

# The American School in London

## Profile 2021–22

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 1,415 • 7:1 student-faculty ratio • Students hold citizenship from 66 countries • Accredited by the MSACS and certified by Ofsted; member of NAIS, CIS, CASE, NACAC and International ACAC. More than 48% of students hold citizenship from more than one country. Approximately 70% of students hold US citizenship, and 69% of students hold citizenship in a country other than the US.

### Class of 2022: Snapshot

**125**  
members in the class

**25**  
languages spoken

**70%**  
have studied at ASL throughout high school

**50%**  
students hold passports for 2 or more countries

### COVID-19 & ASL

#### 2021-22

ASL anticipates returning to a normal school year with classes, sports and activities held in person.

#### 2020-21

ASL held in-person classes for the entire year, except during the national lockdown, 18 December-8 March. Students and faculty were masked, with COVID-19 restrictions such as distancing, reduced class sizes and track and trace procedures in place. Online learning was available to any students needing to isolate.

- 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 explained in counselor recommendations.
- Students in AP classes sat AP exams, administered either on paper during the school day or via computer at 5 pm and 9 pm, over six weeks, which disrupted classes significantly.
- In a departure from ASL policy, AP students were not required to take the AP exam in 2021.
- The ACT test was canceled internationally in December and February.
- No clubs/social/grade activities were able to occur on campus. Sports were canceled until mid-April.

#### 2019-20

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 explained in counselor recommendations.
- Students in AP classes sat AP exams, administered at 5 pm, 7 pm and 9 pm over a number of weeks, with some technical difficulties, resulting in multiple retakes. These will be explained in counselor recommendations.
- 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, May and June.

The winter/spring sports seasons were canceled, as were after-school activities, partnerships and clubs.

### Academics, rank & grading

ASL operates on a semester calendar and block schedule. Grade 9 students take 7–8 classes per semester; Grade 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.

There is no designated AP English course; instead students take English electives in Grades 11-12 that prepare them for the AP English Literature and AP English Language exams.

Most APs are reserved for Grades 11-12.

### Advanced Placement 2021 - COVID-19

In May 2021, 273 students took 738 exams in 30 subject areas in school on paper, or online at home in the evening.

The figures in the table to the right 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 2021.

### Grade 11 distribution for Class of 2022

Grade	English	Social studies	World language	Science	Math	Art
A	216	159	104	109	94	112
B	30	37	18	53	34	2
C	2	2	1	5	7	0
D	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>116</b>

### 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, Chinese Language & Culture Seminar, Advanced Arabic, Computational Circuits, Game Design.

**Human Rights Symposium:** Students selected for this course become human rights scholars as they research, organize, schedule and implement a one-day HS 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.

**Experiential education opportunities: Peer Leadership** is a selective, advanced leadership course for Grade 12 students. Students explore, develop and practice leadership skills, learning counseling, conflict resolution, mentoring and group facilitation skills.

**Advanced Design Thinking Apprenticeship** students utilize materials, technology and expertise to develop their design/engineering ideas. **Teaching Apprenticeship** students practice theories and best practices associated with teaching young children, working with LS classes and teachers, developing their own lessons and researching primary school pedagogy, theories and practices. **Community Action Seminar** students develop the skills to become ethical and effective advocates for social change in the local community. They work closely with a local organization to deliver a community action project and conduct research into a social justice issue.

**Science 9 & 10:** A two-year integrated science program, students are exposed to the fundamental principles of science, including biology, chemistry and physics. Science 9 investigates the origin of the universe and Earth, the basic chemical and physical processes that make life possible. Science 10 investigates the structure and function of living organisms. The curriculum encompasses all 3 dimensions of the NGSS standards;

### AP exam

% of scores  
3 or above

No. of  
exams

2D Art and Design	100	10
3D Art and Design	75	4
Art History	100	6
Biology	96	28
Calculus AB	95	41
Calculus BC	100	26
Chinese Language and Culture	50	6
Chemistry	95	22
Computer Science A	100	41
Computer Science Prin	100	22
Drawing	100	15
Economics - Micro	82	61
Economics - Macro	84	67
English Language/Comp	98	47
English Literature/Comp	100	6
Environmental Science	96	23
European History	100	18
French Language	100	18
Human Geography	100	13
Italian Language	100	5
Japanese Language	100	1
Music Theory	80	10
Psychology	90	58
Physics 1	87	30
Physics 2	100	5
Physics C Elec	100	5
Physics C Mech	100	20
Spanish Literature and Culture	94	34
Spanish Language and Culture	100	7
Statistics	100	43
US History	98	41

students meet performance expectations with an emphasis on science and engineering practices and the cross-cutting concepts common to all scientific disciplines. Completion of this two-year sequence exposes students to perspectives by which each scientific discipline views science, allowing them to progress immediately to advanced and AP courses.

### Unique programs

**Alternatives:** Prior to 2020, every Grade 9-12 student participated 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 and 2021. Alternatives are anticipated to return in 2022—while the music tours will travel to Europe, Alternatives will be UK-based.

**Writer's Seminar:** Student writers apply for the opportunity to be selected to work with a published author and writer-in-residence over the course of the year.

**Community service & partnerships:** Typically, 50% of Grade 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. Community partnerships were cancelled during 2020 and resumed in a limited fashion during the spring. There is no service requirement for graduation.

**WorkX:** WorkX is an ASL program that provides Grade 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 cover letter, and takes advantage of ASL preparatory workshops in Excel, interviewing, public speaking, LinkedIn and more. In 2020-21, COVID-19 continued to impact summer work experience placements, as many employers had not yet returned to the office or were limiting the number of people present. A total of 139 students applied for summer placements; 106 students took part in 113 placements with 46 organizations. WorkX offered a virtual speaker series each Wednesday throughout the summer, inviting all high school students to hear from and ask questions to leaders from a variety of organizations.

**SAT summary scores 2019-21**

Section	Middle 50%	mean*	# Students tested
Evidence Based Reading and Writing	650-730	687	255
Math	650-750	699	255
Mathematics	33-38	35	227
Reading	32-36	34	227
Writing	33-37	35	227
<b>Total</b>	<b>1320-1480</b>	<b>1386</b>	<b>225</b>

**ACT summary scores 2019-21**

Section	Middle 50%	mean*	# Students tested
Reading	28-34	31	169
Science	26-33	29	170
English	28-35	31	169
Math	26-32	29	170
Writing	8-9	9	103
<b>Composite</b>	<b>28-33</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>170</b>

**College and university acceptances & matriculations 2019-21**

USA						EU
Allegheny College	Goucher College	Sacred Heart University	University of Massachusetts-Amherst	Leeds Arts University		College Universitaire de Sciences Po
<b>American University</b>	<b>Grinnell College</b>	Saint Anselm College	<b>University of Miami**</b>	<b>London College of Communication</b>		ESADE Business School
<b>Amherst College**</b>	Guilford College	Saint Joseph's University	<b>University of Michigan**</b>	London Metropolitan University		<b>IE University</b>
Arizona State University	Hamilton College	Salve Regina University	University of Nebraska	<b>London School of Econ &amp; P. Sci</b>		<b>Stockholm School of Economics</b>
Assumption College	<b>Harvey Mudd College</b>	<b>San Diego State University</b>	University of New Hampshire	London South Bank University		Technische Universiteit Delft
<b>Babson College</b>	<b>Haverford College**</b>	Santa Clara University**	<b>U. of North Carolina**</b>	Manchester Metropolitan University		<b>Technische Universiteit Eindhoven</b>
Bard College	Hobart and William Smith Colleges	Sarah Lawrence College	<b>University of Notre Dame**</b>	Newcastle University		<b>The American University of Paris</b>
<b>Barnard College**</b>	Hofstra University	Savannah College of Art and Design	University of Oregon	Nottingham Trent University		<b>Universita Bocconi**</b>
<b>Bates College**</b>	<b>Indiana University-Bloomington</b>	<b>S. Art Institute of Chicago</b>	<b>University of Pennsylvania**</b>	Oxford Brookes University		<b>Other</b>
<b>Bentley University</b>	Ithaca College	<b>School of Visual Arts</b>	University of Rhode Island	Queen Mary University of London		American University of Beirut
<b>Berklee College of Music</b>	Jacksonville University	Scripps College	<b>University of Richmond</b>	<b>Regent's University London</b>		<b>Duke Kunshan University</b>
Binghamton University	<b>James Madison University**</b>	Seattle University	University of Rochester	Richmond, Am .Int. U. in London		Keio University
<b>Boston College**</b>	<b>Johns Hopkins University</b>	<b>Skidmore College</b>	University of San Diego	<b>Royal Holloway, U. of London</b>		<b>Northwestern Qatar</b>
<b>Boston University**</b>	Kenyon College	<b>Smith College</b>	University of San Francisco	SOAS University of London		<b>Yale-NUS**</b>
<b>Bowdoin College**</b>	Lafayette College	Southern Methodist University	University of Scranton	St Mary's University, Twickenham		
<b>Brandeis University</b>	Lake Forest College	Spring Hill College	University of South Carolina	<b>UCL (University College London)</b>		<b>** 2 or more Matriculations</b>
<b>Brigham Young University</b>	Lehigh University	Stetson University	University of South Florida	<b>University of the Creative Arts</b>		
<b>Brown University</b>	Lewis & Clark College	Stonehill College	<b>University of Southern California**</b>	University of Aberdeen		
Bryant University	<b>Loyola Marymount University</b>	Stony Brook University	<b>The University of Tampa</b>	University of Bath		
Bucknell University	Loyola University Chicago	Swarthmore College	<b>The University of Tennessee</b>	<b>University of Birmingham</b>		
<b>Butler University**</b>	Loyola University Maryland	Syracuse University**	<b>The University of Texas Austin</b>	University of Brighton		
California College of the Arts	Lynn University	Temple University	University of Utah	University of Bristol		
<b>California Institute of the Arts</b>	Macalester College	The American Musical and Dramatic Academy	<b>University of Vermont**</b>	University of Dundee		
Cardiff University	Manhattanville College	<b>The George Washington University</b>	<b>University of Virginia**</b>	<b>University of Edinburgh**</b>		
Carleton College	<b>Marist College</b>	The New School	University of Washington	<b>University of Exeter</b>		
Carnegie Mellon University	Maryland Institute College of Art	<b>The Ohio State University**</b>	<b>University of Wisconsin-Madison</b>	<b>University of Glasgow</b>		
Case Western Reserve University	Miami University-Oxford	<b>Trinity College</b>	<b>Vanderbilt University**</b>	University of Greenwich		
<b>Chapman University</b>	Michigan State University	Tufts University**	Vassar College	The University of Law		
<b>Claremont McKenna College</b>	<b>Middlebury College**</b>	Tulane University	<b>Villanova University</b>	University of Leeds		
Clark University	Mount Holyoke College	<b>Tulane University of Louisiana**</b>	Virginia Commonwealth University	University of Lincoln		
<b>Clemson University</b>	Muhlenberg College	Union College (New York)	<b>Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University</b>	<b>University of Manchester</b>		
<b>Colby College**</b>	New College of the Humanities	University of Arizona	<b>Wake Forest University**</b>	University of Nottingham		
Colby-Sawyer College	<b>New York University**</b>	<b>University of California-Berkeley</b>	Washington College	<b>University of Oxford</b>		
<b>Colgate University**</b>	<b>Northeastern University**</b>	<b>University of California-Davis</b>	<b>Washington U. St. Louis**</b>	University of Portsmouth		
<b>College of William &amp; Mary</b>	<b>Northwestern University**</b>	University of California-Irvine	Wellesley College	University of Sheffield		
Colorado College	Oberlin College	<b>University of California-Los Angeles**</b>	<b>Wesleyan University**</b>	University of Southampton		
<b>Colorado State University</b>	Occidental College	University of California, Merced	Worcester Polytechnic Institute	<b>University of St Andrews**</b>		
<b>Columbia University**</b>	Pace University, New York City	University of California-Riverside	Xavier University	University of Surrey		
<b>Cornell University**</b>	Pennsylvania State University	University of California-Santa Barbara	<b>Yale University**</b>	<b>University of the Arts London</b>		
<b>Dartmouth College**</b>	Pepperdine University	University of California-Santa Cruz		<b>University of Warwick**</b>		
<b>Davidson College</b>	Piedmont College	<b>University of Chicago**</b>		University of Westminster, London		
Depaul University	<b>Pitzer College</b>	<b>University of Colorado at Boulder</b>		Canada		
Dickinson College	<b>Pomona College</b>	<b>University of Connecticut</b>		<b>Acadia University**</b>		
<b>Drexel University**</b>	<b>Portland State University</b>	University of Denver		<b>Capilano University</b>		
<b>Duke University**</b>	Pratt Institute	<b>University of Florida</b>		<b>Concordia University</b>		
Eckerd College	Providence College	University of Georgia		<b>McGill University**</b>		
<b>Elon University</b>	Purchase College, SUNY	University of Houston		<b>Memorial University of Newfoundland</b>		
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical U.	<b>Purdue University</b>	University of Illinois U-C		<b>Newfoundland</b>		
Emerson College	Quinnipiac University	University of Lynchburg		<b>Wilfrid Laurier University</b>		
<b>Emory University**</b>	<b>Randolph-Macon College</b>	University of Maine		<b>Queen's University</b>		
Endicott College	Reed College	University of Maryland		<b>Ryerson University</b>		
Fairfield University	<b>Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute</b>			<b>Simon Fraser University</b>		
Florida Polytechnic University	Rhode Island School of Design			<b>The University of British Columbia</b>		
Florida State University	Rhodes College			<b>University of Toronto</b>		
<b>Fordham University**</b>	<b>Rice University</b>			<b>University of Calgary</b>		
George Mason University	Ringling College of Art and Design			<b>York University</b>		
George Washington University	Rochester Institute of Technology					
<b>Georgetown University**</b>	Roger Williams University					
<b>Georgia Institute of Technology**</b>	<b>Rollins College</b>					
Gettysburg College	Rutgers University					
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**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, international cancellations and higher fees.