

# The American School in London

## Profile 2023-24

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 1,425 • 7:1 student-faculty ratio • Students hold citizenship from 71 countries and speak 64 languages • Accredited by the MSACS and certified by Ofsted • Member of NAIS, CIS, CASE, NACAC and International ACAC • 49% 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 2024: Snapshot

**140**  
members in the class

**24**  
languages spoken

**71%**  
have studied at ASL throughout high school

**55%**  
students hold passports for two 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 final 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 25 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 2023

In May 2023, 331 students took 953 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	4	European History	88	26
3D Art and Design	100	2	French Language & Culture	94	18
Art History	96	26	German Language & Culture	100	1
Biology	100	17	Human Geography	90	52
Calculus AB	93	42	Italian Language & Culture	100	1
Calculus BC	100	34	Music Theory	100	14
Chemistry	100	39	Physics 1	86	69
Chinese Language & Culture	50	8	Physics 2	100	6
Computer Science A	94	64	Physics C Electricity & Magnetism	94	18
Computer Science Principles	100	37	Physics C Mechanics	94	18
Drawing	100	11	Psychology	81	81
Economics - Macro	76	67	Spanish Language & Culture	100	31
Economics - Micro	76	67	Spanish Literature & Culture	100	9
English Language/Composition	92	64	Statistics	91	43
English Literature/Composition	100	11	US Government and Politics	100	1
Environmental Science	92	24	US History	94	48

### Grade 11 distribution for Class of 2024

Grade	English	Social studies	World language	Science	Math	Art
A	232	187	106	127	67	129
B	52	51	30	40	66	3
C	0	0	1	3	17	0
D	1	0	0	0	1	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>132</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, Advanced Design Thinking Apprenticeship.

In 2023, ASL inaugurated a computer and engineering design department in the High School, and added new classes in data science, machine learning, and modeling and simulation.

**Human Rights Symposium:** Students selected for this course become human rights scholars as they research, organize, schedule and implement a one-day high school 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 an independent research 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. They work closely with Grade 9 advisories and students throughout the year.

**Advanced Design Thinking Apprenticeship** challenges students to utilize materials, technology and expertise to develop their design/engineering ideas in independent projects.

**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, in which students are exposed to the fundamental principles of science, including full courses of 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 three 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. Alternatives are recorded on a student's transcript as of 2023.

**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 three times per year.

**Community service & partnership:** 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 2023, a total of 138 students participated in 168 work experience placements with 70 organizations, a speaker series, eight career skills workshops and two workplace visits.

**SAT summary scores 2021-23**

Section	Middle 50%	mean*	# Students tested
Evidence Based Reading and Writing	630-720	676	311
Mathematics	690-710	683	311
Math	33-38	34	273
Reading	32-36	33	273
Writing	32-36	34	273
<b>Total</b>	<b>1300-1440</b>	<b>1359</b>	<b>311</b>

**ACT summary scores 2021-23**

Section	Middle 50%	mean*	# Students tested
Reading	27-34	30	97
Science	24-32	29	62
English	26-34	30	97
Math	26-33	28	98
Writing	8-9	12	7
<b>Composite</b>	<b>27-33</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>100</b>

**College and university acceptances & matriculations 2021-23**

USA			UK		EU
American University**	Gonzaga University	School of the Art Institute of Chicago	University of Miami**	Keele University	ESADE Business School
Allegheny College	Grinnell College	Scripps College	University of Michigan-Ann Arbor	King's College London**	ESMOD France
Arizona State University	Guilford College	Simmons University	University of Michigan-Flint	Kingston University	IE University**
Assumption University	Hamilton College	Skidmore College	University of Minnesota	Lancaster University	Stockholm School of Economics
Babson College**	Hampshire College	Smith College	University of Missouri	Leeds Arts University	Universita Bocconi**
Bard College**	Harvard University**	Southern Methodist University	University of New Hampshire	Liverpool Hope University	
Barnard College**	Haverford College**	Spring Hill College	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	Liverpool John Moores University	
Bates College	Hobart William Smith Colleges	St Olaf College	University of Notre Dame**	London Metropolitan University	<b>Canada</b>
Belmont University	Hofstra University	Stetson University	University of Oregon	London School of Economics**	Carleton University
Bentley University**	Hollins University	Stonehill College	University of Otago	London South Bank University	Concordia University
Berklee College of Music	Indiana University**	Swarthmore College	University of Pennsylvania**	Loughborough University	McGill University**
Binghamton University	Jacksonville University	Syracuse University	University of Pittsburgh	Manchester Metropolitan University	McMaster University
Boston College**	James Madison University	Temple University	University of Redlands	Northwestern University	Queen's University
Boston University**	Johns Hopkins University	Temple University, Japan	University of Richmond	Nottingham Trent University	University of British Columbia
Bowdoin College**	Johnson & Wales University	Texas A & M University	University of Rochester	Oxford Brookes University	University of Alberta
Brandeis University	Kenyon College	Texas State University	University of San Diego	Pearson College	University of Ottawa
Brigden State University	Lafayette College	The College of Wooster	University of San Francisco	Queen Mary University	University of Toronto**
Brigham Young University**	Lehigh University	The George Washington University**	University of South Carolina	Queen's University Belfast	University of Waterloo**
Brown University**	Lewis & Clark College	The New School	University of Southern California**	Regent's University London	University of Western Ontario
Bryant University	Loyola University Chicago	The University of Tampa	University of Utah	Royal Holloway	Vancouver Island University
Bryn Mawr College	Loyola Marymount University**	The University of Texas, Austin	University of Vermont**	SOAS University of London	Western University
Butler University	Macalester College**	The University of Texas, Dallas	University of Virginia	St George's University	Wilfrid Laurier University
California Polytechnic SLO	Marist College**	The University of Texas, San Antonio	University of Washington	St Mary's University	York University
Carleton College	Maryland Institute College of Art	The University of Texas, San Antonio	University of Wisconsin-Madison**	The University of Edinburgh**	<b>Other</b>
Carnegie Mellon University**	Mercer University	The University of the South	Ursinus College	University College London**	Singapore University of Technology and Design
Case Western Reserve University	Miami University-Oxford	Trinity College	Utah State University	University for the Creative Arts	Tel Aviv University
Champlain College	Michigan State University	Tufts University**	Utah Valley University	University of Aberdeen	Waseda University
Chapman University	Middlebury College**	Tulane University**	Vassar College	University of Bath**	Yale-NUS
Claremont McKenna College	Mount Holyoke College	United States Air Force Academy	Villanova University	University of Birmingham	
Clark University	New York University**	United States Naval Academy	Virginia Polytechnic Institute	University of Bristol	<b>Key</b>
Clarkson University	Northeastern University**	University of Arizona	Wake Forest University**	University of Buckingham	Denotes an acceptance
Clemson University	Northwestern University**	University of California-Berkeley**	Washington University St Louis**	University of Chichester	Denotes a matriculation
Colby College	Ohio State University	University of California-Davis	Wentworth Institute of Technology	University of Dundee	** Denotes more than one matriculation
Colby-Sawyer College	Pace University	University of California-Irvine	Wesleyan University**	University of East Anglia	
Colgate University**	Pennsylvania State University	University of California-LA**	William & Mary	University of Exeter**	<b>College/university policies</b>
College of Charleston	Pepperdine University	University of California-Merced	Williams College**	University of Glasgow	<b>SPGP/CEPP</b>
College of the Atlantic	Piedmont College	University of California-Riverside	Worcester Polytechnic Institute	University of Greenwich	ASL adheres to NACAC's Guide to Ethical Practice in College Admission.
Colorado College	Pitzer College**	University of California-San Diego	Xavier University	University of Hertfordshire	
Colorado State University	Pomona College	University of California-Santa Barbara	Yale University**	University of Kent	
Columbia University**	Portland State University	University of California-Santa Cruz		University of Leeds	
Connecticut College	Pratt Institute	University of Chicago**		University of Leicester	
Cornell University**	Princeton University	University of Colorado Boulder		University of Lincoln	
Dartmouth College**	Providence College	University of Colorado Denver		University of Manchester	
Davidson College	Purdue University**	University of Connecticut		University of Nottingham	
DePaul University	Reed College	University of Delaware		University of Oxford	
Drew University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Denver		University of Portsmouth	
Drexel University**	Rhodes College	University of Florida		University of Reading	
Duke University**	Rice University	University of Hawaii at Manoa		University of Sheffield	
Eckerd College	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign		University of Southampton	
Elon University	Roger Williams University	University of Kansas		University of St Andrews**	
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University-Prescott	Rollins College	University of Maryland - College Park		University of Strathclyde	
Emerson College	Rutgers University-Camden	University of Massachusetts-Amherst		University of Surrey	
Emory University	Rutgers University-New Brunswick	University of Massachusetts-Boston		University of Sussex	
Endicott College	Saint Anselm College			University of the Arts London	
Fairfield University	Salve Regina University			University of Wales Trinity Saint David	
Fordham University**	San Diego State University			University of Warwick**	
Franklin and Marshall College	Santa Clara University**			University of Westminster	
George Mason University	Sarah Lawrence College			University of York	
Georgetown University**	Savannah College of Art and Design				
Georgia Institute of Technology**					

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