

Upper School Academic Profile 2021-22



MISSION

The American School Foundation, A.C. is an inclusive and diverse community, offering an international, academically rigorous, university-preparatory curriculum based upon the best of American independent education. In all aspects of life, we strive to be at our best: we love learning, live purposefully, and are empathetic, responsible, contributing citizens in an increasingly interconnected world.

OVERVIEW

The school was founded in 1888 and is the oldest continuously operating American school abroad. Located on a 14.5-acre campus, ASF enrolls on average 2,548 students in four schools: Early Childhood Center (three-year-olds, pre-kinder and kindergarten), Lower School (grades 1-5), Middle School (grades 6-8) and Upper School (grades 9-12).

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STUDENT BODY



676
Upper School
students

152 Grade 9
147 Grade 10
186 Grade 11
191 Grade 12



41%
Mexican
nationals

Attend ASF on average
for 10 years



30%
U.S. citizens

Attend ASF on average
for 3 years



29%
from 31 other
nations



17%
receive
financial aid

FACULTY



76 Upper School
faculty members



100%
are certificated
and meet SACS
requirements



49%
are non-Mexican
citizens



53%
hold master's
degrees



13%
hold doctoral-level
degrees

ASF FACILITIES



16
Buildings



214
Classrooms



4
Libraries



14
Computer
laboratories



9
Science
laboratories



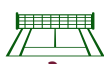
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Fine Arts
Center



All
Learning spaces
have LED projectors



14-acre
Campus



3
Athletic
fields



2
Indoor sports
facilities



1
Swimming
pool



1
Football
field



1
Wellness
Center

Extracurricular Activities



7
competitive
sports

Soccer
Football
Basketball
Volleyball
Tennis
Swimming
Running

More than
70
student-led
clubs

Including

- Activism Through Art
- Debate Club
- International Thespian Society
- Tech Club
- Repentino
- Casa de la Amistad
- Gamma

US clubs provide occasions for leadership, skill development, community service and fun.

Campus facilities, academic programs and extracurricular activities are comparable to those offered at leading independent schools in the United States.

ACCREDITATION AND CURRICULUM

The American School Foundation (ASF) is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS), a part of Cognia (formerly AdvancEd). Through this accreditation, all students receive a U.S. high school diploma. Students may also enroll in the Mexican University Program in grades 7-12, where additional classes are taught to fulfill Mexican National Spanish language and social studies requirements. The students' studies in grades 7-12 may be re-validated by the Ministry of Public Education (SEP) and/or the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM), thus allowing students to study in Mexico and abroad.



ASF offers the International Baccalaureate Primary Years (PYP) and Diploma Programmes. Students may apply for the IB Diploma Programme during their junior and senior years. Qualified students may be approved by department and based on grades, NWEA scores, PSAT scores, and placement tests are permitted to enroll in individual IB and/or AP courses as well as work towards earning the AP International Diploma and/or AP Capstone Diploma.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR AND SCHEDULE

There are 190 school days divided into two semesters. The first semester begins in early-August and concludes in December. The second semester begins the second week of January and concludes the first week of June. **Mid-year grades are available in January.** Classes meet every other day for 75 minutes on a standard A-B block schedule. There are four class periods per day.

COVID-19 RELATED DISRUPTIONS

ASF began distance learning on March 17, 2020 and continued off campus until the end of the Spring 2020 semester on June 11. Classes resumed for the Fall 2020 semester using a distance learning model (ASF@Home) on August 10, 2020. While the school was using the ASF@Home modality during the 2020-21 school year, classes met twice a week for 75 minutes on a standard A-B schedule with Wednesday being a "flex" day. Classes resumed in face-to-face modality starting August 2021.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

The following are the requirements for the graduating class of 2022.

The successful completion of each year-long course earns one unit of credit; a semester course counts as half a unit. The American School requires **27 units** for graduation. All units must be completed between grades 9 through 12. Students must take a minimum of seven courses per semester in grades 9-11 and a minimum of 6 in grade 12.

4 units of English
(one per year)

4 units of an Additional
World Language
(one per year)

4.0 units of Spanish for students
enrolled in Mexican Program

4 units of Lab Science
(one per year)

Must include 1.0 unit of: Biology,
Chemistry and Physics

3 units of Mathematics
Must include: Algebra II or higher

1.5 units of Arts and Design

0.5 unit of Physical Education

0.5 unit of Coding

0.5 unit of Health
(preferably taken in grade 9)

3.5 units of Humanities in English
(U.S. Program only)

Must include: World History & U.S. History

4.0 units of Humanities in Spanish
(Mexican Program only)

Requirements are defined with counselor

0.5 Survey of Mexican History
(U.S. Program only)

0.5 Psychology in English
(Mexican Program only)

4.5 units of electives
(U.S. Program)

4.0 units of electives
(Mexican Program)

GRADING SYSTEM

Students' grades are based on a percentile with 100 being the top grade awarded and 60 being the lowest passing score. Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate Diploma (IB) courses are weighted (grade x 1.099) with the exception of Theory of Knowledge that is weighted at grade x 1.049. The additional weight is reflected in the cumulative GPA which appears on the transcript. Grades below 70% in any course will not be given additional weight. The American School Foundation does not rank students. GPA is calculated using only grades from credits earned at ASF; no transfer grades or online course grades are calculated in.

COURSE RIGOR CHART

ASF BASES COURSE RIGOR ON THE FOLLOWING DESIGNATIONS.

	Certificates
Most demanding	8 over 4 years or IB diploma
Very demanding	5-7
Demanding	3-4
Average	2
Below average	Less than 2

Descriptor	IBDP Score	AP Grade	ASF Grade
Consistently exceeds all standards	7	5	100
	6	5	90-100
Consistently meets or exceeds standards	5	4	80-89
Meets standards (knowledge, skills, application)	4	3	75-79
	3	3	70-75
Approaching standards	2	2	60-69
Consistently below standards (not prepared to move on to the next grade level)	1	1	0-60

Certificate count includes AP Courses, IB Standard Level (1 year courses), and IB Higher Level Courses (2 year courses count twice). Independent AP exams do not count into rigor.

EXTERNAL EXAM STATISTICS

SAT SUMMARY

	2021 Middle 50%	2021 Mean	2020 Middle 50%	2020 Mean	2019 Middle 50%	2019 Mean
Evidence Based Reading & Writing	600 - 715	655	580-650	600	590-685	633
Mathematics	590 - 720	658	520-630	606	570-670	628
Total	1210 - 1425	1309	1100-1280	1205	1175-1355	1269
Number of Students Tested:	62	62	115	115	105	105

ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAM RESULTS, MAY 2021



- 48 AP Scholar
- 17 AP Scholar with Honor
- 34 AP Scholar with Distinction
- 3 AP International Diploma
- 11 AP Capstone

Number of Exams ■ Scores of 3 or Higher ■ Average Grade ASF ■ Average Grade Worldwide ■

Subject	Number of Exams	Scores of 3 or Higher	Average Grade ASF	Average Grade Worldwide
Art History	13	7	2.62	2.84
Calculus AB	14	9	2.79	2.77
Calculus BC*	1	1	5	3.62
Chemistry	7	4	2.71	2.66
Japanese Language and Culture*	1	1	5	3.58
Computer Science A	8	7	3.88	3.15
Computer Science Principles	8	8	3.75	3
English Language and Composition	56	42	3.38	2.86
English Literature and Composition	14	8	2.93	2.49
Environmental Science*	2	0	2	2.67
European History	1	1	4	2.84
French Language and Culture	3	3	3	3.13
Government and Politics: Comparative	14	10	2.93	3.16
Human Geography	5	4	3.4	2.69
Macroeconomics	18	9	2.89	2.74
Microeconomics	18	9	2.78	2.96
Research	25	22	3.68	3.3
Seminar	52	52	3.46	3.24
Spanish Language and Culture	61	61	4.89	3.41
Spanish Literature and Culture	23	23	4.22	2.92
Statistics	15	10	3.33	2.85
2-D Art & Design	20	19	4.1	3.42
United States History	39	24	2.77	2.53
US Gov't & Politics*	1	1	5	2.63
World History	68	56	3.65	2.71
Biology*	1	0	2	2.83
Physics C: Mechanics	5	4	3.2	3.38

ACT SUMMARY

	2020 Middle 50%	2020 Mean	2019 Middle 50%	2019 Mean
English	26-34	29	24-31	27
Math	23-27	25	24-28	26
Reading	21-32	26	22-30	26
Science	23-26	25	22-30	25.8
Composite	26-28	27	23-31	26.8
Number of Students Tested:	26	26	49	49

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE SUBJECT RESULTS, MAY 2021



- 44 Full IB Diploma students
- 44 Awarded an IB Diploma, 37 of those were Bilingual IB Diplomas
- 44 Program Highest Diploma point score achieved
- 36 Average Total Diploma points awarded
- 5.66 Average Diploma student score on all IB exams

Number of Candidates ■ Scores of 4 or Higher ■ Average Grade ASF ■ Average Grade Worldwide ■

Subject	Number of Candidates	Scores of 4 or Higher	Average Grade ASF	Average Grade Worldwide
English A: Language and Literature HL	10	10	5.9	5.1
English A: Language and Literature SL	11	11	5.8	5.4
English A: Literature HL	18	17	5.5	4.8
English A: Literature SL	14	14	5.1	5.3
Spanish A: Language and Literature HL	33	33	5.8	5.4
Spanish A: Language and Literature SL	31	30	5	5.2
Spanish A: Literature HL	8	7	5.5	4.7
Spanish A: Literature SL	13	12	5.3	5.4
French AB: SL	1	1	5	5.1
French B HL	1	1	7	5.6
French B SL	2	2	5	5.2
Spanish AB: SL	5	5	7	5.3
Spanish B HL	2	2	6.5	5.8
Spanish B SL	4	4	6	5.2
Business Management HL	20	20	5.8	5.5
Business Management SL	3	3	5.3	5.6
Economics HL in English	25	24	5.1	5.6
Env. and Soc. SL in English	5	5	6.2	4.6
Hist. Americas HL in English	37	36	5.2	4.5
History SL in English	42	42	5.3	5
Philosophy SL in Spanish	34	33	5	5.4
Psychology HL in English	4	4	6.5	5.2
Psychology SL in English	22	21	5	5
Biology HL in English	5	4	5	4.7
Biology SL in English	11	11	5.5	4.4
Chemistry HL in English	14	13	4.9	4.9
Chemistry SL in English	5	3	3.6	4.3
Physics HL in English	6	6	6.3	5.3
Physics SL in English	8	5	4.4	4.7
Math AA HL in English	15	15		
Math AA SL in English	33	31		
Math AI SL in English	17	17		
Music SL	3	3	6	4.9
Theatre HL in English	8	8	5.5	5.1
Theatre SL in English	1	1	6	4.9
Visual Arts HL in English	14	14	4.9	4.5
Visual Arts SL in English	3	3	4.6	4.2

DISTRIBUTION OF GRADES FOR THE CLASS OF 2022

(As of June 2021)

Class of 2022 Decile Rank	Number of Students	GPA Range
1	20	103.951 - 96.358
2	19	96.285 - 94.815
3	19	94.438 - 93.087
4	19	92.917 - 91.316
5	18	91.252 - 89.982
6	18	89.965 - 88.354
7	18	88.296 - 85.811
8	18	85.631 - 84.327
9	18	84.272 - 81.053
10	18	80.875 - 66.744

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES FOR THE

CLASSES OF 2018 to 2021



180
Graduates
in 2018

201
Graduates
in 2019



46% in 2018
45% in 2019
27% in 2020
25% in 2021

Attend universities
in Mexico



28% in 2018
32% in 2019
31% in 2020
54% in 2021

Universities in the
U.S.



14% in 2018
12% in 2019
20% in 2020
14% in 2021

Universities
abroad



186
Graduates
in 2020

11% in 2018
10% in 2019
11% in 2020
5% in 2021

"Gap" year



187
Graduates
in 2021

1% in 2018
1% in 2019
11% in 2020
2% in 2021

Undecided at the
time of graduation

(SCHOOLS IN BOLD INDICATE MATRICULATION OF ONE OR MORE STUDENTS).

MEXICAN UNIVERSITIES

CENTRO (5)
Centro De Estudios Superiores De San Angel (cessa) (2)
Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo De México (58)
Universidad Anáhuac Campus Sur (8)
Universidad Anáhuac Campus Norte
Tec de Monterrey, Campus CMX (2)
Tec de Monterrey, Campus Monterrey (3)
Tec de Monterrey, Campus Santa Fe (68)
Universidad Anáhuac (4)
Universidad de las Américas Puebla (5)
Universidad Iberoamericana (91)
Universidad Nacional Autónoma De México (unam)
Universidad Panamericana (8)
Universidad del Claustro de Sor Juana

UNITED STATES UNIVERSITIES

West
AMDA College and Conservatory of the Performing Arts, Los Angeles
Brigham Young University, Provo (4)
Brigham Young University, Idaho (2)
California Baptist 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
California State University, Monterey Bay
Chapman University (4)
Claremont McKenna College
Colorado College (2)
Colorado State University
Colorado State University, Fort Collins
FIDM-Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising-Los Angeles (2)
Carroll College (MT)
Harvey Mudd College
Idaho State University
Lewis & Clark College
Loyola Marymount University (5)
Mills College
Occidental College
Otis College of Art and Design
Pacific Northwest College of Art
Pepperdine University (3)
Pitzer College
Portland State University
Reed College
Regis University
San Diego State University
San Francisco Art Institute
San Francisco State University
Santa Clara University
Santa Monica College
Scripps College
Seattle University
Southern California Institute of Architecture (2)
Stanford University
University of California, Berkeley (8)
University of California, Davis (3)
University of California, Irvine
University of California, Los Angeles
University of California, San Diego (8)
University of California, Santa Barbara
University of California, Santa Cruz
University of Colorado, Boulder (6)
University of Denver
University of Hawaii At Manoa
University of La Verne
University of Nevada, Las Vegas
University of Oregon
University of Puget Sound
University of Redlands
University of San Diego (2)
University of San Francisco
University of Southern California
University of Utah (2)
University of Washington (2)
University of Wyoming
Utah State University
Utah Valley University
Washington State University
Whitman College

Southwest
Abilene Christian University
Arizona State University (3)
Austin College
Baylor University
New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology
Northern Arizona University
Oklahoma State University
Southern Methodist University (2)
Southwestern University

St. Edward's University (2)
St. Mary's University
Texas A&M International University
Texas A&M University (2)
Texas A&M University, San Antonio
Texas Christian University
Texas State University (3)
Texas Tech University
The University of Oklahoma
The University of Texas, Austin (4)
The University of Texas, Dallas
The University of Texas, San Antonio
Trinity University
University of Arizona
University of Houston
University of New Mexico
University of North Texas
University of Notre Dame
University of Oklahoma, Norman Campus
University of Tulsa
University of the Incarnate Word

Midwest
Antioch College
Bethany Lutheran College
Calvin College
Carleton College
Earlham College
Case Western Reserve University
Central Michigan University
Cleveland Institute of Art
Cleveland State University
Columbia College Chicago
DePaul University (2)
Eastern Michigan University
Grinnell College
Illinois Institute of Technology
Indiana University at Bloomington (2)
Kalamazoo College
Kenyon College
Knox College
Lake Forest College
Lawrence University
Lehigh University
Loyola University Chicago (6)
Macalester College
Marquette University
Miami University, Oxford
Michigan State University (2)
Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design
Milwaukee School of Engineering
Missouri University of Science and Technology
Northern Illinois University
Northwestern University (4)
Oberlin College
Ohio State University
Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts
Pennsylvania State University (2)
Purdue University (2)
Saint Louis University
Saint Mary's College
School of the Art Institute of Chicago
The Ohio State University
The University of Iowa
University of Chicago (3)
University of Cincinnati
University of Illinois, Chicago
University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
University of Iowa (2)
University of Michigan, Dearborn
University of Michigan (2)
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
University of Nebraska, Lincoln
University of Wisconsin, Madison
Washington University in St. Louis
Wayne State University
Western Michigan University

South

Auburn University
Barry University
Belmont University
College of William & Mary
Duke University
Elon University
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach
Emory University (5)
Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University
Florida Gulf Coast University
Florida International University
Florida State University
George Mason University
Georgia Institute of Technology (3)

Georgia State University

Guilford College
Hampton University
High Point University
James Madison University
Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College
Louisiana State University
Loyola University New Orleans
Lynn University (2)
Mississippi State University
Mississippi University for Women
New College of Florida
Northern Virginia Community College
Nova Southeastern University
Old Dominion University
Ringling College of Art and Design
Rollins College
Salem College
Salem University
Savannah College of Art and Design (2)
Spelman College (3)
The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina
The University of Tampa
The University of Tennessee
Tulane University
University of Arkansas
University of Central Florida
University of Florida
University of Georgia
University of Kentucky
University of Louisville
University of Mary Washington
University of Miami (2)
University of Mississippi
University of North Carolina, Charlotte
University of North Florida
University of Richmond
University of South Carolina
University of South Florida, Tampa (4)
University of Tennessee, Knoxville
University of Virginia
Vanderbilt University
Virginia Commonwealth University
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Wake Forest University

New England
Amherst College
Babson College (5)
Bennington College
Bentley University
Boston College
Boston University (9)
Bowdoin College
Brandeis University
Brown University
Bryant University
Champlain College
Clark University
Dartmouth College
Emerson College (3)
Endicott College
Fairfield University
Lesley University
Maine Maritime Academy
Massachusetts College of Art and Design
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Middlebury College
Northeastern University (11)
Quinnipiac University
Rhode Island School of Design
Sacred Heart University
School of the Museum of Fine Arts At Tufts University
Smith College
Suffolk University
Trinity College
Tufts University (4)
United States Coast Guard Academy
University of Connecticut
University of Massachusetts, Amherst
University of Massachusetts, Boston
University of Rhode Island
University of Vermont
Wentworth Institute of Technology
Wesleyan University
Western New England University
Williams College
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Yale University

Mid-Atlantic
Adelphi University
American University (2)
Bard College

Barnard College (3)
Bryn Mawr College
Bucknell University
Carnegie Mellon University
Clarkson University
Colgate University
Columbia University in the City of New York (2)
Cornell University
Culinary Institute of America
Cuny Bernard M Baruch College
Dickinson College
Drexel University
Fairleigh Dickinson University
Fashion Institute of Technology
Fordham University (4)
Franklin and Marshall College
Georgetown University
Gettysburg College
Goucher College
Hofstra University
Howard University
Ithaca College
Johns Hopkins University
Lafayette College
Lim College
Manhattanville College
Marist College
Marymount Manhattan College
New York Institute of Technology
New York University (8)
Pace University
Point Park University
Pratt Institute (2)
Princeton University (2)
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rochester Institute of Technology
Rutgers University, New Brunswick
Sarah Lawrence College
School of Visual Arts
Seton Hall University
Skidmore College
Suny Cortland
Swarthmore College
Syracuse University
Temple University
The Catholic University of America
The George Washington University
The Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science & Art
The New School (5)
United States Naval Academy
University at Buffalo
University of Maryland, Eastern Shore
University of Maryland, College Park
University of Maryland, Baltimore County
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh
University of Rochester
Villanova University

CANADIAN UNIVERSITIES
Brock University
Concordia University (Montreal)
Huron University College At Western
Lakehead University
McGill University
McMaster University
Ontario Tech University
Queen's University (3)
Ryerson University
Simon Fraser University
The University of British Columbia, Okanagan
The University of British Columbia (12)
Trent University
University of Alberta
University of Calgary
University of Guelph
University of Ottawa
University of Toronto (4)
University of Victoria
University of Waterloo
Western University
York University

EUROPEAN UNIVERSITIES
Architectural Association School of Architecture
BI Norwegian Business School
BIMM Institute
Bard College Berlin (2)
Brunel University London
Centre For Design and Visual Communication
Ceo San Pablo University
City, University of London
Cardiff University
College Universitaire de Sciences Po

Durham University
ESADE Business School (5)
Ecole Hoteliere de Lausanne
Fontys University of Applied Sciences
Erasmus University Rotterdam
Escuela Universitaria de Diseño, Innovación Y Tecnología (esne)
European Institute of Design, Madrid
Franklin University Switzerland
Glion Institute of Higher Education
Goldsmiths, University of London
HZ University of Applied Sciences
Han University of Applied Sciences
Heriot-Watt University
Hult International Business School
IE University (17)
Instituto Europea Di Design Barcelona
Instituto Europea di Design Madrid (2)
Istituto Marangoni London
Jacobs University
Johannes Kepler University - Linz
John Cabot University
King's College London
LIUSS Guido Carli
Leeds Beckett University
Leiden University College The Hague
Les Roches Schools of Hotel Management
Liverpool Hope University
Maastricht University
Manchester Metropolitan University
Nottingham Trent University
Polimoda International Institute of Design and Marketing
Queen Mary University of London
Regent's University London
Royal Holloway, University of London
Saint Louis University - Madrid
Solent University (Southampton)
Stockholm School of Economics
Swansea University
Technical University of Delft
The American University of Paris
The University of Edinburgh
The University of Manchester
The University of Nottingham
Universidad de Navarra
Universita Bocconi
Universitat Ramon Llull - La Salle
Universiteit van Amsterdam (4)
University College London
University College Utrecht
University of Aberdeen
University of Bath
University of Birmingham
University of Brighton
University of Bristol
University of Derby
University of East London
University of Essex
University of Exeter
University of Glasgow
University of Groningen
University of Kent
University of Liverpool
University of Manchester
University of Navarra
University of Portsmouth
University of Salford
University of Sheffield
University of Southampton
University of St Andrews
University of Strathclyde
University of Sussex
University of Twente (2)
University of Warwick
University of the Arts London
VU University Amsterdam

OTHER REGIONS
City University of Hong Kong
Doshisha Women's College of Liberal Arts
International Christian University
Minerva Schools at KGI
NYU Abu Dhabi (3)
Seoul National University
Sophia University
Symbiosis International (deemed University)
The University of Hong Kong
University of Technology Sydney
Yale-NUS