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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.

Founded in 1951, ASL is a K-12, independent, co-educational day school. ASL is accredited by the MSACS and certified by ISI. ASL is a member of NAIS, CIS, CASE, NACAC, and International ACAC.

7:1 student-faculty ratio

1,424

students
enrolled

66

countries'
citizenships held

59

languages
spoken

48%

of students hold
citizenship in
more than one
country

65%

of students
hold US
citizenship

69%

of students hold
citizenship in a
country other
than the US

Academics, rank, and grading

ASL operates on a semester calendar and block schedule. Grade 9 students take seven to eight classes per semester; Grade 10, 11, and 12 students take six to seven classes per semester.

- ASL does not offer honors classes; our advanced courses should be considered as honors/AP level rigor, as described in the “key academic programs” section of this profile.
- Grades are not weighted.
- A cumulative GPA is reported using final grades only—from those grades earned at ASL.
- ASL does not report a rank.
- The grading scale can be found on student transcripts.

Class of 2027: Snapshot

140

members
in the class

31

languages
spoken

49%

of students
hold citizenship
in two or more
countries

81%

have studied at
ASL throughout
high school



Key academic programs

Advanced/post-AP classes: The following classes are the most rigorous courses outside or beyond the AP curriculum: Algebra II with Trigonometry, Precalculus with Calculus, Advanced Math Seminar, Advanced French Literature, Chinese Language and Culture Seminar, Advanced Arabic, Advanced Spanish Literature, Human Rights Seminar, Advanced Independent Research Colloquium, Software Engineering, Modeling and Simulation, Computational Circuits, Data Science and Machine Learning, Game Design, and Advanced Design Thinking Apprenticeship.

Advanced Independent Research Colloquium: Students pursue an independent research topic of their choice in social studies or lab sciences at a university 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.

Human Rights Seminar: 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 is later published. 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, expressed a deep and ongoing interest in a topic, and found a faculty sponsor willing to oversee their project, may apply for independent study for a specific semester or the full year. Students submit a proposal detailing planned topics, a specific timeline, and an assessment plan with a rubric by which the sponsor may evaluate their work. If the proposal is approved by the assistant principal, the student and faculty sponsor meet regularly throughout the semester or year to follow the plan. An independent study course is taken in addition to the student's course requirements, and is graded on a pass/fail basis. Independent studies cannot substitute for existing courses and cannot be used for graduation requirements.

Integrated Science: A two-year science program in which students are exposed to the fundamental principles of science, including full courses of biology, chemistry, and physics, Integrated Science 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 the perspectives by which each scientific discipline views science, allowing them to progress immediately to advanced and AP courses.

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 on a two-week group hiking and camping expedition in the wilderness.

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 by working with lower school classes and teachers, developing their own lessons, and researching primary school pedagogy, theories, and practices.

Unique programs

Alternatives: Every Grade 9-12 student participates in a required, year-round alternative learning experience centered on physical, spiritual, or cultural development, or a concert tour, which culminates in an off-campus week-long residency and final day of reflection. Alternatives are recorded on the transcript; if there is no title recorded, that means the student did not complete their Alternative that 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.

Writers' Seminar: Grade 11 and 12 student writers apply for the opportunity 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.



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 and 12 that prepare them for the AP English Literature and AP English Language exams, should they decide to sit for those. Most APs are reserved for Grade 11 and 12 students. Students enrolled in AP classes are required to take the exam.

Advanced Placement 2026

336
students

1,022
exams

35
subject areas

In May 2026, 336 students took 1,022 exams in 35 subject areas. The table below shows the percentage of scores with a 3 or above, followed by the number of exams in each subject area.

AP exam	% of scores 3 or above	Number of exams
2-D Art and Design	100	1
3-D Art and Design	100	2
Art History	92	26
Biology	97	34
Calculus AB	93	44
Calculus BC	100	33
Chemistry	98	41
Chinese Language and Culture	100	4
Comparative Government and Politics	100	2
Computer Science A	91	43
Computer Science Principles	100	13
Drawing	100	8
Economics: Macro	94	87
Economics: Micro	95	86
English Language and Composition	95	62
English Literature and Composition	100	19
Environmental Science	96	48
European History	100	32
French Language and Culture	94	30
Human Geography	93	53
Italian Language and Culture	100	1
Japanese Language and Culture	100	1
Music Theory	88	8
Physics 1	96	57
Physics 2	100	5
Physics C Electricity and Magnetism	100	18
Physics C Mechanics	100	19
Precalculus	100	1
Psychology	94	88
Spanish Language and Culture	100	22
Spanish Literature and Culture	100	9
Statistics	89	54
US Government and Politics	100	1
US History	97	69
World History: Modern	100	1

“My time at ASL was filled with excitement, academic curiosity, and exploration. As time passes, I only notice more ways the amazing teachers and staff have shaped me.”

– Alum, Class of 2025



College/university policies

Application limits

ASL allows Grade 12 students to apply 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 US, ASL is allowing students who do not hold US citizenship or permanent residency status with an ED acceptance to hold ONE other acceptance outside of the US until they receive their F-1 visa. This policy is evaluated annually.

SPGP/CEPP

ASL adheres to NACAC's Guide to Ethical Practice in College Admission. If asked, students and university advisors 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 university advisor must disclose this to all institutions asking for this information where the student is holding an acceptance or waiting for a decision.

College and University Acceptances and Matriculations 2024–26

KEY: Acceptance Matriculation *More than one matriculation

USA

Adelphi University
American University - District of Columbia*
Appalachian State University
Arizona State 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 Conservatory at Berklee
Boston University*
Bowdoin College
Brandeis University
Brigham Young University
Brown University*
Bryant University
Bryn Mawr College
Bucknell University
Butler University
California Lutheran University
California Polytechnic State University-San Luis Obispo
California State University-Northridge
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
College of the Holy Cross
Colorado College
Colorado School of Mines
Colorado State University
Columbia College Chicago
Columbia University in the City of New York*
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-Oxford College
Emory University*
Endicott College
Fairfield University
Florida Atlantic University
Florida Institute of Technology
Florida State University
Fordham University
Franklin and Marshall College
George Mason University
George Washington University*
Georgetown University*
Georgia Institute of Technology-Main Campus*
Georgia State University
Grinnell College
Hamilton College

Hampton University
Harvard University*
Haverford College
Hawaii Pacific University
High Point University
Hobart William Smith Colleges
Hofstra University
Howard University
Illinois State University
Indiana University-Bloomington
Iowa State University
Ithaca College
James Madison University
Johns Hopkins University
Juniata College
Kennesaw State University
Kenyon College
Lafayette College*
Lehigh University*
Lewis & Clark College
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
Marymount Manhattan College
Miami University-Oxford
Michigan State University
Middlebury College
Mississippi State University
Morehouse College
Mount Holyoke College
Muhlenberg College
New York University*
North Carolina State University at Raleigh
Northeastern University*
Northwestern University*
Oberlin College
Occidental College
Ohio State University
Oklahoma State University
Oregon State University
Pace University
Pennsylvania State University
Pepperdine University
Pitzer College
Princeton University*
Providence College
Purdue University*
Quinnipiac University
Reed College
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rhode Island School of Design
Rhodes College
Rice University*
Rochester Institute of Technology
Rollins College
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
Rutgers University*
Salve Regina University
Santa Clara University*
Sarah Lawrence College
Savannah College of Art and Design
Scripps College
Seattle University
Simmons University
Skidmore College
Southern Methodist University
St. John's College
St. John's University-New York
Stanford University*
Stetson University
Swarthmore College
Syracuse University*
Temple University
Texas A & M University*

Texas Christian University
Texas Tech University
The New School
The University of Alabama
The University of Tampa
Trinity College
Trinity University
Tufts University*
Tulane University of Louisiana*
University of Alabama in Huntsville
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 Central Florida
University of Chicago*
University of Colorado Boulder*
University of Connecticut
University of Denver
University of Florida
University of Hawaii at Manoa*
University of Houston
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
University of Iowa
University of Kentucky
University of Mary Washington
University of Maryland-College Park
University of Massachusetts-Amherst
University of Massachusetts-Boston
University of Miami*
University of Michigan-Ann Arbor*
University of Minnesota-Twin Cities
University of Mississippi
University of Missouri-Columbia
University of Nebraska-Lincoln
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
University of North Georgia
University of North Texas
University of Notre Dame*
University of Oklahoma-Norman Campus
University of Oregon
University of Pennsylvania*
University of Pittsburgh-Pittsburgh Campus
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-Columbia
University of South Florida
University of Southern California*
University of Tennessee
University of Texas at Austin
University of Texas at Dallas
University of the Pacific
University of Utah
University of Vermont*
University of Virginia-Main Campus*
University of Washington-Seattle Campus

University of Wisconsin-Madison*
Utah Valley University
Vanderbilt University
Vassar College
Villanova University*
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Wake Forest University*
Washington and Lee University
Washington College
Washington University in St Louis*
Wentworth Institute of Technology
Wesleyan University*
Western Michigan University
Wheaton College, MA
William & Mary
Williams College
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Yale University*

UK

Aberystwyth University
Arts University Bournemouth
Aston University, Birmingham
Bath Spa University
Bristol, University of the West of England
Buckinghamshire New University
Cardiff University
City St. George's, University of London*
Courtauld Institute of Art, University of London
Durham University*
Goldsmiths, University of London
Guildhall School of Music & Drama
Heriot-Watt University
Hult International Business School
Imperial College London*
Istituto Marangoni London
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
Middlesex University
Newcastle University
Northeastern University London*
Northumbria University, Newcastle
Nottingham Trent University
Oxford Brookes University
Queen Margaret University, Edinburgh
Queen Mary University of London*
Queen's University Belfast
Ravensbourne University London
Royal Academy of Music
Royal Conservatoire of Scotland
Royal Holloway, University of London
Royal Northern College of Music
SOAS University of London
St George's, University of London
St Mary's University, Twickenham
The University of Edinburgh*
UCL (University College London)*

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 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 Surrey
University of Sussex
University of the Arts London*
University of Warwick*
University of Westminster, London
University of York

EU

Athens University of Economics and Business
Bocconi University*
College Universitaire de Sciences Po
Ecole Polytechnique Federale de Lausanne
EHL Swiss School of Tourism and Hospitality*
IE University - Madrid Campus*
IE University - Segovia Campus*
John Cabot University
Leiden University
Sciences Po-University of California, Berkeley Dual Degree
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 Guelph
University of Toronto*
University of Victoria
University of Waterloo
Western University
York University

Other

American University of Beirut
Northwestern Qatar
Sophia University
Tel Aviv University
Temple University, Japan Campus
Waseda University