

# THE AMERICAN SCHOOL OF BARCELONA

## HIGH SCHOOL PROFILE 2025-2026



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### MISSION

Our mission is to empower preschool through 12th grade students to become global citizens with the critical thinking skills and the self-confidence to maximize their potential.

### THE SCHOOL

Founded in 1962, ASB is an international, independent, non-profit, co-educational, university preparatory day school which serves the international and Spanish communities in Barcelona from preschool to grade 12.

### ACCREDITATION

ASB is accredited by the International Baccalaureate Organization, the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools and is authorized by the Spanish and Catalan Ministries of Education.

### ENROLLMENT

**100** Early Childhood Center **273** Elementary school **229** Middle School **375** High School  
**975 Total**

### FACULTY

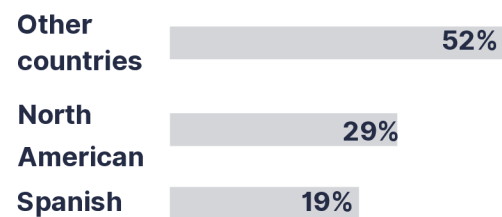
The ASB staff includes 150 faculty members (teachers and associates). The approximate composition of faculty by nationality is 64% from English speaking countries, 25% Spanish and 10% from other countries. More than 80% of our international teachers have advanced degrees.

### INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM

ASB offers a rigorous and comprehensive curriculum designed to prepare students for best-fit universities around the world. Graduates earn a U.S. high school diploma and, in grades 11-12, can additionally pursue the **International Baccalaureate Diploma Program (IBDP) or Career-related Program (IBCP)**. Students also take some of their academic coursework in Spanish and Catalan. Many students will graduate having achieved a level of language appropriate for university instruction in all three languages.

### SCHOOL DEMOGRAPHICS

There are more than 60 nationalities represented in our student body.



### GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

A minimum of 22, full-year credits are required to obtain the U.S. high school diploma, including:

<b>4</b> English	<b>3</b> Social Studies
<b>3</b> Mathematics	<b>3</b> World Language
<b>3</b> Science	<b>2</b> Physical Education
<b>3</b> Electives	<b>1</b> Community Service

## 9TH AND 10TH GRADE PROGRAM

Our 9th and 10th grade curriculum is designed to prepare students for the rigorous IB Diploma Program. Most classes are 70 minutes long.

Subject	6-day rotation	Grade 9	Grade 10
English	3/6	World Literature I	World Literature II
History	3/6	World Studies I	World Studies II
Math	4/6	Integrated Math I or Integrated Math II	Integrated Math II or Integrated Math III
Science	4/6	Biology and Earth & Environmental Science (1 semester each)	Chemistry and Physics (1 semester each)
Spanish	4/6	Castellano + Geografía de España or Spanish Language Learning	Castellano + Historia de España or Spanish Language Learning
Catalan or Electives	2/6	Catalan / Catalan Language Learning or Elective	
Physical Education	2/6	Physical Education	
Electives	2/6	Model United Nations, Art, Music, Debate, Technology, Robotics, French, etc	
Advisory	1/6	Organization and Time Management, Identity, Community Building, Well-being	
Service Learning, Clubs or Academic Support	2/6	Service learning planning & activities, Clubs (Yearbook, Debate Club, EcoClub, Chess, etc.) or Academic Support	

## INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE CAREER-RELATED PROGRAM (11TH AND 12TH GRADES)

The International Baccalaureate career-related Program (IBCP) is a two-year course of study that focuses on practical skills and allows students to learn through project-based activities. As part of the IBCP, students study a career-related study: Pearson BTEC Business, minimum of 2 Diploma Program courses, one of which must be Group 1 English A, in addition to completing the Personal and Professional Skills course, Service Learning, Language Development, and Reflective Project.

### Career-related Study

The Career-related Study will make up approximately 50% of the students' schedules. They will be pursuing the Pearson Business and Technology Education Council (BTEC) Level 3 International Diploma in Business, which will include both classroom learning and work- place experiences.

### Minimum of 2 DP courses

These can be at Standard or Higher level. One of which must be Group 1 English A. These are exactly the same as the courses taken by the IBDP students.

### Personal and Professional Skills

This course focuses on developing workplace skills through a series of projects.

### Reflective Project

Is an extended body of work that allows students to reflect critically on a Business ethical issue.

### Service Learning

Is the development and application of knowledge and skills towards meeting an identified and authentic community need.

### Language Development

This course allows students to enhance their skills in a language that is not their primary language.

## INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE DIPLOMA PROGRAM (11TH AND 12TH GRADES)

The International Baccalaureate Diploma Program (IBDP) is a demanding, two-year course of study leading to external examinations. As part of the IBDP curriculum, students study six subjects (three standard level and three higher level), in addition to completing Theory of Knowledge (TOK), Creativity, Action and Service (CAS) and the Extended Essay.

### Group 1 Language and Literature

English A: Literature (SL/HL)  
English A: Language and Literature (SL/HL)  
Spanish A: Literature (SL/HL)  
Spanish A: Language and Literature (SL/HL)  
School Supported Self-taught Language A:  
Literature (SL)

### Group 2 Language Acquisition

Spanish ab initio (SL)  
Spanish B (SL/HL)  
French ab initio (SL)  
French B (SL/HL)

### Group 3 Individuals and Societies

History (SL/HL)  
Business Management (SL/HL)  
Economics (SL/HL)  
Psychology (SL/HL)  
Global Politics (SL/HL)  
Environmental Systems and Societies (SL/HL)

### Group 4 Experimental Sciences

Chemistry (SL/HL)  
Biology (SL/HL)  
Physics (SL/HL)  
Computer Science (SL/HL)  
Environmental Systems and Societies (SL/HL)

### Group 5 Mathematics

Applications and Interpretation (SL/HL)  
Analysis and Approaches (SL/HL)

### Group 6 The Arts

Visual Arts (SL/HL)  
Music (SL/HL)  
Film (SL/HL)

Or an additional course from Group 3 or 4

(1) For an additional fee, students may also choose online courses from Pamoja.

(2) Course offerings vary per year depending on student enrollment.

## INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE DIPLOMA SCORES

No. of ASB IB diploma students	% of ASB students that passed	Avg. ASB IB score	ASB high score (out of 45)	World average	
2023	86	98%	35	44	30
2024	85	97%	35	45	30
2025	91	97%	35	45	30

## SAT RESULTS

SAT are optional exams taken by students at ASB who plan to apply to U.S. universities.

Average SAT scores by class	Number of test takers/Class size	Evidence Based Reading & Writing	Mathematics	Total	% of Class that Matriculated to the United States
Class of 2023	38/97	619	667	1286	28%
Class of 2024	22/90	633	646	1279	12%
Class of 2025	34/97	652	668	1320	22%

## SERVICE LEARNING AND ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

ASB prides itself not only on our high academic achievement, but also on the ability of our students to make a positive impact on our community through ongoing engagement. Service learning is incorporated into the High School curriculum, as well as offered throughout the year as after-school programs, overnight and extended trips. Students are encouraged to develop their own service learning, or participate in one or more of the following established programs:

**RefugArt** - Student-initiated activity to raise awareness and support for refugees around the world through art production and exhibitions. Annual events have collaborated with the UNHCR and other international aid organizations.

**Language and Career Partnerships** - Students work with local organizations (schools, hospitals and corporations) to support English language development for adults who share their professional experiences with our students.

**International Service Learning Trips** - Student groups in recent years have traveled to Botswana to support refugee education and sustainable development, as well as to Peru to support medical service delivery in the Amazon communities.

In addition, there are numerous clubs and extracurricular activities that offer students leadership, problem-solving, performance, and team-building skills:

- Yearbook Club
- New European Speech, Debate and Acting Association (NESDA)
- Varsity sport teams
- Musical theater and performances
- Model United Nations
- Eco Club

# UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCE AND MATRICULATION

Graduates from the Classes of 2023-2025 were accepted to the following universities. (Highlighted universities indicate matriculation.)



## UNITED STATES

American University  
**Arizona State University**  
**Babson College**  
**Barnard College**  
 Bates College  
 Baylor University  
 Bentley University  
**Boston University**  
 Brandeis University  
**Brown University**  
**California Baptist University**  
 California College of the Arts  
 California Poly - SU - San Luis Obispo  
 California State University - Long Beach  
 Case Western Reserve University  
 Chapman University  
 Chatham University  
 Claremont McKenna College  
 Clark University  
 Clarkson University  
 Clemson University  
 College of the Holy Cross  
**Columbia University**  
 Cornell University  
 Dickinson College  
 Drexel University  
**Duke University**  
 Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University  
 Emerson College  
**Florida International University**  
**Foothill - De Anza Community College**  
 Fordham University  
 George Washington University  
 Georgetown University  
**Georgia Institute of Technology**  
 Georgia Southern University  
**Georgia State University**  
 Gonzaga University  
 Grand Valley State University  
 Harvey Mudd College  
**Haverford College**  
**Hofstra University**  
 Illinois Institute of Technology  
 Indiana University - Bloomington  
**Ithaca College**  
 Kent State University  
 Louisiana State University  
 Loyola Marymount University  
 Lynn University  
**Macalester College**  
 Miami University - Oxford  
 Michigan State University  
 Middlebury College  
 Misericordia University  
 New York Institute of Technology  
**New York University**  
 North Carolina State University  
**Northeastern University**  
 Northwestern University  
 Ohio State University  
 Old Dominion University  
 Pennsylvania State University  
 Pepperdine University  
 Point Loma Nazarene University  
 Pomona College  
 Pratt Institute  
 Providence College  
**Purdue University**

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute  
**Rice University**  
 Rochester Institute of Technology  
 Rutgers University - New Brunswick  
 San Diego State University  
 Santa Clara University  
**Savannah College of Art and Design**  
 Southern Methodist University  
**Stanford University**  
 Suffolk University  
 Susquehanna University  
 Syracuse University  
**Temple University**  
 Texas A & M University  
**The New School**  
 The Pennsylvania State University  
**The University of Tampa**  
 The University of Texas at Austin  
 Trinity University  
 Tufts University  
**Tulane University of Louisiana**  
 University of Arizona  
**University of California - Berkeley**  
 University of California - Davis  
 University of California - Irvine  
**University of California - Los Angeles**  
 University of California - San Diego  
**University of California - Santa Barbara**  
**University of California - Santa Cruz**  
**University of Chicago**  
 University of Cincinnati  
**University of Colorado Boulder**  
 University of Delaware  
**University of Florida**  
 University of Georgia  
 University of Illinois Chicago  
**University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign**  
 University of Iowa  
 University of Kansas  
 University of La Verne  
 University of Louisville  
 University of Maryland  
 University of Massachusetts - Amherst  
 University of Massachusetts - Boston  
**University of Miami**  
**University of Michigan**  
 University of Missouri - Columbia  
 University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
**University of Notre Dame**  
 University of Pennsylvania  
 University of Pittsburgh  
 University of San Francisco  
**University of Southern California**  
 University of Utah  
 University of Vermont  
 University of Virginia  
 University of Washington  
 University of Wisconsin - Madison  
 Vanderbilt University  
 Vassar College  
**Villanova University**  
 Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University  
 Wake Forest University  
 Washington University in St Louis  
 Wesleyan College  
 Williams College  
 Yale University



## UNITED KINGDOM

Aston University, Birmingham  
 BIMM University  
 Birkbeck, University of London  
 British Academy of Jewellery  
 Brunel University London  
**Cardiff University**  
**City, University of London**  
 Coventry University  
**Durham University**  
 Edge Hill University  
 Glasgow School of Art  
 Goldsmiths, University of London  
 Keele University  
**King's College London**  
 Kingston University  
 Lancaster University  
**Leeds Arts University**  
 London School of Economics and Political Science  
**London South Bank University**  
**Loughborough University**  
 Manchester Metropolitan University  
**MetFilm**  
 Middlesex University  
 Newcastle University  
 Queen Mary University of London  
**Regent's University London**  
 Royal Holloway, University of London  
 SOAS University of London  
 St George's, University of London  
 St Mary's University, Twickenham  
**The University of Edinburgh**  
**University College London**  
 University For the Creative Arts  
 University of Aberdeen  
**University of Bath**  
 University of Birmingham  
**University of Bristol**  
 University of Chichester  
 University of East London  
 University of Exeter  
 University of Glasgow  
 University of Huddersfield  
**University of Kent**  
**University of Leeds**  
 University of Leicester  
 University of Liverpool  
 University of Manchester  
 University of Nottingham  
**University of Portsmouth**  
 University of Reading  
 University of Salford  
 University of Sheffield  
 University of Southampton  
**University of St Andrews**  
 University of Stirling  
 University of Surrey  
**University of Sussex**  
**University of the Arts London**  
**University of Warwick**  
 University of West London  
 University of Westminster, London  
 University of York



## THE NETHERLANDS

**Amsterdam University College**  
 Amsterdam University of Applied Sciences  
**Delft University of Technology**  
**Eindhoven University of Technology**  
 Erasmus University College  
**Erasmus University Rotterdam**  
**Hanze University of Applied Sciences, Groningen**  
 Hotel School, The Hague  
 Leiden University  
 Leiden University College  
**Maastricht University**  
 NHL Stenden University of Applied Sciences  
**Saxion University of Applied Sciences**  
**The Hague University of Applied Sciences**  
 Tilburg University  
 University College Maastricht  
**University College Twente**  
 University College Utrecht  
**University of Amsterdam**  
 University of Groningen  
**University of Twente**  
**Utrecht University**  
 Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam



## SPAIN

**Abat Oliba CEU University**  
**CETT - Barcelona**  
**CEU San Pablo University**  
 CUNEF Universidad  
**ESADE Business School**  
**IE Business School**  
**ICADE Business School**  
**IE University**  
**Institute of Arts, Barcelona**  
**Instituto Europea Di Design Barcelona**  
**Instituto Químico de Sarria (IQS)**  
**La Salle - Ramon Llull University**  
**Ramon Llull University**  
**TAI University Center of Arts**  
**Toulouse Business School**  
**U-TAD: University of Technology, Arts and Design**  
 Universidad Europea de Canarias  
**Universidad Europea de Madrid**  
**Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona**  
**Universitat Internacional de Catalunya**  
**Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya**  
**Universitat Pompeu Fabra**  
**University of Barcelona**  
**University of Navarra**



## OTHER EU

**Aalto University, Finland**  
**Brussels School of Governance, Belgium**  
 Copenhagen Business School, Denmark  
**Dundalk Institute of Technology, Ireland**  
**ESCP Business School - Paris, France**  
 ESMOD, France  
**Frankfurt School of Finance and Management, Germany**  
 Istituto Europeo di Design, Italy  
**Istituto Marangoni, Italy**  
**KU Leuven, Belgium**  
 LUISS Guido Carli, Italy  
**Parsons Paris - The New School, France**  
**Politecnico di Milano, Italy**  
 Politecnico Di Torino, Italy  
**Sciences Po, France**  
**Technical University of Munich, Germany**  
**University of Galway, Ireland**  
**University of Targu Mures Medical Campus, Romania**  
**Webster University Vienna, Austria**



## REST OF THE WORLD

**Carleton University, Canada**  
**Concordia University, Canada**  
**Emirates Aviation University, UAE**  
**ESSEC Asia Pacific, Singapore**  
 International Christian University, Japan  
 Keio University, Japan  
**McGill University, Canada**  
 McMaster University, Canada  
**Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts, Singapore**  
 Osaka University of Human Sciences, Japan  
 Queen's University, Canada  
 Sophia University, Japan  
**The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Hong Kong**  
**The University of British Columbia, Canada**  
 The University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong  
**The University of Tokyo, Japan**  
 University of Ottawa, Canada  
**University of Toronto, Canada**  
 Waseda University, Japan  
 Western University, Canada

## UNIVERSITY MATRICULATION CLASS OF 2025

Spain	33%
UK	26%
USA	22%
Other EU	7%
Rest of the World	5%
Netherlands	4%
Gap Year	2%