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Given the global COVID 19 crisis in the spring of 2020, ASM launched Virtual School on March 12, 2020. ASM did so in collaboration with other international schools in Spain and world-wide. ASM's Virtual School model utilized a balance of synchronous and asynchronous learning experiences and made use of the school's existing structures and resources. ASM's wide-spread and long term use of Google Classroom and other resources made for a smooth transition given the extraordinary circumstances. Students participated in a full range of learning experiences and ASM, to the greatest extent possible, maintained our Honor Code and full academic expectations in all courses during this time. Our experience has shown us that not only did learning continue, but that students at all levels took responsibility for their learning in ways we did not anticipate. School closure was a massively disruptive event, but it also generated a real context for learning, problem solving, and initiative and ASM students rose to the challenge. — Ben Weinberg Headmaster

## Learning Philosophy

The American School of Madrid (ASM) is an independent, K-12 school that provides a comprehensive and rigorous education to over 980 students from the United States, Spain, and abroad. We are a college-preparatory school whose mission is to prepare students for entry into best-fit colleges and universities around the world. We offer the US high school and International Baccalaureate Diplomas, and our program is recognized by the Spanish Ministry of Education.

## Faculty

Ninety percent of the faculty hold advanced degrees from distinguished colleges and universities in the United States and abroad.

Mr. Benjamin Weinberg  
Headmaster

Mr. Felim Bolster  
Upper School Director

Ms. Marjorie Southworth  
College Counselor

Dr. Martina Bree  
Dean of Students, IB Coordinator

Mr. John McCracking  
College Counselor

Mr. Collin Swanson  
Learning Support

Ms. Tessa John-Guerra  
Guidance Counselor

## Accreditation

The American School of Madrid is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, the Ministry of Education in Spain, and The International Baccalaureate Organization.

## Grading System

We have adopted a standards-based mindset that focuses on performance, process and product and which separates achievement from learning. Grades are attached to clear rubrics and descriptors, which assist in understanding how students can continue their progress toward mastery of the expected knowledge and skills.

Beginning in 2020-2021:  
IB Courses are graded on a 1 - 7 scale  
All other courses are graded on an A - F scale  
**We do not calculate GPA and Class Rank.**

## Standardized Testing

Class of 2020	Student Scoring
<b>69 of 87</b> total students took the SAT. For 32 of these students, English is not their first language.	700-800 - ERW, 14% - Math, 23%
<b>55%</b> (38) students took the <u>SAT with Essay</u> - Their Mean scores were <b>ERW 641</b> and <b>Math 655</b>	600-700 - ERW, 45% - Math, 38%
<b>45%</b> (31) students took the <u>SAT without Essay</u> - Their Mean scores were <b>ERW 612</b> and <b>Math 629</b>	500-600 - ERW, 30% - Math, 35%

## Class Size

The Upper School faculty to student ratio is approximately 1:8. Class sizes range from 5 to 25.

## International Baccalaureate (IB)

The International Baccalaureate program at ASM is in its twenty sixth year.



### ASM IB Statistics

Class of	2017	2018	2019	2020
Diploma Candidates	55	49	65	64
Course Candidates	22	22	11	12
<b>Diplomas Awarded</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>64</b>
World Average IB Score	30	29.95	29.633*	29.9
<b>ASM Average IB Score</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>35</b>

\*For the past 5 years, the World Diploma pass rate averaged 78.57% and the ASM Diploma pass rate averaged 98%.

## ASM IB Courses

### Group 1

- English A: Literature HL/SL
- English A: Language and Literature HL/SL
- Spanish A: Language and Literature HL/SL

### Group 2

- Spanish B HL/SL/ab initio
- French B HL/SL/ab initio
- Mandarin ab initio
- Chinese B (Mandarin) SL

### Group 3

- Business Management HL/SL
- Economics HL/SL
- History HL/SL
- Information Technology in a Global Society (ITGS) HL/SL
- Philosophy SL (pamoja)
- Psychology HL/SL(Pamoja)

### Group 4

- Biology HL/SL
- Chemistry HL/SL
- Computer Science HL/SL
- Environmental Systems and Societies SL
- Physics HL/SL









### Group 5

- Mathematics: analysis and approaches HL/SL
- Mathematics: applications and interpretation HL/SL

### Group 6

- Film SL (pamoja)
- Music HL/SL
- Visual Arts HL/SL

## ASM Graduation Requirements

 <b>4 credits</b> English	 <b>3 credits</b> Mathematics	 <b>3 credits</b> Science
 <b>2 credits</b> Foreign Languages	 <b>2 credits</b> PE/ Health	 <b>1 credits</b> Fine Arts/ Performing Arts
 <b>3 credits</b> Social Studies	 <b>2/3 credits</b> Information Technology	 <b>6 credits</b> Electives

The following is a list of minimum requirements for graduation from the American School of Madrid; **a one year course is equal to one credit.**

**Total:**  
**24 2/3**  
**credits**

## Class of 2020 Universities

### North America

#### American University

Arizona State University-Tempe

Babson College

Bard College

Bentley University

#### Berklee College of Music (2)

#### Boston College (2)

Boston University

Brandeis University

Brown University

Bryant University

Bryn Mawr College

#### Clark University

Colgate University

College of the Holy Cross

Colorado State University-Fort Collins

#### Columbia University In the City of New York

Cornell University

Dartmouth College

Drew University

Drexel University

Earlham College

#### Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University-Daytona Beach

Emmanuel College

Emory University

Florida Institute of Technology

Florida International University

Florida State University

Fordham University

#### Franklin W Olin College of Engineering

George Mason University

George Washington University

#### Georgetown University (3)

Georgia Institute of Technology-Main Campus

Hawaii Pacific University

Hult International Business School

#### Lafayette College

Lehigh University

Loyola Marymount University

Loyola University Chicago

Loyola University Maryland

#### McGill University (2)

#### Miami Dade College

Michigan State University

Middlebury College

Mount Holyoke College

#### New College of the Humanities

New Jersey Institute of Technology

#### New York University (4)

#### Northeastern University

#### Oberlin College

Occidental College

Pace University

Pennsylvania State University-Main Campus

#### Pratt Institute-Main

Providence College

Quinnipiac University

#### Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Rhodes College

Rochester Institute of Technology

Rollins College

Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology

Ryerson University

#### San Francisco State University

Sarah Lawrence College

St John's University-New York

#### Stanford University (2)

Suffolk University

#### Swansea University

Syracuse University

Texas Christian University

The College of Wooster

The New School

The University of Tampa

#### The University of Texas At Dallas

#### Tufts University

Tulane University of Louisiana

Union College

University of California-Berkeley

University of California-Davis

University of California-Irvine

University of California-Riverside

University of California-Riverside

University of California-San Diego

#### University of California-Santa Barbara

University of California-Santa Cruz

University of Central Florida

#### University of Chicago

University of Colorado Boulder

University of Denver

#### University of Florida

University of Georgia

University of Houston

University of Massachusetts-Amherst

#### University of Miami (2)

University of Notre Dame

University of Pennsylvania

University of Richmond

#### University of South Florida-Main Campus

#### University of Southern California (2)

University of Toronto

University of Vermont

#### Valencia College

Villanova University

Wake Forest University

Washington and Lee University

Washington University In St Louis

Wentworth Institute of Technology

Wesleyan University

Williams College

Worcester Polytechnic Institute

#### Yale University

### Europe & International

#### Amsterdam University of Applied Sciences

BIMM Institute

#### Camilo José Cela University (2)

#### Carlos III University of Madrid

#### Comillas Pontifical University - ICAI (2)

#### Erasmus University Rotterdam

ESCP Business School

#### Francisco de Vitoria University (2)

#### IE University (7)

London Metropolitan University

#### Maastricht University

MCPHS University

Nebrija University

#### Oxford Brookes University

#### Radboud University

Saint Edward's University

#### Saint Louis University - Madrid (3)

#### The American University of Paris (2)

Tilburg University

#### Universidad de Navarra

#### Universita Cattolica Del Sacro Cuore

University College Groningen

#### University College Roosevelt

University College Utrecht

#### University of Amsterdam

#### University of Bristol

University of Glasgow

University of Greenwich

University of La Verne

#### University of Nottingham

#### University of St Andrews

#### University of Sussex (2)

#### University of the Arts London

University of Twente

#### University of Warwick (2)

University of York

#### Zuyd University of Applied Sciences