

# The American School in London

# Profile '09-'10

Our mission is to develop the intellect and character of each student by providing an outstanding American education with a global perspective.

Founded in 1951, the American School in London is a K–12 independent, co-educational day school. Its current enrollment is 1,350, with a 9:1 student-faculty ratio. Students hold passports from more than 50 different countries. While 80 percent of students hold a US passport, 45 percent live in a household where at least one family member holds a second passport. More than 20 percent of students hold citizenship in more than one country.

ASL is situated in St. John's Wood in northwest London. Students take advantage of the extraordinary opportunities to learn outside the classroom in the UK's capital. In September, the high school Alternatives program offers more than 20 learning experiences in Europe. The Speakers Series brings to campus authors, musicians, scientists and world-renowned lecturers. Students participate in wide-ranging service projects within London and throughout the world. ASL offers premier arts programs, enhanced with workshops given by notable writers, actors and musicians.

ASL is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, and by the European Council of International Schools.

## Academic program and graduation requirements

ASL operates on a semester calendar and a block schedule. Students follow an eight-day cycle with four 80-minute class periods per day. Typically, Grade 9 students take eight courses per semester, while Grade 10, 11 and 12 students enroll in six or seven.

### English (4 years required)

English 9  
English 10  
English Electives in Grades 11 & 12 (all AP prep)  
Beginning Journalism  
Advanced Journalism  
Advanced Journalism: Editors

### World Languages & Cultures (3 years required)

Chinese I, II, III, IV  
French I, II, III, IV, V  
German I, II, III, IV  
Spanish I, II, III, IV, V  
French IVA\*\*  
Spanish IVA\*\*  
AP French Language  
AP German Language  
AP Spanish Language  
AP Spanish Literature  
Advanced French Literature\*\*  
Electives (Directed Independent Study): Arabic I, II, III, IV  
Japanese I, II, III, IV  
Latin I, II, III, IV  
Russian I, II, III, IV

### Social Studies (3 years required)

Comparative Cultures  
Western Civilization  
US History  
20th Century World History  
Economics  
Global Issues Analysis  
Activism, Leadership & Global Issues Seminar  
Human Geography  
Psychology  
AP Economics  
AP European History  
AP US History

### Math (2 years required)

Algebra I Foundations  
Geometry Foundations  
Algebra II Foundations  
Algebra I  
Geometry  
Algebra II  
Functions, Statistics, & Trigonometry  
Precalculus  
Calculus  
Algebra II/Trigonometry\*\*  
Precalculus/Calculus A\*\*  
Fractals Theory Chaos  
Discrete Mathematics  
AP Calculus AB  
AP Calculus BC  
AP Statistics  
Vector Calculus (post AP)

### Science (2 years required)

Physical Science  
Biology  
Molecular Biology\*\*  
Chemistry B  
Chemistry A\*\*  
Physics  
Anatomy & Physiology: Fitness & Exercise  
Anatomy & Physiology: Regulation and Homeostasis  
Astronomy  
Dynamic Earth  
Ecology: Environmental Studies  
Ecology: Expeditions  
Genetics  
Evolutionary Biology  
AP Biology  
AP Chemistry  
AP Environmental Science  
AP Physics B  
AP Physics C

### Performing/Visual Arts (2 years required)

Chamber Orchestra  
Concert Band  
Concert Choir  
Digital Music Creation I & II  
AP Music Theory  
Acting  
Advanced Acting (Play Production Television & Film; Character, Movement & Voice Physical Theater)  
Genres of Dance  
Modern Dance  
Architectural Design I & II  
Digital Video Editing  
Film, Video & Animation  
Graphic Design: Print  
Graphic Design: Media Publications I & II  
Drawing  
Drawing and Painting I & II  
Advanced Drawing  
3-D Studio Art I & II  
Advanced 3-D Studio Art  
Photography I & II  
Black & White Photography  
AP Art History  
AP Studio Art I & II

### Physical Education & Health (3 semesters required)

Technology (1 semester required)  
Architectural Design I & II  
Graphic Design: Print  
Graphic Design: Media Publications I & II  
Digital Music Creation I & II  
Digital Video Editing  
Film, Video & Animation  
Technology & Culture  
Programming to Improve the World  
Game Creation with Java  
AP Computer Science

### Interdisciplinary Courses

Outdoor Leadership  
Teaching Apprenticeship

Courses marked with \*\* are advanced-level or accelerated courses.

### Rank and grading policy

A cumulative grade point average is calculated using grades earned in courses taken only at ASL. Grades are not weighted; students are not ranked.

Pass/fail		
A+	97–100	4.33
A	93–96	4.00
A–	90–92	3.67
B+	87–89	3.33
B	83–86	3.00
B–	80–82	2.67
C+	77–79	2.33
C	73–76	2.00
C–	70–72	1.67
D+	67–69	1.33
D	63–66	1.00
D–	60–62	0.67
F	59 & below	0

### Class of 2009 Profile

There were 120 members in the Class of 2009.

#### SAT Reasoning Test

Results*	Average	Middle 50%
Critical Reading	640	580–700
Math	643	580–710
Writing	644	580–710

#### SAT Subject Tests (more than five tests)

Results	Average	Tested
Chemistry	732	20
English Literature	672	33
French	668	10
Math Level I	646	39
Math Level II	724	28
Physics	743	10
US History	659	28

Other Subjects Tests: Spanish, Biology-Ecology, Biology-Molecular, Spanish with Listening, World History

\*Based on a student's highest score, and includes TOEFL eligible students

### Advanced Placement

With more than 20 designated AP courses available, ASL offers one of the most comprehensive AP programs of any school outside of the US. Most AP courses are reserved for Grade 11 and 12 students. There is no designated AP English course; instead, students take English electives during Grades 11 and 12 that prepare them for the AP English Literature and AP English Language exams.

In May 2009, 211 ASL students took 464 exams in 30 different subject areas. 93 percent of students achieved a score of 3 or above. The following figures show the percentage of scores of 3 or above, followed by the number of exams in each subject area.

AP exam	Percentage of scores 3 or above	Number of exams
Art History	94%	17
Biology	100%	15
Calculus AB	100%	16
Calculus BC	100%	10
Chemistry	100%	16
Computer Science A	100%	13
Economics-Micro	91%	34
Economics-Macro	89%	33
English Language/Comp**	81%	13
English Literature/Comp**	90%	19
Environmental Science	95%	19
European History	91%	31
French Language	100%	18
Human Geography	100%	22
Physics B	93%	25
Physics C-Mech	100%	10
Spanish Language*	85%	22
Statistics	92%	11
Studio Art-Drawing	92%	12
US History	92%	52

AP exams were also taken in Computer Science AB, French Literature, German Language\*, Japanese Language, Music Theory, Physics C-E&M, Psychology\*\*, Spanish Literature, Studio Art-2D Design, and Studio Art-3D Design.

\*College Board unable to score entire exam

\*\*No designated AP course

### College lists

Colleges and universities enrolling ASL graduates in the past four years

#### USA colleges & universities (enrolling 3 or more)

Bard College	3
Barnard College	4
Boston College	4
Boston University	15
Bowdoin College	4
Brown University	8
Carleton College	3
Colby College	4
College of Charleston	3
College of William and Mary	3
Colorado College	5
Columbia University	6
Dartmouth College	3
Duke University	5
Elon University	5
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, FL	5
Emerson College	3
Emory University	6
Georgetown University	12
Gettysburg College	3
Hamilton College, NY	7
Harvard University	7
Johns Hopkins University	3
Kenyon College	3
Middlebury College	9
New York University	9
Northeastern University	4
Pratt Institute	3
Princeton University	8
Rhode Island School of Design	4
Skidmore College	6
Smith College	3
Southern Methodist University	3
Syracuse University	4
The George Washington University	10
Tufts University	12
University of Michigan	4
University of Pennsylvania	10
University of Richmond	6
University of Southern California	3
University of Virginia	3
Vanderbilt University	3
Vassar College	5
Wake Forest University	3
Wesleyan University	3
Wheaton College	4
Yale University	6

#### Canadian colleges & universities (enrolling 2 or more)

McGill University	2
Queen's University	2
St. Francis Xavier University	2

#### UK colleges & universities (enrolling 2 or more)

King's College London	2
Royal Holloway, University of London	2
School of Oriental and African Studies	3
University College London	2
University of Cambridge	4
University of East Anglia	2
University of Edinburgh	10
University of Leeds	2
University of Nottingham	4
University of Oxford	2

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