

The American School in London

Profile 2019–20

Portrait of a Learner:

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

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, the American School in London is a K–12 independent, co-educational day school. Its current enrollment is 1,400. Students hold citizenship from 71 different countries. There is a 9:1 student-faculty ratio. Our school is accredited by the MSACS and certified by Ofsted. ASL is a member of NAIS, CIS, CASE, NACAC, International ACAC and the College Board.

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.

Advanced Placement 2019

In May 2019, 285 ASL students took 804 exams in 33 different subject areas.

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. Our students are coping with this significant delay and disruption, and more specific explanations will be included in counselor recommendations where appropriate.

| AP exam | No. of exams |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| Art History | 19 |
| Biology | 26 |
| Calculus AB | 52 |
| Calculus BC | 28 |
| Chemistry | 28 |
| Chinese Language and Culture | 15 |
| Computer Science A | 43 |
| Computer Science Principles | 4 |
| English Language and Composition | 34 |
| English Literature and Composition | 14 |
| Environmental Science | 46 |
| European History | 24 |
| French Language and Culture | 17 |
| Human Geography | 3 |
| Italian Language and Culture | 2 |
| Macroeconomics | 69 |
| Microeconomics | 67 |
| Music Theory | 7 |
| Physics 1 | 60 |
| Physics 2 | 9 |
| Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism | 13 |
| Physics C: Mechanics | 15 |
| Psychology | 37 |
| Spanish Literature and Culture | 34 |
| Spanish Literature and Culture | 4 |
| Statistics | 50 |
| Studio Art: 2-D Design Portfolio | 8 |
| Studio Art: 3-D Design Portfolio | 6 |
| Studio Art: Drawing Portfolio | 14 |
| United States History | 53 |

Grade 11 distribution for Class of 2020

| Grade | English | Social studies | World language | Science | Math | Art |
|--------------|------------|----------------|----------------|------------|------------|------------|
| A | 182 | 133 | 92 | 108 | 78 | 131 |
| B | 72 | 45 | 54 | 60 | 57 | 3 |
| C | 10 | 5 | 6 | 5 | 15 | 0 |
| D | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 264 | 183 | 152 | 174 | 150 | 134 |

Class of 2020: Snapshot

128
members in the class

22
languages spoken

62.5%
have studied at ASL
throughout high school

63%
of the class have
participated in
community or
global partnerships
(no service
requirement)

27
countries previously
lived in

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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, Post-AP Chinese, 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.

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

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.

Examples of companies include:

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| Amazon | Imperial College |
| Barclays | London Basketball Association |
| BB Energy | Marriott Hotel |
| Bechtel | Mars inc |
| BlackRock | Natwest |
| Boost & Co | Ocado Technology |
| CityFibre | Project Sapiens |
| Coca-Cola | Ropes & Gray, LLP |
| Facebook | Synchronicity Earth |
| FIRST Tech Challenge UK | Ubuntu Pathways |
| Gates Foundation | Varde |
| Goldman Sachs | Visa |
| Habitat for Humanity | Whole Foods |
| Hummingbird Bakery | |

SAT summary scores 2017–19

| Section | 2017 Mean | 2018 Mean | 2019 Mean |
|---------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Evidence | 690 | 680 | 680 |
| Based Reading and Writing | | | |
| Mathematics | 700 | 700 | 700 |
| Tested | 60 | 66 | 81 |

ACT summary 2017–19

| Section | 2017 Mean | 2018 Mean | 2019 Mean |
|---------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| English | 32 | 31 | 32 |
| Math | 30 | 30 | 30 |
| Reading | 32 | 31 | 31 |
| Science | 29 | 30 | 30 |
| Composite | 30 | 30 | 30 |
| Tested | 72 | 63 | 72 |

SAT subject test scores 2017–19

| Section | 2017 Mean | Tested | 2018 Mean | Tested | 2019 Mean | Tested |
|-------------------------|-----------|--------|-----------|--------|-----------|--------|
| Biology—Ecology | 705 | 2 | 650 | 3 | 730 | 1 |
| Biology—Molecular | 660 | 3 | 603 | 4 | 712 | 5 |
| Chemistry | 712 | 24 | 704 | 19 | 668 | 14 |
| Chinese with Listening | 650 | 1 | - | - | 680 | 1 |
| English Literature | 630 | 46 | 625 | 30 | 645 | 31 |
| French | 661 | 14 | 616 | 17 | 628 | 6 |
| French with Listening | 683 | 3 | 686 | 5 | 663 | 6 |
| German | - | - | 470 | 1 | - | - |
| Italian | - | - | 735 | 2 | 780 | 2 |
| Japanese with Listening | 740 | 1 | - | - | 800 | 1 |
| Math Level I | 592 | 26 | 639 | 22 | 655 | 26 |
| Math Level II | 717 | 59 | 710 | 57 | 708 | 54 |
| Modern Hebrew | - | - | 750 | 1 | - | - |
| Physics | 733 | 8 | 719 | 10 | 713 | 6 |
| Spanish | 618 | 13 | 576 | 13 | 634 | 13 |
| Spanish with Listening | 700 | 2 | 540 | 1 | 645 | 2 |
| US History | 679 | 53 | 644 | 34 | 657 | 35 |
| World History | 638 | 9 | 575 | 2 | 621 | 8 |

College Acceptances & Matriculations 2017–19

USA

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| American University |
| Babson College** |
| Bard College |
| Barnard College** |
| Baruch College** |
| Bates College** |
| Belmont University |
| Bentley University |
| Berklee College of Music |
| Binghamton University |
| Boston College |
| Boston University** |
| Bowdoin College |
| Brandeis University |
| Brigham Young University Hawaii |
| Brigham Young University Idaho |
| Brown University** |
| Bryant University |
| Bryn Mawr College |
| Bucknell University |
| California College of the Arts |
| California Institute of Technology |
| California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo |
| California State Polytechnic University, Pomona |
| California State University, Long Beach |
| Carnegie Mellon University |
| Case Western Reserve University |
| Chapman University |
| Claremont McKenna College |
| Clark University |
| Clemson University |
| Colby College** |
| Colgate University |
| College of Charleston |
| College of the Holy Cross |
| College of William & Mary |
| Colorado College |
| Colorado State University |
| Columbia University** |
| Columbia College |
| Connecticut College |
| Cornell University** |
| Dartmouth College** |
| Davidson College** |
| DePaul University |
| Dickinson College |
| Drexel University |
| Duke University** |
| Eckerd College |
| Elmira College |
| Elon University** |
| Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University — Daytona Beach |
| Emerson College |
| Emory University** |
| Endicott College |
| Fairfield University |
| Florida Polytechnic University |
| Florida State University |
| Fordham University** |
| Franklin & Marshall College |
| George Mason University |
| Georgetown University** |
| Georgia Institute of Technology** |
| Gettysburg College |
| Goucher College |
| Hamilton College — NY |
| Harvard University** |
| Harvey Mudd College |
| Haverford College |
| Hobart and William Smith Colleges |
| Hofstra University |
| Hunter College |
| Indiana University, Bloomington |
| Iowa State University |
| Ithaca College |
| Jacksonville University |
| James Madison University |
| Johns Hopkins University |
| Kenyon College |
| Lafayette College |
| Lehigh University |
| Lewis & Clark College |
| Loyola Marymount University** |
| Loyola University Chicago |
| Loyola University Maryland |
| Lynn University |
| Manhattan College |
| Manhattanville College |
| Massachusetts Institute of Technology** |
| Merrimack College |
| Miami University, Oxford |
| Michigan State University |
| Middlebury College** |
| Mount Holyoke College |
| New York University** |
| North Carolina State University |
| Northeastern University** |
| Northwestern University** |
| Oberlin College of Arts and Sciences |
| Occidental College |
| Oregon State University |
| Pace University, New York City |
| Pennsylvania State University |
| Pepperdine University |
| Pitzer College |
| Pomona College |
| Pratt Institute |
| Princeton University |
| Providence College |
| Purchase College, SUNY |
| Purdue University |
| Quinnipiac University |
| Reed College |
| Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute |
| Rhode Island School of Design |
| Rice University |
| Ringling College of Art and Design |
| Rochester Institute of Technology |
| Rollins College |
| Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology |
| Rutgers University — New Brunswick |
| Saint Joseph's University |
| Saint Leo University |
| San Diego State University |
| Santa Clara University |
| Sarah Lawrence College |
| School of the Art Institute of Chicago |
| School of Visual Arts |
| Scripps College |
| Seattle University |
| Skidmore College |
| Smith College |
| Southern Methodist University |
| St. Lawrence University |
| Stony Brook University |
| Suffolk University |
| Swarthmore College |
| Syracuse University** |
| Temple University |
| Texas A&M University |
| The American Musical and Dramatic Academy |
| The George Washington University** |
| The New School |
| The Ohio State University |
| The University of Arizona |
| The University of Texas, Austin |
| The University of Texas, San Antonio |
| Trinity College** |
| Tufts University** |
| Tulane University** |
| Union College (NY) |
| United States Naval Academy |
| University of California, Berkeley** |
| University of California, Davis |
| University of California, Irvine |
| University of California, Los Angeles** |
| University of California, Merced |
| University of California, Riverside |
| University of California, San Diego |
| University of California, Santa Barbara |
| University of California, Santa Cruz |
| University of Chicago** |
| University of Colorado at Boulder |
| University of Connecticut |
| University of Denver |
| University of Florida |
| University of Houston |
| University of Maine |
| University of Mary Washington |
| University of Maryland, College Park |
| University of Massachusetts, Amherst |
| University of Miami** |
| University of Michigan** |
| University of Minnesota Twin Cities |
| University of Nebraska at Lincoln |
| University of New Hampshire at Durham |
| University of Notre Dame |
| University of Oregon |
| University of Pennsylvania** |
| University of Pittsburgh |
| University of Puget Sound |
| University of Richmond |
| University of Rochester |
| University of San Diego |
| University of San Francisco |
| University of South Carolina** |
| University of South Florida, Tampa |
| University of Southern California** |
| University of Vermont |
| University of Virginia** |
| University of Washington |
| University of Wisconsin, Madison |
| Vanderbilt University |
| Vassar College |
| Villanova University |
| Virginia Tech |
| Wake Forest University** |
| Washington University in St. Louis** |
| Wellesley College** |
| Wesleyan University** |
| Wheaton College MA |
| Whitman College |
| Williams College |
| Worcester Polytechnic Institute |
| Yale University** |

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| University of California, Riverside |
| University of California, San Diego |
| University of California, Santa Barbara |
| University of California, Santa Cruz |
| University of Chicago** |
| University of Colorado at Boulder |
| University of Connecticut |
| University of Denver |
| University of Florida |
| University of Houston |
| University of Maine |
| University of Mary Washington |
| University of Maryland, College Park |
| University of Massachusetts, Amherst |
| University of Miami** |
| University of Michigan** |
| University of Minnesota Twin Cities |
| University of Nebraska at Lincoln |
| University of New Hampshire at Durham |
| University of Notre Dame |
| University of Oregon |
| University of Pennsylvania** |
| University of Pittsburgh |
| University of Puget Sound |
| University of Richmond |
| University of Rochester |
| University of San Diego |
| University of San Francisco |
| University of South Carolina** |
| University of South Florida, Tampa |
| University of Southern California** |
| University of Vermont |
| University of Virginia** |
| University of Washington |
| University of Wisconsin, Madison |
| Vanderbilt University |
| Vassar College |
| Villanova University |
| Virginia Tech |
| Wake Forest University** |
| Washington University in St. Louis** |
| Wellesley College** |
| Wesleyan University** |
| Wheaton College MA |
| Whitman College |
| Williams College |
| Worcester Polytechnic Institute |
| Yale University** |

Canada

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| Acadia University** |
| Capilano University |
| Concordia University |
| McGill University** |
| Memorial University Newfoundland |
| Mount Allison University |
| Queen's University |
| Ryerson University |
| Simon Fraser University |
| University of Calgary |
| University of Guelph |
| University of British Columbia |
| University of Toronto |
| Western University |
| Wilfrid Laurier University |

Other

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| American University of Beirut |
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UK

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| Bristol University |
| Brunel University London |
| City University of London |
| Durham University |
| Goldsmiths, University of London** |
| Imperial College London** |
| Istituto Marangoni UK |
| Keele University |
| King's College London** |
| Kingston College |
| Lancaster University |
| London College of Communication |
| London South Bank University |
| Manchester Metropolitan University |
| University College London** |
| University of Aberdeen |
| University of Bath |
| University of Birmingham |
| University of Bristol |
| Middlesex University |
| New College of the Humanities |
| Queen Mary University of London |
| Regent's University London |
| Richmond, The American International University in London |
| Royal Holloway, University of London |
| SOAS, University of London |
| The London School of Economics and Political Science |
| The University of Edinburgh** |
| The University of Manchester |

The University of Warwick

University of Cambridge**

University of East Anglia

University of Exeter

University of Oxford

University of Reading

University of Southampton

University of St Andrews**

University of Surrey**

University of Sussex

University of the Arts London

University of the West of England, Bristol

University of Westminster

Europe

Escuela Superior (ESADE) IE University

Trinity College Dublin

Technische Universiteit Delft

Technische Universiteit Eindhoven

The American University of Paris

Universita Bocconi

**** 2 or more Matriculations (Bold)**

College/University Policies

SPGP/CEPP: ASL adheres to these NACAC principles.

Disclosure: if asked, students and college counselors will disclose all suspensions and/or expulsions at ASL or any other high school, as required by the application and/or institution. If a student earns a suspension and/or expulsion during Grade 12 after applications have been submitted, the student and college counselor must disclose this to all institutions asking for this information where the student is holding an acceptance or waiting for a decision.

Testing Restrictions on international students & US citizens abroad: In recent years, ASL students have had less access to SAT/SAT Subject and ACT tests because of fewer test dates abroad and higher fees.