

The American School in London

Profile 2025–26

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 1,428 • 7:1 student-faculty ratio • Students hold citizenship from 67 countries and speak 58 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 • 65% of students hold US citizenship • 69% of students hold citizenship in a country other than the US

Class of 2026: Snapshot

135

members in the class

29

languages spoken

76%

have studied at ASL throughout high school

60%

students hold passports for two or more countries

Academics, rank and grading

ASL operates on a semester calendar and block schedule. Grade 9 students take 7–8 classes per semester; Grade 10, 11 and 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 only—from those earned at ASL
- 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.

Students enrolled in AP classes are required to take the exam. Exceptions to this are extremely rare.

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Advanced Placement 2025

In May 2025, 357 students took 1,020 exams in 32 subject areas in school on paper. 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
2-D Art and Design	100	8	European History	94	31
3-D Art and Design	100	3	French Language and Culture	94	18
Art History	94	18	Human Geography	94	54
Biology	100	26	Italian Language and Culture	100	2
Calculus AB	89	46	Japanese Language and Culture	100	3
Calculus BC	97	34	Music Theory	67	12
Chemistry	100	38	Physics 1	96	52
Chinese Language and Culture	100	8	Physics 2	43	7
Computer Science A	98	50	Physics C Electricity and Magnetism	92	12
Computer Science Principles	97	34	Physics C Mechanics	100	12
Drawing	100	11	Psychology	99	68
Economics: Macro	78	99	Spanish Language and Culture	100	30
Economics: Micro	81	98	Spanish Literature and Culture	92	13
English Language and Composition	100	52	Statistics	97	65
English Literature and Composition	100	19	US Government and Politics	100	1
Environmental Science	97	36	US History	100	60

Grade 11 distribution for Class of 2026

Grade	English	Social studies	World language	Science	Math	Art
A	232	214	111	117	86	129
B	35	47	20	33	62	6
C	1	3	2	2	10	0
Total	268	264	133	152	158	135

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 and Culture Seminar, Advanced Arabic, Advanced French Literature, Human Rights Symposium, Software Engineering, Modeling and Simulation, Computational Circuits, Game Design, and Advanced Design Thinking Apprenticeship.

In 2023, ASL inaugurated a computer and engineering design department in the High School.

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 year 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, is graded on a pass/fail basis and does not substitute for course or distribution requirements in the regular curriculum.

Experiential education opportunities:

Peer Leadership is a selective 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 Grades 9 and 10 advisories and students throughout the year.

Ecology Expeditions sees students study and seek solutions to the environmental problems confronting human existence on this planet. They do this in the classroom and/or on an extended travel experience.

Advanced Design Thinking Apprenticeship challenges students to utilize materials, technology and expertise to develop their design/engineering ideas in independent projects. This class is considered to be as rigorous as an AP class.

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

Integrated Science: 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. Grade 9 investigates the origin of the universe and Earth, and the basic chemical and physical processes that make life possible. Grade 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 required, year-round alternative learning experience or a concert tour that culminates in off-campus travel and a final day of reflection. Alternatives are recorded on the transcript; if there is no title recorded, that means the student did not complete the Alternative that year.

Writers' Seminar: Grade 11 and 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 action and 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. 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 2025, a total of 135 students participated in 169 work experience placements with 65 organizations. The program also delivered two workplace visits for Grade 9 students.

SAT summary scores 2023-25

Section	Middle 50%	mean*	# Students tested
Evidence Based Reading and Writing	650-730	685	212
Mathematics	650-750	694	212
Math	32-38	35	
Reading	32-37	34	
Writing	33-37	35	

ACT summary scores 2022-24 (no data available for 2025)

Section	Middle 50%	mean*	# Students tested
Reading	27-34	30	57
Science	25-34	30	57
English	28-34	30	58
Math	26-34	28	58
Writing	8-9	9	7
Composite	27-33	30	58

College and university acceptances & matriculations 2023-25

USA	Other
Adelphi University	Northwestern Qatar
American University	Tel Aviv University
Appalachian State University	
Arizona State University	
Assumption University	
Auburn University	
Augusta University	
Babson College	
Bard College*	
Barnard College*	
Bates College	
Baylor University	
Belmont University	
Beloit College	
Bennington College	
Bentley University*	
Berklee College of Music	
Binghamton University	
Biola University	
Bishop's University	
Boston College*	
Boston University*	
Bowdoin College*	
Brandeis University	
Bridgewater State University	
Brigham Young University	
Brown University*	
Bryant University	
Bryn Mawr College	
Bucknell University	
Butler University	
California Polytechnic State University-San Luis Obispo	
Carnegie Mellon University*	
Case Western Reserve University	
Chapman University	
Christopher Newport University	
Claremont McKenna College	
Clark University	
Clarkson University	
Clemson University	
Colby College	
Colgate University	
Colorado College	
Colorado State University	
Columbia College Chicago	
Columbia University*	
Connecticut College	
Cornell University*	
Dartmouth College*	
Davidson College	
DePaul University	
Dickinson College	
Drexel University	
Duke University*	
Eckerd College	
Elon University	
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University	
Emerson College	
Emory University	
Emory University-Oxford College	
Endicott College	
Fairfield University	
Florida Institute of Technology	
Florida State University	
Fordham University	
Franklin and Marshall College	
George Mason University	
Georgetown University*	
Georgia Institute of Technology	
Georgia State University	
Grinnell College	
Hamilton College	
Hampshire College	
Harvard University*	
Haverford College*	
Hawaii Pacific University	
High Point University	
Hobart William Smith Colleges	
Hofstra University	
Howard University	
Illinois State University	
Indiana University-Bloomington	
Ithaca College	
Jacksonville University	
James Madison University	
Johns Hopkins University	
Juniata College	
Kenyon College	
Lafayette College*	
Lehigh University*	
Louisiana State University	
Loyola Marymount University*	
Loyola University Chicago	
Loyola University New Orleans	
Lynn University	
Macalester College	
Manhattan School of Music	
Marist University	
Marquette University	
Maryland Institute College of Art	
Marymount Manhattan College	
Miami University-Oxford	
Michigan State University	
Middlebury College*	
Morehouse College	
Muhlenberg College	
New York University*	
North Carolina State University	
Northeastern University*	
Northwestern University*	
Oberlin College	
Occidental College	
Ohio State University	
Oregon State University	
Pace University	
Pepperdine University	
Pitzer College	
Pomona College	
Pratt Institute	
Princeton University*	
Providence College	
Purdue University*	
Quinnipiac University	
Reed College	
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	
Rhodes College	
Rice University*	
Rochester Institute of Technology	
Rollins College	
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology	
Rutgers University*	
Salve Regina University	
San Diego State University	
Santa Clara University*	
Sarah Lawrence College	
Savannah College of Art and Design	
Seattle University	
Simmons University	
Skidmore College	
Smith College	
Southern Methodist University	
St. John's College	
Stanford University*	
Stetson University	
Swarthmore College	
Syracuse University*	
Temple University	
Texas A & M University	
Texas Christian University	
Texas State University	
Texas Tech University	
The George Washington University*	
The New School	
The Pennsylvania State University	
The University of Alabama	
The University of Tampa	
The University of Texas at Austin	
Trinity College	
Tufts University*	
Tulane University of Louisiana*	
United States Air Force Academy	
United States Naval Academy	
University of Arizona	
University of Arkansas	
University of California-Berkeley*	
University of California-Davis	
University of California-Irvine	
University of California-Los Angeles*	
University of California-Merced	
University of California-Riverside	
University of California-San Diego	
University of California-Santa Barbara	
University of California-Santa Cruz	
University of Chicago*	
University of Colorado Boulder*	
University of Connecticut	
University of Delaware	
University of Denver	
University of Florida	
University of Hawaii	
University of Illinois-U.C	
University of Iowa	
University of Kentucky	
University of Maryland	
University of Massachusetts	
University of Massachusetts-Boston	
University of Miami*	
University of Michigan	
University of Michigan-Flint	
University of Minnesota	
University of Mississippi	
University of Missouri	
University of New Hampshire	
University of North Carolina	
University of North Georgia	
University of North Texas	
University of Notre Dame*	
University of Oregon	
University of Pennsylvania*	
University of Pittsburgh	
University of Portland	
University of Rhode Island	
University of Richmond	
University of Rochester	
University of San Diego	
University of San Francisco	
University of South Carolina	
University of South Florida	
University of Southern California*	
University of the Pacific	
University of Utah	
University of Vermont*	
University of Virginia*	
University of Washington	
University of Wisconsin*	
Utah State University	
Utah Valley University	
Vassar College	
Villanova University	
Virginia Polytechnic Institute	
Wake Forest University*	
Washington College	
Washington University in St Louis*	
Wentworth Institute of Technology	
Wesleyan University*	
Western Michigan University	
Wheaton College	
William & Mary	
Williams College	
Worcester Polytechnic Institute	
Yale University*	
UK	
Aberystwyth University	
Arts University Bournemouth	
Aston University, Birmingham	
Bath Spa University	
Birkbeck, University of London	
Bristol University	
Buckinghamshire New University	
Cardiff University*	
City, University of London*	
Courtauld Institute of Art, University of London	
Durham University*	
Falmouth University	
Glasgow School of Art	
Goldsmiths, University of London	
Guildhall School of Music & Drama	
Heriot-Watt University	
Hult International Business School	
Imperial College London*	
Istituto Marangoni London	
Keele University	
King's College London*	
Kingston University	
Lancaster University	
Leeds Arts University	
Liverpool Hope University	
Liverpool John Moores University	
London Metropolitan University	
London School of Economics*	
London South Bank University	
Loughborough University	
Manchester Metropolitan University	
Middlesex University	
Newcastle University	
Northeastern University London*	
Northumbria University	
Nottingham Trent University	
Oxford Brookes University	
Queen Margaret University	
Queen Mary University of London	
Queen's University Belfast	
Ravensbourne University London	
Regent's University London	
Royal Academy of Music	
Royal Conservatoire of Scotland	
Royal Holloway University*	
Royal Northern College of Music	
SOAS University of London	
St George's University	
St Mary's University	
The University of Edinburgh*	
UCL (University College London)*	
University for the Creative Arts	
University of Aberdeen	
University of Bath	
University of Birmingham	
University of Brighton*	
University of Bristol*	
University of Cambridge*	
University of East Anglia UEA	
University of East London	
University of Exeter*	
University of Glasgow	
University of Greenwich	
University of Hull	
University of Kent	
University of Leeds	
University of Leicester	
University of Lincoln	
University of Liverpool	
University of Manchester	
University of Northampton	
University of Nottingham	
University of Oxford	
University of Reading	
University of Sheffield	
University of Southampton*	
University of St Andrews*	
University of Strathclyde	
University of Surrey*	
University of Sussex	
University of the Arts London*	
University of Wales Trinity Saint David	
University of Warwick*	
University of West London	
University of Westminster	
University of York	
EU	
Bocconi University*	
Ecole Polytechnique Federale de Lausanne	
EHL Hospitality Business School	
ESMOD France	
IE University - Madrid Campus*	
IE University - Segovia Campus	
John Cabot University	
Sciences Po - UC Berkeley Dual Degree	
Stockholm School of Economics	
The American University of Paris	
The American University of Rome	
Trinity College Dublin	
University of Amsterdam	
University of Galway	
Canada	
Carleton College	
Concordia University	
Dalhousie University	
McGill University*	
McMaster University	
Queen's University	
Simon Fraser University	
The University of British Columbia*	
The University of British Columbia - Okanagan	
Toronto Metropolitan University	
University of Alberta	
University of Guelph	
University of Ottawa	
University of Toronto*	
University of Victoria	
University of Waterloo*	
Western University	
York University	

Key
Denotes an acceptance
Denotes a matriculation
* Denotes more than one matriculation

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.

Application limits
ASL restricts Grade 12 students to no more than 15 applications per year. UCAS, Apply Texas, Ontario and UC applications, where one application can be sent to multiple campuses, count as one application.

Early-decision (ED) policy
Because of recent decisions—legislative and executive—affecting higher education in the United States in the 2025-26 cycle, ASL is allowing non-US citizens and Green Card holders with an ED acceptance to hold ONE other acceptance outside of the US until the release of AP scores in July. This policy will be evaluated and updated annually.

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