

The American School in London

Profile 2020–21

Portrait of a Learner:

Thinker
Explorer
Collaborator
Innovator
Communicator
Well-being
Respect
Responsibility
Kindness
Integrity
Courage to Act

COVID-19 & ASL

ASL closed on 13 March 2020, moved to distance learning on 23 March, and finished the fourth quarter of the 2019-20 year entirely online.

- Normal grades were earned for the semester, with some students earning P/F grades in some subjects, owing to COVID-19-related issues. These will be individually explained in the counselor recommendation.
- Students in AP classes sat AP exams, administered at 5 pm, 7 pm and 9 pm over a number of weeks, with several students experiencing significant uploading and technical difficulties, resulting in multiple retakes. These will be individually explained in the counselor recommendation.
- In a departure from ASL policy, AP students were not required to take the AP exam in 2020.
- ASL was unable to administer SAT/ACT tests in April and May. The June SAT was canceled.
- The end of winter sports season and spring sports season were canceled, as were after-school activities, community partnerships and clubs.
- The School reopened in September 2020, with a modified schedule. The fall sports season has been curtailed and all clubs and after-school activities have been canceled or moved online.

Class of 2021: Snapshot

122
members in the class

28
languages spoken

75%
have studied at ASL
throughout high school

44%
of the class
participated in
community service (no
service requirement)

52%
students hold passports
for 2 or more countries

**All community partnerships
were canceled in spring 2020*

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The American School in London empowers each student to thrive as a lifelong learner and courageous global citizen by fostering intellect, creativity, inclusivity and character.

Introduction

Founded in 1951 • K-12, independent, co-educational day school, with an enrollment of 1,350 • 9:1 student-faculty ratio • Students hold citizenship from 70 countries • Accredited by the MSACS and certified by Ofsted; member of NAIS, CIS, CASE, NACAC, International ACAC and the College Board. More than 48% of students hold citizenship from more than one country. Approximately 70% of students hold US citizenship, and 42% of students hold citizenship in a country other than the US.

Academics, Rank & Grading

ASL operates on a semester calendar and block schedule. Gr. 9 students take 7–8 classes per semester; Gr. 10, 11 & 12 students take 6–7 classes per semester.
ASL does not offer honors classes.
Grades are not weighted.
A cumulative GPA is reported using all grades earned at ASL only.
ASL does not report a rank.
The grading scale can be found on the transcript.

AP Curriculum

ASL offers more than 20 designated AP classes, considered to be the most rigorous classes.
No designated AP English course; instead students take English electives in Grs. 11 & 12 that prepare them for the AP English Literature and AP English Language exams.
Most APs are reserved for Grs. 11 & 12.

Grade 11 distribution for Class of 2021

Grade	English	Social studies	World language	Science	Math	Art
A	202	155	107	119	71	109
B	45	30	37	46	55	4
C	1	1	3	11	12	0
D	0	0	0	0	1	0
TOTAL	248	186	147	176	139	113

Key Academic Programs

Advanced/Post-AP Classes: The following classes are the most rigorous courses outside or beyond the AP curriculum: Algebra 2 with Trigonometry, Precalculus with Calculus, Advanced Math Seminar, Advanced French Literature, Computational Circuits, Game Design.

Human Rights Symposium: Students selected to enroll in this course become human rights scholars as they research, organize, schedule and implement a school-wide, one-day symposium targeting a contemporary human rights topic. Students complete a substantial research project which is delivered at the symposium and later published. This class is considered to be as rigorous as an AP class.

Advanced Independent Research Colloquium: Students pursue a topic of choice at the college research level, culminating in a public presentation, an individual academic essay and a self-reflection. This class is considered to be as rigorous as an AP class.

Unique Programs

Alternatives:

Each year, every Gr.9-12 student participates in a year round alternative cultural experience or a concert tour that culminates in off-campus travel throughout Europe and a final day of reflection. Alternatives were canceled in 2020.

Examples of Alternatives include:

Aerospace Innovation; Immigration and Social Justice; No Substitute for Water; The Art of Zen; Renaissance Art & Science; Design, Innovate, Escape; The Migrant Experience in Berlin; The Holocaust & Auschwitz; Wilderness First Aid; Bosnia-Crossroad of Cultures; Fire and Forge; Natural Disasters; Walking in a Soldier's Shoes

Advanced Placement 2020 - COVID-19

In May 2020, during the COVID-19 school closure, 273 students took 738 exams in 30 subject areas online, at home. The following figures show the percentage of scores of 3 or above, followed by the number of exams in each subject area. In a departure from ASL policy, students were not required to take the AP exam in 2020.

During summer 2019, one third of our AP exams went missing; while most were found in September, some were not, resulting in retakes or canceled scores. More specific explanations will be included in counselor recommendations where appropriate.

AP exam	% of scores 3 or above	No. of exams
Art History	95	21
Biology	95	19
Calculus AB	94	47
Calculus BC	100	27
Chinese Language and Culture	50	12
Chemistry	79	28
Computer Science A	95	35
Economics - Micro	93	54
Economics - Macro	77	53
English Language/Comp	90	40
English Literature/Comp	100	7
Environmental Science	88	26
European History	100	11
French Language and Culture	100	23
Human Geography	95	19
Music Theory	100	13
Psychology	94	47
Physics 1	88	67
Physics 2	100	5
Physics C Elec	82	11
Physics C Mech	100	11
Spanish Literature and Culture	80	5
Spanish Language and Culture	100	27
Statistics	90	41
US History	98	46

Writer's Seminar

Student writers apply for and are selected to work with a published author and writer-in-residence over the course of the year.

Community Partnerships

Gr.9–12 students volunteer after school directly with people from the broader London community in a variety of settings—including youth centers, schools, playgrounds, shelters, and senior citizen centers.

WorkX

WorkX is an ASL program that provides Gr. 10–12 students with summer internships in companies throughout London and beyond. Students undergo a rigorous application and interview process. Each student prepares a CV, and takes advantage of ASL preparatory workshops in Excel, interviewing, public speaking, LinkedIn, cover letters and more. In 2018–19, 197 students participated in 150 work experience placements, five workplace visits (hosting 78 students), and 12 career skills workshops. In 2019-20, 170 students requested placements; only 69 were able to participate owing to COVID-19. Although 100+ placements were canceled, 26 companies hosted students for work experience either remotely or in person.

Examples of companies include:

55A Dental Care	Goldman Sachs
Barclays Global Markets	Habitat for Humanity
BB Energy	Hult International Business School
BlackRock	School
BNY Mellon	London School of Economics
Chavin Immigration Law Office	Marriott Hotel
Citigroup	Natwest
Coca-Cola	Ocado Technology
Facebook	Ropes & Gray, LLP
FIRST Tech Challenge UK	Synchronicity Earth
Gates Foundation	Ubuntu Pathways
	Unifrog

SAT summary scores 2018-20

Section	Middle 50%	mean*	# Students tested
Evidence Based Reading and Writing	650-730	685	249
Math	650-750	694	249
Mathematics	32-38	35	217
Reading	32-37	34	216
Writing	33-37	35	217
Total	1300-1480	1378	249

ACT summary scores 2018-20

Section	Middle 50%	mean*	# Students tested
Reading	28-34	31	
Science	26-33	29	
English	28-34	31	
Math	26-33	29	
Writing	8-9	9	
Composite	27-33	30	180

SAT subject tests

ASL students can elect to take SAT subject tests when offered and submit their scores as needed. Students in the classes of 2018-20 took 619 tests.

College and University Acceptances & Matriculations 2018-20

USA	College/University Policies
American University	University of the West of England
Amherst College**	University of Warwick
Arizona State University	University of Westminster
Babson College	Canada
Bard College	Acadia University**
Barnard College**	Capilano University
Bates College**	Concordia University
Bentley University	McGill University**
Berklee College of Music	Memorial U. of Newfoundland
Binghamton University	Queen's University**
Boston College**	Ryerson University
Boston University**	Simon Fraser University
Bowdoin College	University of British Columbia
Brandeis University	University of Calgary
Brigham Young University	University of Guelph
Brown University**	University of Toronto
Bryant University	Western University
Bucknell University	Wilfrid Laurier University
Butler University	EU
California College of the Arts	American University of Paris
California Institute of Technology	Amsterdam University College
California Institute of the Arts	College Universitaire de Sciences Po
California SU, San Luis Obispo	Erasmus University Rotterdam
Carnegie Mellon University	ESADE
Case Western Reserve University	IE University - Madrid**
Chapman University	Stockholm School of Economics
Claremont McKenna College**	Trinity College Dublin
Clemson University	Technische Universiteit Delft
Colby College**	Technische Universiteit Eindhoven
Colgate University	The American University of Paris
College of Charleston	Universita Bocconi**
College of the Holy Cross	Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam
College of William & Mary	Other
Colorado College	American University of Beirut
Colorado State University	Duke Kunshan University
Columbia University**	Northwestern Qatar
Connecticut College	Hitotsubashi University
Cornell University**	Keio University
Coventry University	Temple University, Japan
CUNY Baruch College**	The Australian National University
Dartmouth College**	Virginia Commonwealth University
Davidson College**	University of Qatar
DePaul University	Waseda University
Dickinson College	** 2 or more Matriculations (Bold)
Drexel University	
Duke University**	
Eckerd College	
Elon University**	
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University	
Emerson College	
Emory University**	
Endicott College	
Fairfield University	
Florida Polytechnic University	
Florida State University	
Fordham University**	
George Mason University	
George Washington University**	
Georgetown University**	
Georgia Institute of Technology**	
Gettysburg College	
Goucher College	
Grinnell College	
Hamilton College	
Harvard University	
Harvey Mudd College	
Haverford College	
Hobart William Smith Colleges	
Hofstra University	
CUNY Hunter College	
Indiana University-Bloomington	
Ithaca College	The Am. Musical & Dramatic Academy
Jacksonville University	Trinity College
James Madison University**	Tufts University**
Johns Hopkins University	Tulane University**
Kerney College	Union College
Lafayette College	United States Coast Guard Academy
Lake Forest College	University of Arizona
Lehigh University	University of California, Berkeley**
Lewis & Clark College	University of California, Davis
Loyola Marymount University**	University of California, Irvine
Loyola University Chicago	University of California, Merced
Loyola University Maryland	University of California, Los Angeles**
Lynn University	University of California, Riverside
Manhattan College	University of California, San Diego
Manhattanville College	Santa Barbara
Maryland Institute College of Art	University of California, Santa Cruz
Massachusetts Institute of Technology	University of Chicago**
Miami University-Oxford	University of Colorado at Boulder**
Michigan State University	University of Connecticut
Middlebury College**	University of Denver
Mount Holyoke College	University of Florida
Muhlenberg College	University of Georgia
New School	University of Houston
New York University**	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
North Carolina State University	University of Lynchburg
Northeastern University**	University of Maine
Northwestern College	University of Mary Washington
Northwestern University**	University of Maryland, College Park**
Oberlin College	University of Massachusetts-Amherst
Occidental College	University of Massachusetts-Boston
Oregon State University	University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth
Pace University	University of Massachusetts-Lowell
Pennsylvania State University	University of Miami**
Pepperdine University	University of Michigan**
Pitzer College	University of Minnesota
Pomona College	University of Nebraska
Pratt Institute	University of New Hampshire
Providence College	University of North Carolina**
Purchase College, SUNY	University of Notre Dame**
Purdue University	University of Oregon
Quinnipiac University	University of Pennsylvania**
Randolph-Macon College	University of Puget Sound
Reed College	University of Rhode Island
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Richmond
Rhode Island School of Design	University of Rochester
Rice University	University of San Francisco
Ringling College of Art and Design	University of Scranton
Rochester Institute of Technology	University of South Carolina
Rollins College	University of Southern California**
Rutgers University	University of Tampa
Saint Anselm College	The University of Tennessee
Saint Joseph's University	University of Texas, Austin
San Diego State University	University of Utah
San Francisco Art Institute	University of Vermont**
Santa Clara University**	University of Virginia**
Sarah Lawrence College	University of Washington
Savannah College of Art and Design	University of Wisconsin, Madison**
School of the Art Institute of Chicago	Vanderbilt University**
School of Visual Arts	Vassar College
Scripps College	Villanova University
Seattle University	Virginia Commonwealth University
Skidmore College	University of the West of England
Smith College	University of Warwick
Southern Methodist University	University of Westminster
St. Lawrence University	Canada
Stony Brook University	Acadia University**
Swarthmore College	Capilano University
Syracuse University**	Concordia University
Temple University	McGill University**
	Memorial U. of Newfoundland
	Queen's University**
	Ryerson University
	Simon Fraser University
	University of British Columbia
	University of Calgary
	University of Guelph
	University of Toronto
	Western University
	Wilfrid Laurier University
	EU
	American University of Paris
	Amsterdam University College
	College Universitaire de Sciences Po
	Erasmus University Rotterdam
	ESADE
	IE University - Madrid**
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