

# The American School in London

# Profile '17-'18

Our mission is to develop the intellect and character of each student by providing an outstanding American education with a global perspective.

Founded in 1951, the American School in London is a K–12 independent, co-educational day school. Its current enrollment is 1,350 with a 9:1 student-faculty ratio. Students hold citizenship from 70 different countries.

More than one third of students hold citizenship from more than one country. Approximately 74% of students hold USA citizenship and 59% of students hold citizenship in a country other than the USA.

ASL is situated in St. John's Wood in northwest London. Students take advantage of extraordinary opportunities to learn outside the classroom in the UK's capital and beyond. The WorkX program, a unique summer internship program specifically for ASL students, takes Grade 10-12 students into UK businesses, organizations and nonprofits for work experiences. During the year, students participate in a wide range of service projects within London and throughout the world. ASL offers premier arts programs, enhanced by workshops with notable professionals, as well as a Speakers Series, which brings authors, musicians, scientists and world-renowned lecturers to campus.

The School is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools and is certified by Ofsted. ASL is a member of NAIS, CIS, CASE, NACAC, International ACAC and the College Board.

## Core Values at ASL

### Respect

We treat others the way we expect to be treated. We value diversity of thought and experience.

### Responsibility

We take ownership of our words and actions. We fulfill our obligations to ourselves and others.

### Kindness

We act with compassion. We help others.

### Integrity

We are honest. We make the right choice even when nobody is watching.

### ...and the Courage to Act

We have the courage to speak up for ourselves and for others.

We take positive action to make our community and world a better place.

## Academic program and graduation requirements

ASL operates on a semester calendar and a block schedule. Students follow an eight-day cycle with four 70–80 minute class periods per day. Typically, Grade 9 students take eight courses per semester, while Grade 10, 11 and 12 students enroll in six or seven.

ASL offers a substantial number of AP classes; ASL does not offer honors classes.

### English (4 years required)

English 9

English 10

Grade 11 & 12 English electives (semester long, AP prep)

American Literature

Asian Literature

British Literature

Craft of Writing

Dramatic Literature & Performance

European Literature

Gender in Literature

Individual & Society in Literature

Literary Non-fiction

Literature and Art

Literature & Film

Middle Eastern, Afghani & Pakistani Literature

Mythology

Poetry

Russian Literature

Shakespeare

Journalism courses

Beginning Journalism

Advanced Journalism

Advanced Journalism: Editors (full year)\*

### Math (2 years required)

Advanced Math Seminar\*\*

Algebra I

Algebra II

Algebra II Foundations

Algebra II with Trigonometry\*\*

AP Calculus AB\*\*

AP Calculus BC\*\*

AP Statistics\*\*

Calculus

Geometry with Algebra

Geometry with Proof

Precalculus with Analysis

Precalculus with Calculus\*\*

Precalculus with Statistics

Semester electives

Financial Mathematics

Fractals and Chaos Theory

### Science (2 years required)

Chemistry A\*\*

Chemistry B

Science 9

Grade 11–12 yearlong electives

AP Biology

AP Chemistry

AP Environmental Science

Physics

AP Physics 1

AP Physics 2

AP Physics C

Grade 11–12 semester electives

Astronomy

Anatomy and Physiology: Fitness and Exercise

Anatomy and Physiology: Reg. and Homeostasis

Dynamic Earth

Ecology: Expeditions

Ecology: Environmental Studies

Evolutionary Biology

Genetics

### Social Studies (3 years required)

World Civilization I (All Grade 9 students enrolled)

World Civilization II (All Grade 10 students enrolled)

Grade 11–12 required courses

United States History (or)

AP United States History

Grade 11–12 yearlong electives

AP Art History

AP European History

AP Human Geography

AP Macroeconomics and AP Microeconomics

AP Psychology

Human Rights Symposium

Grade 10–12 semester electives

Contemporary Global History

Global Issues

Race and Culture

Topics in Government and Law

### World Languages & Cultures (3 years required, including single language progression)

Arabic I, II, V

Chinese I, II, III, IV, V

AP Chinese Language and Culture

French I, II, III, IV, IV Accelerated

French V through Film

French V through Media

AP French Language

Advanced French: Literature

Spanish I, II, III, IV, IV Accelerated

Spanish V through Film

Spanish V through Media

AP Spanish Language

AP Spanish Literature

### Computer Science and Engineering Design (1 semester required)

Computer programming

AP Computer Science A (full year)

Art and Code

Introduction to Programming

Computational Circuits

Game Design and Application Development

Graphic design & publications

Graphic Design: Print\*

Publications I\*

Publications Design: Yearbook

Publications Design: Editors

Photography film, video and animation

Digital Photography\*

Digital Video Editing\*

Film, Video and Animation (full year)\*

\*1/2 credit art or technology

\*\*advanced-level or accelerated courses

**Art — Performing Arts** (2 years required)

<b>Music</b>
Concert Band (full year)
Chamber Orchestra (full year)
Concert Choir (full year)
AP Music Theory (full year)

**Art — Performing Arts** (2 years required) *cont.*

<b>Drama</b>
Acting (full year)
Advanced Acting: Television & Film (full year)
Advanced Acting: Play Production (full year)
Acting: Character, Movement & Voice
Acting: Physical Theater

**Dance**

Advanced Dance Performance and Choreography
Intro to Dance: The Language of Movement

**Art — Visual Arts** (2 years required)

<b>Drawing &amp; painting sequence</b>
Drawing and Painting Ia, Ib (semester long), II (full year)
Advanced Studio Art (full year)
AP Studio Art (full year)

**Sculpture sequence**

3-D Studio Art I, II
Advanced 3-D Studio Art
AP 3D Studio Art (full year)

**Photography sequence**

Black & White Photography
Black & White Photography Studio
Digital Photography Studio
Fundamentals of Photography
Portfolio Development: Photography

**Non-studio electives**

AP Art History (full year)
Art & Code*
Fashion Design and Illustration

**Physical Education** (2 semesters required)

Physical Education I (yearlong Grade 9)
Physical Education II (one semester Grade 10–12)
Personal Fitness
Sport Leadership

**Experiential Education**

Health (required Grade 10)
Peer Leadership Practicum
Research Seminar
Teaching Apprenticeship

**Rank and grading policy**

A cumulative GPA is calculated using all grades earned in courses taken only at ASL. If a student repeats a course, the course is listed twice, and both grades are recorded on the official transcript. Grades are not weighted; students are not ranked.

**Disclosure Policy**

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.

**Pass/fail**

A+	98–100	4.00
A	93–97	4.00
A–	90–92	3.67
B+	87–89	3.33
B	83–86	3.00
B–	80–82	2.67
C+	77–79	2.33
C	73–76	2.00
C–	70–72	1.67
D+	67–69	1.33
D	63–66	1.00
D–	60–62	0.67
F	59 & below	0

**Class of 2017 Profile**

There were 121 members in the Class of 2017.

**Grade distribution Class 2018 (Grade 11)**

Grade	English	Social studies	World lang.	Science	Math
<b>A</b>	167	95	92	86	63
<b>B</b>	65	59	28	48	50

<b>C</b>	2	1	0	5	11
<b>D</b>	1	1	0	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>125</b>

**SAT Reasoning Test**

Results	Average	Middle 50%
EBRW	690	640–730
Math	700	635–740

**SAT Subject Tests**

Results	Average	Tested
Biology-Molecular	705	3
Chemistry	722	24
English Literature	623	45
French	671	13
French with Listening	717	3
Math Level I	644	27
Math Level II	715	61
Physics	726	11
Spanish	631	14
Spanish with Listening	618	2
US History	674	82

Other Subject Tests: Biology–Ecology, Chinese with Listening, French with Listening

(Based on a student's highest score, and includes TOEFL eligible students)

**Advanced Placement**

With more than 20 designated AP courses available, ASL offers one of the most comprehensive AP programs of any school outside of the US. Most AP courses are reserved for Grade 11 and 12 students. There is no designated AP English course; instead, students take English electives during Grades 11 and 12 that prepare them for the AP English Literature and AP English Language exams.

In May 2017, 275 ASL students took 752 exams in 36 different subject areas. In 92 percent of exams taken, students achieved a score of 3 or above. The following figures show the percentage of scores of 3 or above, followed by the number of exams in each subject area.

AP exam	Percentage of scores 3 or above	Number of exams
Art History	85%	13
Biology	100%	16
Calculus AB	92%	49
Calculus BC	97%	36
Chemistry	92%	24
Computer Science A	88%	35
Economics-Micro	62%	50
Economics-Macro	64%	50
English Language/Comp	88%	42
English Literature/Comp	100%	9
Environmental Science	82%	11
European History	86%	21
French Language	86%	35
Human Geography	79%	33
Music Theory	75%	4
Psychology	86%	50
Physics 1	81%	37
Physics 2	87%	16
Physics C-Elec	92%	24
Physics C-Mech	96%	24
Spanish Language	85%	33
Spanish Literature and Culture	100%	7
Statistics	95%	44
Studio Arts	100%	11
US History	98%	44

AP exams were also taken in Japanese Language & Culture, Chinese Language & Culture, and Italian Language & Culture, German Language & Culture, U.S. Gov. and Politics

**College lists**

Colleges and universities enrolling ASL graduates in the past four years

**US colleges & universities** (enrolling 3 or more)

Babson College	6
Barnard College	7
Bates College	4
Boston College	9
Boston University	4
Bowdoin College	3
Brown University	4

Bucknell University	3
Colorado State University	3
Columbia University	9
Cornell University	11
Dartmouth College	6
Davidson College	6
Duke University	7
Elon University	3
Emory University	7
Fordham University	7
Georgetown University	16
Johns Hopkins University	6
Harvard University	7
Massachusetts Institute of Technology	3
McGill University	4
Middlebury College	11
New York University	24
Northeastern University	10
Northwestern University	5
Pomona College	7
Princeton University	6
Rice University	4
Syracuse University	9
The George Washington University	3
The New School—All Divisions	6
The University of Texas, Austin	3
Trinity College	3
Tufts University	11
Tulane University	5
University of California, Berkeley	6
University of Chicago	17
University of Miami	7
University of Michigan	3
University of Pennsylvania	14
University of Richmond	3
University of Southern California	11
University of Virginia	5
University of Wisconsin, Madison	3
Vassar College	3
Wake Forest University	11
Wesleyan University	7
Yale University	10

**UK colleges & universities** (enrolling 2 or more)

Goldsmiths, University of London	5
Imperial College London	4
King's College London	8
The University of Edinburgh	2
The University of Manchester	2
The University of Warwick	3
University College London	5
University of Exeter	4
University of Oxford	2
University of St Andrews	3
University of Surrey	3

**Canadian colleges & universities** (enrolling 2 or more)

McGill University	4
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