



THE AMERICAN SCHOOL FOUNDATION, A.C.®

EDUCATING GLOBAL CITIZENS FOR A CHANGING WORLD

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Upper School Academic Profile 2009-2010

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ACCREDITATION AND CURRICULUM

The American School Foundation (ASF) is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) in the United States. Through this accreditation, all students receive a U.S. high school diploma. Students may also enroll in the dual U.S. / Mexican University Program in grades 7-12, where all classes in the program are taught in Spanish. The studies of students in grades 7-12 are validated by the Ministry of Public Education (SEP) and/or the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM), thus allowing students to study in Mexico and abroad.

ASF offers the International Baccalaureate Middle Years (MYP) and Diploma Programmes. All students in grades 6-10 are enrolled in the MYP to ensure that they receive an education that focuses on the ideals of international understanding and world citizenship. Upon completion of Grade 10, students are eligible for an internal MYP Diploma if they have completed all requirements for the program. Students may apply for the IB Diploma Programme during their junior and senior years. Qualified students are permitted to enroll in individual AP and/or IB courses.

OVERVIEW

The American School Foundation, A.C. is an academically rigorous, international, university preparatory school that offers students from diverse backgrounds the best of American independent education. In all aspects of school life students are encouraged to love learning, live purposefully and to become responsible, contributing citizens of the world.

The school was founded in 1888 and is the oldest of the American schools abroad. Located on a 17-acre campus, ASF enrolls on average 2,500 students in four schools: Early Childhood Center (ages 3-7), Lower School (grades 1-5), Middle School (grades 6-8) and Upper School (grades 9-12). For the 2008-2009 school year, there were 161 students in 9th grade, 166 students in 10th grade, 160 students in 11th grade and 152 students in 12th grade. The language of instruction is English; however, the school requires a bilingual program for grades 1-6.

The diverse student body representing over 45 nationalities enriches the school-wide program. 58% of ASF students are Mexican, 28% are U.S. citizens and 14% are from other countries. Mexican students attend ASF on average for 10 years while international students stay for an average of around three years. Approximately 15% of Upper School students receive financial aid.

During the 2008-2009 school year, Mexican nationals composed 54% (97) of the teaching faculty at ASF and international/non-Mexican citizens composed the remaining 46% (116). Of the 99 teachers who were native English speakers, 6% held doctoral-level degrees, 38% master's degrees and 56% bachelor's degrees. Campus facilities, academic programs and extracurricular activities are comparable to those offered at schools in the United States. The school houses four libraries, nine science laboratories, 544 classroom and laboratory computers, three indoor sports facilities, a swimming

pool, football stadium, lighted tennis courts and various athletic fields. Extracurricular activities include sports (tennis, track, swimming, volleyball, football, soccer and basketball) choir, band, newspaper and drama. Students actively participate in community service projects and campus organizations including 80s Movie Lunch Group, the Asian Club, Best Buddies, the Camping Club, the Debate Club, the Ecology Club, Educación para la Paz, Extended Essay Club, the Filmmakers' Guild, French Connection, Fundación Mazahua, Gamma, Hogar Dulce Hogar, Habitat for Humanity, Horror Movie Lunch Group, Invisible Children, Lazos, Literary Magazine, the Math and Science Club, the Thespian Society, Model United Nations programs, Peer Mediation, Philosophy Club, Photo Club, Risaterapia, Shakespeare Club, Solidaridad Internacional Juvenil (SIJ), Spanish Conversation Lunch Group, Student Book Club, Student Council, Outreach (Entrega), Tarahumara Service Trip, Thespian Society, Tu Ciudad and Women in Science. In addition, the Aztec Chapter of the National Honor Society invites qualified students for membership.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR AND SCHEDULE

There are 190 school days divided into two semesters. The first semester begins in mid-August and concludes in mid-December. The second semester begins the first week of January and concludes the first week of June. Mid-year grades are available in February. Classes meet every other day for 90 minutes a day on a standard A-B block schedule. There are four class periods per day.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS/HONORS, IB and AP COURSES

The successful completion of each yearlong course earns one unit of credit; a semester course counts as half a unit. The American School requires 24.5 units for graduation, although most students earn between 24.5 and 32 credits. All units must be completed in grades 9 through 12. The following are the requirements for the graduating class of 2010.

U.S. HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- 4 units of English
- 4 units of Social Studies, which include:
 - .5 unit of Economics
 - 1.5 units of World History
 - 1 unit of U.S. History
 - .5 unit of Mexican History
 - .5 unit of U.S. Government
- 4 units of Science
- 4 units of Mathematics
- 4 units of Language and Literature other than English
- .5 unit of Technology
- 1 unit of Health/Physical Education
- 3 units of Fine Arts

ADDITIONAL MEXICAN PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- .5 unit of Mexican Geography
- .5 unit of Psychology
- .5 unit of Etymology
- 1 unit of Philosophy
- 1 unit of Mexican Law
- 1.5 additional units of Mexican History
- 2 units of Spanish/Latin American Literature

HONORS COURSES OFFERED

- Geometry
- Algebra 2
- Pre-Calculus

AP AND IB COURSES OFFERED

- IB Theory of Knowledge
- AP English Language & Composition
- AP English Literature & Composition
- AP Spanish Language
- AP Spanish Literature
- AP French Language
- AP Calculus AB and BC
- AP Art History
- AP Biology
- AP Physics B
- AP Chemistry
- IB Korean A1 SL and HL
- IB English A1 SL and HL
- IB Spanish A1 SL and HL
- IB Spanish A2 HL
- IB Spanish B SL and HL
- IB Spanish Ab Initio SL
- IB Psychology SL
- IB Filosofía SL (taught in Spanish)
- IB Economics SL and HL
- IB 20th Century History SL

- IB History of the Americas HL
- IB Biology SL and HL
- IB Chemistry SL and HL
- IB Physics SL and HL
- IB Environmental Systems and Societies SL
- IB Math Studies SL
- IB Math SL and HL
- IB Visual Arts A and B SL and HL

GRADING SYSTEM

Students' grades are based on a percentile with 100 being the top grade awarded and 60 being the lowest passing score. Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate Diploma (IB) courses are weighted (grade x 1.099). Honors courses are also given additional weight (grade x 1.049). The additional weight is reflected in the cumulative GPA, which appears on the transcript. Grades below 70% in any course will not be given additional weight. If a student fails to take the AP or IB exam in May, no additional weight will be given for those courses. The American School Foundation does not rank students.

DISTRIBUTION OF GRADES FOR CLASS OF 2009

First Decile:	98.549 - 95.758	Sixth Decile:	84.593 - 81.802
Second Decile:	95.757 - 92.969	Seventh Decile:	81.801 - 79.011
Third Decile:	92.968 - 90.176	Eighth Decile:	79.010 - 76.220
Fourth Decile:	90.175 - 87.385	Ninth Decile:	76.219 - 73.729
Fifth Decile:	87.384 - 84.594	Tenth Decile:	73.728 - 70.638

EXTERNAL EXAM STATISTICS

SAT Average Results	2007	2008	2009
Critical Reading	556	553	566
Math	586	560	574
Writing	562	550	559

ACT Average Results	2007	2008	2009
	23.6	25.6	25.7

International Baccalaureate Exam Results, May 2009

Subject	# of Exams	Scores of 5 or higher	Average grade (ASF)	Average grade (Worldwide)
Subject Group 1				
ENGLISH A1 HL	37	5	4.17	4.70
ENGLISH A1 SL	2	1	4.50	4.93
KOREAN A1 HL	3	1	6.00	6.36
KOREAN A1 SL	1	1	6.00	6.29
SPANISH A1 HL	16	15	5.44	4.70
SPANISH A1 SL	9	9	5.67	4.79
Subject Group 2				
SPANISH A2 HL	9	8	5.33	5.17
SPANISH Ab Initio SL	1	1	7.00	4.89
SPANISH B HL	6	6	6.17	5.46
Subject Group 3				
ECONOMICS HL ENGLISH	6	4	5.00	5.08
ECONOMICS SL ENGLISH	33	21	4.84	5.18
HIST. AMERICAS HL ENGLISH	34	25	5.09	4.37
HISTORY SL ENGLISH	15	8	4.60	4.67
PHILOSOPHY SL SPANISH	16	11	4.87	4.77
PSYCHOLOGY SL ENGLISH	43	20	4.37	4.36
Subject Group 4				
BIOLOGY HL ENGLISH	6	2	4.33	4.18
BIOLOGY SL ENGLISH	4	2	4.50	4.21
CHEMISTRY HL ENGLISH	1	1	5.00	4.40
CHEMISTRY SL ENGLISH	1	0	4.00	4.01
ENVIRON. SYST. SL ENGLISH	18	4	4.06	4.02
PHYSICS HL ENGLISH	4	1	4.00	4.63
PHYSICS SL ENGLISH	18	3	3.72	4.09
Subject Group 5				
MATH.STUDIES SL ENGLISH	8	6	5.25	4.61
MATHEMATICS HL ENGLISH	7	3	4.00	4.40
MATHEMATICS SL ENGLISH	19	13	5.16	4.45
Subject Group 6				
VISUAL ARTS HL ENGLISH	4	4	5.50	4.87
VISUAL ARTS OPTION A SL ENGLISH	12	12	5.25	4.46

Advanced Placement Exam Results, May 2009

Subject	Number of Students taking Exams	Scores of 3 or Higher	Average
ART HISTORY	13	13	3.92
BIOLOGY	21	20	3.71
CHEMISTRY	10	4	2.20
ENGLISH LANGUAGE & COMPOSITION	35	28	3.20
ENGLISH LITERATURE & COMPOSITION	4	3	3.25
FRENCH LANGUAGE	7	6	3.29
GERMAN LANGUAGE	2	2	4.50
CALCULUS AB	6	4	2.83
CALCULUS BC	4	4	4.00
PHYSICS B	6	3	2.83
SPANISH LANGUAGE	24	23	4.46
SPANISH LITERATURE	4	4	4.25
STATISTICS	2	1	2.00

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES FOR THE CLASS OF 2009

Of the 152 students who graduated in 2009, 36% chose universities in the U.S., 41% chose universities in Mexico, 13% chose universities abroad and 10% were undecided at graduation time.

(Schools in bold indicate matriculation of one or more students.)

U.S. UNIVERSITIES

West

Academy of Art University (1)

Arizona State University

The University of Arizona (1)

Brigham Young University (1)

University of California at Berkeley

Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising, San Diego (1)

Hawaii Pacific University

University of Nevada, Las Vegas (1)

Occidental College

Otis College of Art and Design (1)

University of the Pacific

San Diego Mesa College (1)

San Diego State University (1)

University of San Diego

San Francisco Art Institute

University of San Francisco

Scripps College

University of Southern California

Stanford University

University of Utah (1)

University of Washington

Southwest

Baylor University (1)

New Mexico State University

University of New Mexico

Oklahoma State University

Oral Roberts University (1)

Rice University (1)

Southern Methodist University (1)

Texas A&M University (1)

Texas Christian University

Texas Tech University

The University of Texas, Austin (1)

The University of Texas, San Antonio (1)

Midwest

University of Chicago (1)

Columbus College of Art and Design

DePaul University

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Kent State University (1)

Loyola University Chicago

Michigan State University

University of Michigan

University of Minnesota, Twin Cities

Northwestern University

University of Notre Dame

South

The University of Alabama

Auburn University

Duke University

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (1)

Emory University (1)

Florida International University

Florida State University

Georgia Institute of Technology

Hampden-Sydney College

Loyola University New Orleans (1)

University of Miami (2)

Savannah College of Art and Design

Sewanee: The University of the South (1)

Spelman College

Tulane University (2)

Vanderbilt University

University of Virginia (1)

New England

Babson College

Boston College

Boston University (2)

Bryant University

College of the Holy Cross (1)

University of Connecticut

Dartmouth College

Emerson College

Emmanuel College

Endicott College (1)

Massachusetts Institute of Technology (1)

Mitchell College

New England School of Photography

University of New Hampshire

Northeastern University (3)

University of Rhode Island

Suffolk University (4)

Wesleyan University

Worcester Polytechnic Institute

Yale University (1)

MID-ATLANTIC

American University (1)

Columbia Union College

Columbia University

Drexel University

Fordham University

Georgetown University (2)

Hofstra University

Ithaca College

The King's College

Manhattanville College

New York University (3)

Pace University

Parsons School of Design (2)

University of Pennsylvania (1)

Princeton University

School of Visual Arts (1)

United States Naval Academy (1)

Vassar College (1)

Villanova University

Washington College

University of Virginia (1)

AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITIES

The University of New South Wales (1)

The University of Queensland (1)

KOREAN UNIVERSITIES

Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology

EUROPEAN UNIVERSITIES

Erasmus Universiteit Rotterdam (1)

Les Roches Marbella (1)

Les Roches Switzerland (5)

Nottingham Trent University (1)

University of York (1)

CANADIAN UNIVERSITIES

University of British Columbia (1)

Brock University

Concordia University (1)

Emily Carr University of Art + Design (1)

University of Lethbridge

Simon Fraser University (1)

Vancouver Film School (1)

SOUTH AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES

Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile (1)

Universidad Torcuato di Tella (1)

Universidad Nacional de La Plata (1)

MEXICAN UNIVERSITIES

Academia de Música Fermatta (1)

CENTRO (2)

Endicott College Mexico City (1)

Escuela de Aviación México (1)

Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (6)

Tecnológico de Monterrey, Campus Santa Fe (6)

Universidad Anáhuac, México Norte (10)

Universidad Anáhuac, México Sur (1)

Universidad Iberoamericana (30)

Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (2)

Universidad Panamericana (2)

Universidad Tecnológica de México (1)