
C			
C-			
Limited/ No Evidence	F		

## SAT RESULTS

SAT are optional exams taken by students at ASB who plan to apply to U.S. universities. Average scores shown.

Class of:	2018 (25 test takers)	2019 (24 test takers)	2020 (27 test takers)
<b>Evidence Based Reading &amp; Writing</b>	616	628	639
<b>Mathematics</b>	647	657	659
<b>Total</b>	<b>1263</b>	<b>1285</b>	<b>1298</b>

### **Testing Restrictions on international students & US citizens abroad**

*In recent years, and particularly this year, our students have had less access to SAT/SAT Subject and ACT tests because of fewer test dates abroad, fewer sites offering the test, score cancellations, technology difficulties, and higher fees. We ask that all higher education institutions take this into account when evaluating our students' applications.*

## EXTRACURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES

Our High School prides itself not only on our high academic achievement, but also on the ability of our students to make a positive impact on our community through ongoing engagement. Many students take part in activities outside of ASB, including several students competing in high level athletic clubs, national teams and music conservatories. In recent years ASB has been working to strengthen our extracurricular options in Service, Athletics and Performing Arts. Some highlights include:

**Model United Nations program:** Over 50% of our high school students participate in both local and international MUN programs, including our own student-led conference hosting over 500 students from around the world.

**New European Speech, Debate and Acting Association (NESDA):** Students travel to two conferences per year where they compete in a range of events.

**Athletics teams:** compete as members of the Iberian and European Sports Conferences. Varsity team options include: soccer, volleyball, basketball, tennis, and cross-country.

**Service Learning opportunities** are an integral part of ASB with high school students leading and innovating in many areas:

### **RefugArt:**

Student-initiated activity to raise awareness and support for refugees around the world through art production and exhibitions. Annual events have collaborated with the UNHCR and other international aid organizations.

### **Language and Career Partnerships:**

Students work with local organizations (schools, hospitals and corporations) to support English language development for adults who share their professional experiences with our students.

### **International Service Learning:**

*Opportunities include travel to:*

- Nepal to support school development.
- Botswana to support refugee education and sustainable economics.
- Peru to support medical service delivery in the Amazon communities.

## UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCE AND MATRICULATION

Graduates from the Classes of 2017-2019 were accepted to the following universities. (Highlighted universities indicate matriculation).

### UNITED STATES

American University  
Babson College  
**Berklee College of Music**  
Boston College  
**Boston University**  
**Bowdoin College**  
Brandeis University  
**Brown University**  
California State University, Northridge  
Carnegie Mellon University  
**Chapman University**  
Colgate University  
**Columbia University**  
**Cornell University**  
Drexel University  
Duke University  
Earlham College  
Elon University  
Emerson College  
Flagler College  
Florida Institute of Technology

Florida State University  
Fordham University  
Franklin Olin College of Engineering  
**George Mason University**  
George Washington University  
Georgetown University  
**Georgia Institute of Technology**  
Harvey Mudd College  
**Indiana University Bloomington**  
**Johns Hopkins University**  
Loyola Marymount University  
**Massachusetts Institute of Technology**  
Miami University, Oxford  
**Michigan State University**  
**New York University**  
**Northeastern University**  
**Northwestern University**  
Nova Southeastern University  
Oakland University  
**Ohio State University**

**Pratt Institute**  
Saint Louis University  
**San Diego State University**  
San Francisco State University  
**Savannah College of Art and Design**  
Seton Hall University  
**Skidmore College**  
**Stanford University**  
Syracuse University  
Temple University  
The New School  
**Tufts University**  
University of California, Berkeley  
University of California, Davis  
University of California, Irvine  
University of California, Los Angeles  
**University of California, San Diego**  
University of California, Santa Barbara  
**University of Chicago**  
**University of Colorado Boulder**

University of Houston  
**University of Illinois at Chicago**  
University of Iowa  
**University of Notre Dame**  
**University of Pennsylvania**  
University of Pittsburgh  
University of Portland  
University of Rochester  
University of San Diego  
University of San Francisco  
University of South Carolina  
University of Southern California  
**University of Tampa**  
University of Washington  
University of Wisconsin, Madison  
**Virginia Polytechnic Institute**  
Wellesley College  
Worcester Polytechnic Institute

### UNITED KINGDOM

Abertay University  
Aberystwyth University  
**Arts University Bournemouth**  
Aston University  
Bath Spa University  
Birmingham City University  
**Bournemouth University**  
Brunel University London  
Cardiff University  
City University of London  
**Coventry University**  
Durham University  
Edge Hill University  
Edinburgh Napier University  
Glasgow Caledonian University  
**Goldsmiths, University of London**  
Heriot-Watt University  
Imperial College London  
**Keele University**  
**King's College London**  
Lancaster University

**Leeds Beckett University**  
London Metropolitan University  
**London School of Economics and Political Science**  
London South Bank University  
Loughborough University  
**Manchester Metropolitan University**  
**New College of the Humanities**  
Newcastle University  
Northumbria University  
**Nottingham Trent University**  
Oxford Brookes University  
**Queen Mary University of London**  
**Ravensbourne**  
**Regent's University London**  
**Royal Holloway, University of London**  
School of Oriental and African Studies  
St George's, University of London  
Swansea University

**University College London**  
**University for the Creative Arts**  
University of Aberdeen  
**University of Bath**  
University of Bedfordshire  
University of Birmingham  
University of Brighton  
University of Bristol  
**University of Cambridge**  
University of Chester  
**University of Derby**  
University of Dundee  
**University of East Anglia**  
**University of East London**  
**University of Edinburgh**  
University of Essex  
**University of Exeter**  
**University of Glasgow**  
University of Greenwich  
University of Huddersfield  
University of Hull

**University of Kent**  
**University of Leeds**  
University of Leicester  
University of Liverpool  
**University of Manchester**  
**University of Nottingham**  
**University of Oxford**  
University of Portsmouth  
University of Reading  
University of Sheffield  
**University of Southampton**  
University of Stirling  
University of Strathclyde  
**University of Surrey**  
University of Sussex  
**University of the Arts London**  
**University of Warwick**  
University of Westminster  
University of Winchester  
**University of York**

### CANADA

Carleton University  
**Concordia University**  
**McGill University**  
McMaster University

Queen's University  
**Ryerson University**  
**Simon Fraser University**

**University of British Columbia**  
University of Manitoba  
University of Ottawa

University of Toronto  
**University of Waterloo**  
York University

### SPAIN

**ESADE**  
**EU Business School Barcelona**  
**Institut Quimic de Sarria**  
**International University of Catalonia**  
**LaSalle-Ramon Llull**  
**Pompeu Fabra University**  
**Ramon Llull University**  
**Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona**  
**Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya**  
**Universitat Pompeu Fabra**  
**Universitat de Barcelona**  
**University of Navarra**

### NETHERLANDS

**Erasmus University Rotterdam**  
**Hotelschool The Hague**  
**Leiden University**  
**Maastricht University**  
**Universiteit van Amsterdam**  
University of Groningen  
Utrecht University  
VU University of Amsterdam

### OTHER COUNTRIES

ESCP-Europe - Paris  
**The American University of Paris**  
**CODE Berlin University of Applied Sciences**  
**Ecole Polytechnique Federale de Lausanne**  
**Les Roches International School of Hotel Management**  
University of Lausanne

#### University matriculation Class of 2019

