

The American School in London

Profile 2022-23

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 to ASL

Founded in 1951 • K-12, independent, co-educational day school, with an enrollment of 1,400 • 7:1 student-faculty ratio • Students hold citizenship from 71 countries and speak 62 languages • Accredited by the MSACS and certified by Ofsted • Member of NAIS, CIS, CASE, NACAC, International ACAC and the College Board • 50% of students hold citizenship from more than one country • Approximately 68% of students hold US citizenship • 69% of students hold citizenship in a country other than the US

Class of 2023: Snapshot

136
members in the class

31
languages spoken

73%
have studied at ASL throughout high school

51%
students hold passports for 2 or more countries

COVID-19 & ASL

2019-22

ASL closed in March 2020, completing the school year entirely through distance learning. Some students earned P/F grades in lieu of letter grades, owing to COVID-related issues. School reopened in person in September 2020, holding in-person classes (and distance learning as needed) for the entire year except during national lockdown from 18 December 2020 to 8 March 2021. AP exams in 2020 and 2021 were optional for students. No clubs, social or grade activities occurred from March 2020 until September 2021; sports resumed in April 2022. ASL returned to all normal operations, with some COVID-19 restrictions, such as masks, for the 2021-22 school year. Students were required to take AP exams in 2022.

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 among the most rigorous.

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 2022

In May 2022, 330 students took 905 exams in 32 subject areas in school on paper, or at home online in the evening. The figures in the table show the percentage of scores of 3 or above, followed by the number of exams in each subject area.

AP exam	% of scores 3 or above	No. of exams	AP exam	% of scores 3 or above	No. of exams
2D Art and Design	100	2	Environmental Science	91	35
3D Art and Design	100	5	European History	94	18
Art History	89	18	French Language & Culture	95	19
Biology	94	16	Human Geography	97	29
Calculus AB	92	48	Italian Language & Culture	100	1
Calculus BC	100	20	Japanese Language & Culture	100	1
Chemistry	77	31	Music Theory	69	13
Chinese Language & Culture	62	13	Physics 1	82	55
Comparative Government & Politics	67	3	Physics 2	100	4
Computer Science A	98	56	Physics C Electricity & Magnetism	89	19
Computer Science Principles	93	30	Physics C Mechanics	100	20
Drawing	100	12	Psychology	92	87
Economics - Macro	77	79	Spanish Language & Culture	94	34
Economics - Micro	68	80	Spanish Literature & Culture	100	3
English Language/Composition	89	57	Statistics	96	47
English Literature/Composition	100	5	US History	94	45

Grade 11 distribution for Class of 2023

Grade	English	Social studies	World language	Science	Math	Art
A	214	164	103	118	64	115
B	48	61	31	48	60	13
C	2	5	1	2	23	0
D	1	1	0	0	0	0
F	0	1	0	0	0	0
Total	265	232	135	168	147	128

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, Advanced Design Thinking Apprenticeship.

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.

Independent Study: A student who has exhausted a department's curricular offerings, demonstrated a commitment to independent work, and expressed a deep and ongoing interest in a topic, as well as acquiring a faculty sponsor willing to oversee the project, may apply for independent study. The student and teacher meet regularly throughout the semester with an agreed set of requirements to fulfill for which the student earns a grade. An independent study course is taken in addition to the student's course requirements and does not substitute for course or distribution requirements in the regular curriculum.

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 sees students utilize materials, technology and expertise to develop their design/engineering ideas.

Teaching Apprenticeship allows students to practice theories and best practices associated with teaching young children, working with lower school classes and teachers, developing their own lessons and researching primary school pedagogy, theories and practices.

Community Action Seminar sees 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, and 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; 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: Every Grade 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 and 2021, and returned in 2022.

Writers' Seminar: Grade 11 & 12 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. The seminar is highly selective and meets once a week in the evening. Students deliver public readings of their original work 3 times per year.

Community action & 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 canceled in 2020, some resumed in spring and fall 2021, and all resumed in spring 2022. 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 interviewing, workplace norms, email etiquette, public speaking and more. In 2022, a total of 123 students participated in 132 work experience placements with 66 organizations, three workplace visits (hosting 59 students) and 8 career skills workshops.

Examples of companies include:

ArtReview	Mars Inc.
Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP	McGraw-Hill Companies
Dell Technologies	Mesmerise VR
European Bank for Reconstruction and Development	Natwest
FIRST Tech Challenge UK	Ropes & Gray LLP
Habitat for Humanity	Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom (UK) LLP
Informa PLC	Sky Group
L.E.K. Consulting	Synchronicity Earth
London School of Economics	TD Securities
	Ubuntu Pathways
	University College London

SAT summary scores 2020-22

Section	Middle 50%	mean*	# Students tested
Evidence Based Reading and Writing	640-720	678	214
Math	650-750	689	214
Mathematics	33-38	34	213
Reading	31-36	34	214
Writing	32-37	34	213
Total	1300-1450	1367	213

ACT summary scores 2020-22

Section	Middle 50%	mean*	# Students tested
Reading	28-34	30	100
Science	25-33	29	101
English	28-35	31	100
Math	29-31	28	100
Writing	8-9	9	41
Composite	27-32	30	101

College and university acceptances & matriculations 2020-22

USA

Allegheny C.	Grinnell C.	SCAD
American U.	Guilford C.	Schl. Art Inst. Chicago
Amherst C.**	Hamilton C.	Scripps C.
Arizona State U.	Harvard U.	Simmons U.
Assumption C.	Harvey Mudd C.	Skidmore C.
Babson C.	Haverford C.**	Smith C.
Bard C.	Hobart W. Smith C.	S. Methodist U.
Barnard C.**	Hofstra U.	Spring Hill C.
Bates C.**	Hollins U.	St Olaf C.
Bentley U.	Indiana U.**	Stetson U.
Berklee C. of Music	Ithaca C.	Stonehill C.
Binghamton U.	James Madison U.**	Stony Brook U.
Boston C.**	Johnson & Wales U.	Swarthmore C.
Boston U.**	Kenyon C.	Syracuse U.
Bowdoin C.**	Lafayette C.	Temple U.
Brandeis U.	Lake Forest C.	Texas A&M
Brigham Young U.	Lehigh U.	The C. of Wooster
Brown U.**	Lewis & Clark C.	The George Washington U.**
Bryant U.	Loyola Marymount U.	The New School
Bryn Mawr C.	Loyola U. Chicago	The U. Tampa
Bucknell U.	Loyola U. MD	The U. Tennessee
Butler U.**	Lynn U.	The U. Texas
Cal. Institute of the Arts	Macalester C.	The U. the South
Cal. Poly. SLO	Marist C.	Trinity C.
Carleton C.	Maryland Inst. C. Art	Tufts U.**
Carnegie Mellon U.	Mercer U.	Tulane U.**
Case Western Reserve U.	Miami U.-Oxford	U. Arizona
Champlain C.	Michigan State U.	UC - Berkeley
Chapman U.	Middlebury C.**	UC - Davis
Claremont McKenna C.**	Mt. Holyoke College	UC - Irvine
Clark U.	Muhlenberg C.	UCLA**
Clarkson U.	New York U.**	UC - Merced
Clemson U.	Northeastern U.**	UC - Riverside
Colby C.**	Northwestern U.**	UC - S. Diego
Colby-Sawyer C.	Oberlin C.	UC - S. Barbara
Colgate U.**	Occidental C.	UC - S. Cruz
C. of the Atlantic	Ohio State U.	U. Chicago**
College of Charleston	Pace U.	U. CO Boulder
Coll. of William & Mary	Penn. State U.	U. CO Denver
Colorado C.	Pepperdine U.	U. Denver
Colorado State U.	Piedmont C.	U. Florida**
Columbia U.**	Pitzer C.	U. Georgia
Cornell U.**	Pomona C.	U. Illinois U-C
Dartmouth C.**	Portland State U.	U. Kansas
Davidson C.	Princeton U.	U. Lynchburg
Depaul U.	Providence C.	U. Maine
Drew U.	Purdue U.**	U. M. Washington
Drexel U.	Quinnipiac U.	U. Maryland
Duke U.**	Randolph-Macon C.	U. Massachusetts
Eckerd C.	Reed C.	U. Miami**
Elon U.**	Renss. Poly. Institute	U. Michigan**
Embry-Riddle Aero. U.	Rhode Island Schl. Design	U. Missouri
Emerson C.	Rhodes C.	U. New Hampshire
Emory U.**	Rice U.	UNC Chapel Hill**
Endicott C.	Rochester Inst. of Tech.	U. Notre Dame**
Fairfield U.	Roger Williams U.	U. Oregon
Fordham U.**	Rollins C.	U. Pennsylvania**
Franklin & Marshall C.	Rutgers U.	U. Pittsburgh
George Mason U.	Sacred Heart U.	U. Redlands
Georgetown U.**	Saint Anselm C.	U. Rhode Island
Georgia Inst. of Tech.**	Salve Regina U.	U. Rochester**
Gonzaga U.	San Diego State U.	U. San Diego
Goucher C.	San Francisco Art Inst.	U. San Francisco
	Santa Clara U.**	U. Scranton

U. South Carolina-	U. Brighton
U. S. California**	U. Bristol**
U. Utah	U. Buckingham
U. Vermont**	U. Chichester
U. Virginia**	U. Dundee
U. Washington	U. East Anglia
U. Wisconsin	U. Exeter**
Ursinus C.	U. Glasgow**
Vanderbilt U.	U. Greenwich
Vassar C.	U. Hertfordshire
Villanova U.	U. Kent
Virginia Commonwealth U.	U. Leeds
Virginia Poly.	U. Lincoln
Wake Forest U.**	U. Manchester**
Washington C.	U. Nottingham
Washington U. SL**	U. Oxford**
Wesleyan U.**	U. Portsmouth
Williams C.	U. Reading
Worcester Poly. Inst.	U. Richmond
Xavier U.	U. Sheffield
Yale**	U. Southampton
	U. St Andrews**
UK	U. Strathclyde
Aberystwyth U.	U. Surrey
Bath Spa U.	U. Sussex
Birkbeck, U. London	U. Warwick**
Birmingham City U.	U. Westminster
Bristol, U. the West of England	U. York
Brunel U. London	
Cardiff Metropolitan U.	EU
Cardiff U.	American C. Greece
City, U. London	C.U. de Sciences Po
Coventry U.	EHL
Durham U.**	ESADE Business School
Goldsmiths U.	IE U.**
Hult Intern. Business Schl.	Stockholm Sch of Economics
Imperial C. London	Universita Bocconi**
I. Marangoni London	
King's C. London**	Canada
Lancaster U.	Carleton U.
Leeds Arts U.	Concordia U.
London Metro. U.	McGill U.**
LSE	Queen's U.
London S. Bank U.	Simon Fraser U.
Man. Metropolitan U.	The U. British Columbia
New C. Humanities	U. Toronto**
Newcastle U.	U. Waterloo
Nottingham Trent U.	Vancouver Island U.
Oxford Brookes U.	Western U.
Pearson C.	Wilfred Laurier U.
Queen Mary U.	York U.
Queen's U. Belfast	
Regent's U. London	Other
Royal Holloway U.	Duke Kunshan U.
SOAS**	Keio U.
St George's U.	Northwestern Qatar
St Mary's U.	Singapore U. Tech. & Design
The U. Edinburgh**	Sophia U.
The U. Law	Temple U. Japan
UCA	Waseda U.
UCL	Yale-NUS
U. Arts**	
U. Bath**	** 2 or more matriculations
U. Birmingham**	

College/university policies

SPGP/CEPP

ASL adheres to NACAC's Guide to Ethical Practice in College Admission.

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, and in addition to COVID-19 restrictions, ASL students have had less access to SAT and ACT tests because of fewer test dates abroad, international cancellations, and higher fees.

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