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SYA Profile for Colleges 2023

SYA's Approach

School Year Abroad (SYA) students become strong, globally-educated citizens with a high proficiency in language and culture. SYA students continue their secondary school education abroad and prepare for top colleges and universities. Using a second language as the vehicle and another culture as the extension of our classrooms, SYA teaches students self-reliance, responsible decision-making, resourcefulness, adaptability and respect for differences.

SYA's Structure

School Year Abroad is an independent, non-profit organization which has been educating students at its own schools overseas since 1964. SYA offers full academic year programs and a limited number of semester spots. SYA is supported by 44 member schools. For a full list of our member schools, please visit sya.org/about/member-schools. SYA's English and math faculty, along with administration, come from these excellent schools or from U.S. schools of equal caliber. The remaining faculty are experienced local educators. The Resident Directors are responsible for day-to-day administration of our schools abroad and report to the SYA President. Originally founded by Phillips Academy, SYA became its own 501(c)(3) in 1975, governed by a Board of Trustees.

Admissions & Financial Aid

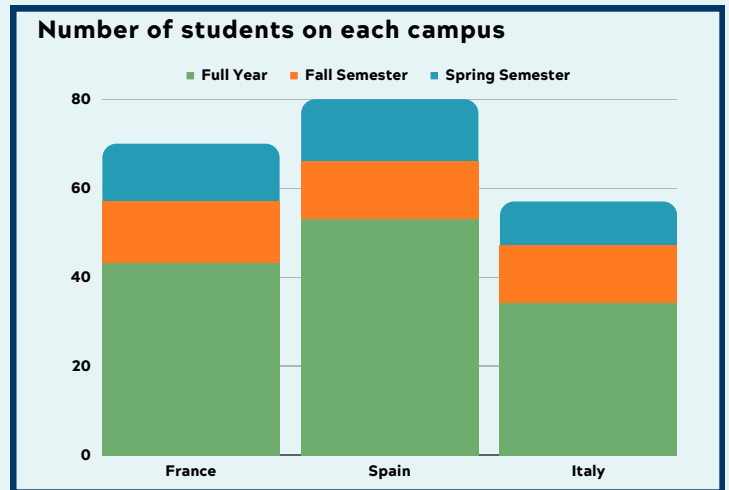
Admission to SYA is competitive, based on academic record, testing, essays, teacher recommendations and an interview. A generous financial aid program assures a diverse student body. The following data is for financial aid awarded 2023-2024.

41% of students receive financial aid

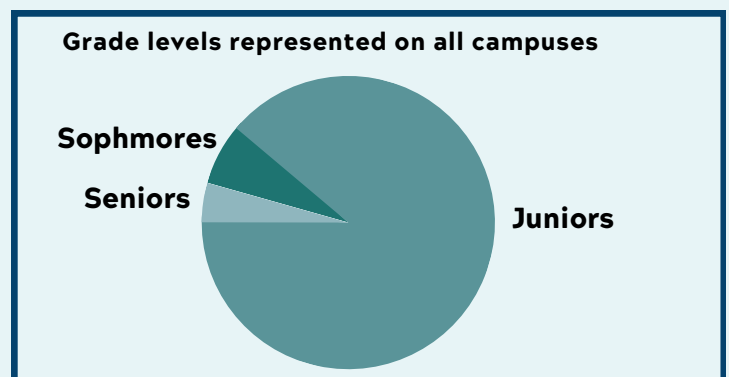
\$40,000 average financial aid grant

\$2,500,000 total financial aid awarded

2023-2024 Student Information



- SYA students hail from **28 different states**



Curriculum

School Year Abroad's academic level in France, Italy and Spain is comparable to that of top U.S. independent schools. Students generally take six academic courses, including English, math and intensive training in the language of the host country. Additional courses vary by school, but typically include offerings in social studies, science and literature. The majority of courses are taught in the target language and at the honors level. SYA also offers AP Calculus (AB and BC).

College Matriculation

Since 2017, SYA alumni matriculated at more than 170 colleges and universities, including some overseas. The following list is not exhaustive, but includes the colleges which enrolled the most SYA students:

15-28 students

- Brown University
- Cornell University
- Georgetown University
- New York University
- University of California
- University of Southern California
- University of St. Andrew's (Scotland)

11-14 students

- American University
- Colorado College
- Emory University
- George Washington University
- Northeastern University
- Tufts University
- Tulane University
- University of Chicago

8-10 students

- Boston University
- College of William & Mary
- McGill University
- NYU - Shanghai
- Princeton University
- Washington University in St. Louis
- Yale University

7 students

- Barnard College
- Bowdoin College
- Stanford University
- University of Colorado
- University of Pennsylvania
- Vanderbilt University

5-6 students

- Amherst College
- Claremont McKenna College
- College of Charleston (SC)
- Columbia University
- Fordham University
- Harvard University
- Macalester College
- Middlebury College
- Rice University
- University of Michigan
- University of North Carolina
- University of Washington
- Wake Forest University
- Wesleyan University

4 students

- American University of Paris
- Boston College
- Colby College
- Colgate University
- Duke University
- Hamilton College
- Occidental College
- Scripps College
- University of Georgia
- University of Miami
- University of Texas
- Williams College

3 students

- Bates College
- Carleton College
- Carnegie Mellon University
- Connecticut College
- Dartmouth College
- Davidson College
- Elon College
- Howard University
- John Cabot University (Rome)
- Loyola Marymount University
- Northwestern University
- Parsons School of Design
- Purdue University
- Reed College
- Sarah Lawrence College
- Sciences Po (Paris)
- Syracuse University
- University of British Columbia
- University of Massachusetts
- University of Virginia
- University of Wisconsin

Standardized Testing & College Preparation

All SYA schools are ETS test centers, allowing students to take appropriate tests while abroad. Each school is staffed with a College Counseling Liaison who helps juniors begin to make college application plans and seniors complete the process already begun with guidance from their sending school counselors. In 2023, more than half of our students took the AP Language and Culture exam, with 83% scoring a 4 or 5. We do not report SAT scores as students often use their sending school's CEEB when taking the exam.

Grading

Students are graded on an A-F (+/-) system. Teachers provide progress reports to students and families as an indicator throughout the year. We do not calculate GPAs nor do we rank our students.

Program

Students live with a French, Italian or Spanish host family, sharing fully in their lives and speaking their language. Students join local teams, clubs, choirs, orchestras and volunteer groups where they meet and work with their European counterparts. Students travel independently and on school trips within their host country to foster curriculum connections, cultural enrichment and personal discovery.

SYA by the Numbers

85% of faculty have advanced degrees

27 faculty members on three campuses

15 average class size



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