

THE AMERICAN SCHOOL OF BARCELONA

HIGH SCHOOL PROFILE 2019-2020



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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

93 Early Childhood Center	283 Elementary School	222 Middle School	330 High School
928 Total			

FACULTY

The ASB staff includes 114 faculty members (teachers and assistants), 23 support staff and 15 administrators.

The approximate composition of faculty by nationality is:

English speaking countries



Spanish



Other countries



SCHOOL DEMOGRAPHICS

There are more than 55 nationalities represented in our student body.

North American



Spanish



Other countries



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.

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.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

A minimum of 21, full-year credits are required to obtain the U.S. high school diploma, including:

4 English	3 Social Science
3 Mathematics	2 Foreign Language
3 Laboratory Science	1 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	Classes per 6-day rotation	Grade 9	Grade 10
English	3/6	World Literature I	World Literature II
History	3/6	World History I	World History 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, Entrepreneurship, etc.	
Advisement	2/6	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 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	Group 2 Language Acquisition	Group 3 Individuals and Societies
English A: Literature (HL)	Spanish ab initio (SL)	History (SL/HL)
English A: Language and Literature (SL/HL)	Spanish B (SL/HL)	Economics (SL/HL)
Spanish A: Literature (HL)		Psychology (SL/HL)
Spanish A: Language and Literature (SL/HL)		Global Politics (SL/HL)
School Supported Self-taught Language A: Literature (SL)		Environmental Systems and Societies (SL)
Group 4 Experimental Sciences	Group 5 Mathematics	Group 6 The Arts
Chemistry (SL/HL)	Applications and Interpretation (SL/HL)	Visual Arts (SL/HL)
Biology (SL/HL)	Analysis and Approaches (SL/HL)	Music (SL/HL)
Physics (SL/HL)		Film Studies (SL, online)
Computer Science (SL/HL)		Or an additional course from Group 3 or 4
Environmental Systems and Societies (SL)		

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE DIPLOMA SCORES

	No. of ASB IB students	% of ASB students that passed	Avg. ASB IB score	ASB high score (out of 45)	World average
2015	40	100%	35	45	30
2016	42	100%	34	42	30
2017	51	98%	35	42	30
2018	52	94%	34	44	30
2019	72	94%	33	42	30

IB GRADE DISTRIBUTION FOR THE CLASS OF 2019

Score Range	Percent of passing students
45 - 40	12%
39 - 35	32%
34 - 30	28%
29 - 24	28%

SAT RESULTS

The SAT is an optional exam taken by students who plan to apply to U.S. universities. Average scores shown.

Class of:	2018 (25 test takers)	2019 (24 test takers)	2020 (27 test takers)
Evidence Based Reading & Writing	616	628	639
Mathematics	647	657	659
Total	1263	1285	1298

EXTRACURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES

Our High School 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. Many students take part in activities outside of ASB, including several students competing in high level athletic clubs, national teams and music conservatories. In recent years ASB has been working to strengthen our extracurricular options in Service, Athletics and Performing Arts. Some highlights include:

Model United Nations program: Over 50 % of our high school students participate in both local and international MUN programs, including our own student-led conference hosting over 500 students from around the world.

New European Speech, Debate and Acting Association (NESDA): Students travel to two conferences per year where they compete in a range of events.

Athletics teams compete as members of the Iberian, BISA, and European Sports Conferences. Varsity team options include: soccer, volleyball, basketball, tennis, and cross-country.

Service Learning opportunities are an integral part of ASB with high school students leading and innovating in many areas:

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:

Opportunities include travel to:

- Botswana to support refugee education and sustainable economics.
- Peru to support medical service delivery in the Amazon communities.

UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCE AND MATRICULATION

Graduates from the Classes of 2017-2019 were accepted to the following universities. (Highlighted universities indicate matriculation).



UNITED STATES

American University
Babson College
Berklee College of Music
Boston College
Boston University
Bowdoin College
Brandeis University
Brown University
California State University, Northridge
Carnegie Mellon University
Chapman University
Colgate University
Columbia University
Cornell University
Drexel University
Duke University
Earlham College
Elon University
Emerson College
Flagler College
Florida Institute of Technology

Florida State University
Fordham University
Franklin Olin College of Engineering
George Mason University
George Washington University
Georgetown University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Harvey Mudd College
Indiana University Bloomington
Johns Hopkins University
Loyola Marymount University
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Miami University, Oxford
Michigan State University
New York University
Northeastern University
Northwestern University
Nova Southeastern University
Oakland University
Ohio State University

Pratt Institute
Saint Louis University
San Diego State University
San Francisco State University
Savannah College of Art and Design
Seton Hall University
Skidmore College
Stanford University
Syracuse University
Temple University
The New School
Tufts University
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 Chicago
University of Colorado Boulder

University of Houston
University of Illinois at Chicago
University of Iowa
University of Notre Dame
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh
University of Portland
University of Richmond
University of Rochester
University of San Diego
University of San Francisco
University of South Carolina
University of Southern California
University of Tampa
University of Washington
University of Wisconsin, Madison
Virginia Polytechnic Institute
Wellesley College
Worcester Polytechnic Institute



UNITED KINGDOM

Abertay University
Aberystwyth University
Arts University Bournemouth
Aston University
Bath Spa University
Birmingham City University
Bournemouth University
Brunel University London
Cardiff University
City University of London
Coventry University
Durham University
Edge Hill University
Edinburgh Napier University
Glasgow Caledonian University
Goldsmiths, University of London
Heriot-Watt University
Imperial College London
Keele University
King's College London
Lancaster University

Leeds Beckett University
London Metropolitan University
London School of Economics and Political Science
London South Bank University
Loughborough University
Manchester Metropolitan University
New College of the Humanities
Newcastle University
Northumbria University
Nottingham Trent University
Oxford Brookes University
Queen Mary University of London
Ravensbourne
Regent's University London
Royal Holloway, University of London
School of Oriental and African Studies
St George's, University of London
Swansea University

University College London
University for the Creative Arts
University of Aberdeen
University of Bath
University of Bedfordshire
University of Birmingham
University of Brighton
University of Bristol
University of Cambridge
University of Chester
University of Derby
University of Dundee
University of East Anglia
University of East London
University of Edinburgh
University of Essex
University of Exeter
University of Glasgow
University of Greenwich
University of Huddersfield
University of Hull

University of Kent
University of Leeds
University of Leicester
University of Liverpool
University of Manchester
University of Nottingham
University of Oxford
University of Portsmouth
University of Reading
University of Sheffield
University of Southampton
University of Stirling
University of Strathclyde
University of Surrey
University of Sussex
University of the Arts London
University of Warwick
University of Westminster
University of Winchester
University of York



CANADA

Carleton University
Concordia University
McGill University
McMaster University

Queen's University
Ryerson University
Simon Fraser University

University of British Columbia
University of Manitoba
University of Ottawa

University of Toronto
University of Waterloo
York University



SPAIN

ESADE
EU Business School Barcelona
Institut Quimic de Sarria
International University of Catalonia
LaSalle-Ramon Llull
Pompeu Fabra University
Ramon Llull University
Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona
Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya
Universitat Pompeu Fabra
Universitat de Barcelona
University of Navarra



NETHERLANDS

Erasmus University Rotterdam
Hotelschool The Hague
Leiden University
Maastricht University
Universiteit van Amsterdam
University of Groningen
Utrecht University
VU University of Amsterdam

OTHER COUNTRIES

ESCP-Europe - Paris
The American University of Paris
CODE Berlin University of Applied Sciences
Ecole Polytechnique Federale de Lausanne
Les Roches International School of Hotel Management
University of Lausanne

University matriculation Class of 2019

