

The American School in London

Profile 2018–19

Portrait of a Learner:

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

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

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 AP's are reserved for Grs. 11 & 12.

Advanced Placement 2018

In May 2018, 281 ASL students took 788 exams in 33 different subject areas. The following figures show the percentage of scores of 3 or above, followed by the number of exams in each subject area.

AP exam	% of scores ≥ 3	No. of exams
Art History	83	15
Biology	94	17
Calculus AB	95	43
Calculus BC	90	29
Chinese Language & Culture	47	19
Chemistry	90	22
Computer Science A	85	39
Economics-Micro	93	66
Economics-Macro	86	65
English Language/Comp	97	41
English Literature/Comp	100	11
Environmental Science	94	17
European History	87	30
French Language	88	27
Human Geography	85	14
Music Theory	100	9
Psychology	81	37
Physics 1	72	73
Physics 2	75	12
Physics C Elec	92	14
Physics C Mech	92	14
Spanish Language	92	40
Spanish Literature & Culture	100	7
Statistics	86	43
Studio Arts	100	5
US History	96	51

AP Exams were also taken in Japanese Language & Culture, Italian Language & Culture, German Language & Culture, and Comparative Government & Politics.

Grade 11 distribution for Class of 2019

Grade	English	Social studies	World language	Science	Math	Art
A	182	113	86	91	71	119
B	65	45	44	63	55	2
C	1	0	0	7	7	0
D	0	0	0	2	0	0
TOTAL	248	158	130	163	133	121

Class of 2019: Snapshot

118
members in the class

19
languages spoken

42%
have studied at ASL throughout high school

23
countries previously lived in (excluding UK and US)

78%
of the class have participated in community or global partnerships

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 are 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 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 and 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 2016–18, 277 students completed 453 internships with 138 employers.

Examples of companies include:

Barclays
Bechtel
BlackRock
Bloomberg
CityFibre
Coca-Cola
General Mills
Habitat for Humanity
Human Rights Watch
Jimmy Choo
KSR Architects
London School of Economics
Mars Inc.
Oracle
Pinewood Studios
The Sunday Times
Walt Disney
Whole Foods

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SAT 2016–18

Section	Middle 50%	Mean	Tested
Evidence Based Reading and Writing	650–730	690	
Math	32–37	35	
Mathematics	640–740	700	
Reading	31–37	34	
Writing	33–37	35	
Total	1,310–1,480	1,380	127

ACT summary 2016–18

Section	Middle 50%	Mean	Tested
ELA	0–30	15.3	
English	29–34	31.4	
Math	27–33	29.8	
Reading	29–34	31.3	
Science	26–33	29.2	
STEM	0–31	19.6	
Writing	8–26	17.3	
Composite	28–33	30.1	159

SAT subject test scores 2016–18

Section	Middle 50%	Mean	Tested
Biology — Ecology	570–690	637	9
Biology — Molecular	560–690	644	9
Chemistry	650–750	697	68
Chinese with Listening	650–680	665	2
English Literature	550–700	625	118
French	550–710	638	55
French with Listening	610–770	700	15
German	470–700	585	2
German with Listening	620–750	685	2
Italian	690–780	763	4
Japanese with Listening	740–740	740	1
Math Level I	570–690	626	85
Math Level II	660–780	713	170
Modern Hebrew	750–750	750	2
Physics	670–760	710	24
Spanish	550–690	614	39
Spanish with Listening	540–680	620	8
US History	590–720	656	136
World History	550–700	627	15

College Acceptances & Matriculations 2016–18

US

Allegheny College

American University

The University of Arizona

Babson College**

Bard College

Barnard College**

Baruch College of the CUNY

Bates College**

Baylor University

Belmont University

Bentley University

Berklee College of Music

Binghamton University

Boston College**

Boston University**

Bowdoin College

Brandeis University**

Brown University**

Bryn Mawr College

Bucknell University**

California Institute of Technology

CSPU — Pomona

CSPU San Luis Obispo

CSPU Long Beach

UC Berkeley**

UC Davis

UC Irvine

UCLA**

UC San Diego

UC Santa Barbara

UC Santa Cruz

Carnegie Mellon University

Case Western Reserve University

Centre College

Chapman University

College of Charleston

University of Chicago**

Claremont McKenna College

Clark University

Colby College

Colgate University

University of Colorado at Boulder

Colorado College

Colorado School of Mines

Colorado State University

Columbia University**

Connecticut College

University of Connecticut

Cornell University**

Dartmouth College**

Davidson College**

University of Denver

DePaul University

Dickinson College

Drexel University

Duke University**

Elmira College

Elon University**

Emory University**

Fairfield University

University of Florida

Fordham University**

Franklin & Marshall College

The George Washington University

Georgetown University**

Georgia Institute of Technology**

Goucher College

Grinnell College

Hamilton College — NY

Harvard University**

Harvey Mudd College

Haverford College

Hillsdale College

College of the Holy Cross

Hunter College of the CUNY

University of Illinois at Chicago

UIUC

Indiana University at Bloomington

Iowa State University

Ithaca College

James Madison University

Johns Hopkins University**

University of Kentucky

Kenyon College

Lafayette College

Lehigh University

Lewis & Clark College

Long Island University, Brooklyn

Loyola Marymount University**

Loyola University Maryland

Lynn University

Macalester College

University of Maine

Manhattan College

Marist College

University of Maryland, College Park**

Massachusetts Institute of Technology**

University of Massachusetts, Amherst

Merrimack College

Miami University, Oxford

University of Miami**

Michigan State University

University of Michigan**

Middlebury College**

University of Minnesota, Twin Cities

Mount Holyoke College

UNH

New York University**

North Carolina State University

Northeastern University**

Northwestern University

University of Notre Dame**

Occidental College

Oregon State University

University of Oregon

Pace University

Pennsylvania State University

University of Pennsylvania**

Pepperdine University

University of Pittsburgh

Pitzer College

Pomona College**

Princeton University

Providence College

University of Puget Sound

Purdue University

Reed College

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Rhode Island School of Design

Rice University**

University of Richmond**

Rochester Institute of Technology

Roger Williams University

Rollins College

Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology

Rutgers University

Saint Leo University

Saint Michael's College

San Diego State University

University of San Diego

University of San Francisco

Santa Clara University

Simmons College

Skidmore College

University of South Carolina

University of Southern California**

Southern Methodist University

Stanford University

St. Lawrence University

Stevens Institute of Technology

Stony Brook University

SUNY Buffalo State College

Swarthmore College

Syracuse University**

Temple University

Texas A&M University

The University of Texas, Austin**

The University of Texas, San Antonio

The New School

The Ohio State University

Thomas College

Trinity College

Trinity University

Tufts University**

Tulane University**

United States Naval Academy

Vanderbilt University

Vassar College**

University of Vermont

Villanova University

Virginia Tech**

University of Virginia**

Wake Forest University**

Washington and Lee University

Washington University in St. Louis

University of Washington

Wellesley College

Wesleyan University**

Wheaton College MA

Whitman College

Willamette University

College of William and Mary

Williams College

University of Wisconsin, Madison**

The College of Wooster

Worcester Polytechnic Institute

Yale University**

Canada

University of British Columbia

Concordia University — Montreal

University of Guelph

McGill University**

Mount Allison University

Queen's University**

University of Toronto

Wilfrid Laurier University

Western University Canada

UK

City University of London

Durham University

Falmouth University

Goldsmiths, University of London**

Imperial College London**

King's College London**

London South Bank University

New College of the Humanities

Queen Mary University of London

Richmond, The American International University in London

Royal Holloway, University of London

School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London

University College, London**

University of Bath**

University of Bristol

University of Cambridge**

The University of Edinburgh

University of Kent

University of Exeter

University of Oxford**

University of St Andrews**

University of Surrey**

The University of Warwick

EU Non-UK

Universita Bocconi

ESADE

IE University Madrid

Touro College — Berlin

Trinity College Dublin

University College Maastricht

Other

University of Sydney

**** 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.