



# The American School Foundation®

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## Upper School Academic Profile 2014-15

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### 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 2,560 students in four schools: Early Childhood Center (ages 3-6), Lower School (grades 1-5), Middle School (grades 6-8) and Upper School (grades 9-12).

For the 2014-15 school year there are 187 students in grade 9, 158 students in grade 10, 190 students in grade 11 and 187 students in grade 12 for a total of 722 students. The language of instruction is English, however, the school requires a bilingual program for grades 1-6.

The diverse student body representing over 41 nationalities enriches the school-wide program. 55% of ASF students are Mexican, 30% are U.S. citizens and 15% 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 16% of Upper School students receive financial aid.

During the 2014-15 school year, non-native English speakers composed 56% (147) of the teaching faculty and native English speakers composed the remaining 44% (115). School wide, of the 115 teachers who were native English speakers, approximately 2.6% held doctoral-level degrees, 67.8% held master's degrees and 29.6% held 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, 214 classrooms, nine science laboratories and 14 computer labs; nine stationary and five mobile.

All learning spaces have LED projectors. There are also two indoor sports facilities, a swimming pool, football stadium, various athletic fields, a wellness center and a fine arts center.

Extracurricular activities include sports (tennis, running, swimming, volleyball, football, soccer and basketball) choir, band, and drama. Students actively participate in community service projects and campus organizations including ASF Signs (formerly known as Grupo Tessera), Asian Club, Debate Club, Ecology Club, Fundación Mazahua, Gamma, Hogar Dulce Hogar, Ayudame También Soy Mexicano, Literary Magazine, the Math and Science Club, Model United Nations programs, Newspaper Club, Peer Mediation, Photo Club, Rosa de la Torre, Shakespeare Club, Student Council, Thespian Society, and Tu Ciudad. In addition, the Aztec Chapter of the National Honor Society invites qualified students for membership.

## ACCREDITATION AND CURRICULUM

The American School Foundation (ASF) is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS), a part of AdvancEd. Through this accreditation, all students receive a U.S. high school diploma. Students may also enroll in the Mexican University Program in grades 7-12, where additional classes are taught in Spanish. The studies of students in grades 7-12 may be re-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 Primary Years (PYP), Middle Years (MYP) and Diploma Programmes. All students in grades 6-10 are enrolled in the MYP to ensure they receive an education that focuses on the ideals of international understanding and world citizenship. Students may apply for the IB Diploma Programme during their junior and senior years. Qualified students are permitted to enroll in individual IB and/or AP courses as well as work towards earning the AP International Diploma.

## ACADEMIC CALENDAR AND SCHEDULE

There are 180 school days divided into two semesters. The first semester begins in mid-August and concludes in mid-January. The second semester begins the third week of January and concludes the first week of June. Mid-year grades are available in February. Classes meet every other day for 80 minutes 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 28 units for graduation, although most students earn between 28 and 32.5 units. All units must be completed between grades 9 through 12. The following are the requirements for the graduating class of 2015:

### U.S. High School diploma program requirements

Subject	Units
English	4
Social Studies	4
<i>Including:</i>	
Economics	.5
World History	1.5
U.S. History	1
Mexican History	.5
U.S. Government	.5
Science	4
Mathematics	4
Language and Literature other than English	4
Technology	.5
Health/Physical Education	1.5
Fine Arts	2.5
Personal Project	
Week Without Walls	

### Additional Mexican program requirements

Subject	Units
Mexican Geography	1
Psychology	.5
Etymology	.5
Philosophy	1
Mexican Law	1
Mexican History	2
Spanish/Latin American Literature	3

## 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) with the exception of Theory of Knowledge that is weighted at grade x 1.049. The additional weight is reflected in the cumulative GPA that 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 THE CLASS OF 2015

Class of 2015 Decile Rank	Number of Students	GPA Range
1	19	99.518 - 93.862
2	19	93.856 - 91.147
3	18	91.071 - 89.423
4	18	89.315 - 87.661
5	18	87.592 - 85.77
6	18	85.733 - 84.062
7	18	83.974 - 82.428
8	18	82.246 - 80.31
9	18	80.302 - 77.752
10	18	77.676 - 68.967

## EXTERNAL EXAM STATISTICS

SAT Average Results	2012	2013	2014
Critical Reading	569	571	572
Math	592	593	597
Writing	568	566	565

ACT Average Results	2012	2013	2014
	25.6	25.2	25.9

## International Baccalaureate Exam Results, May 2014

Subject	Number of Candidates	Scores of 5 or Higher	Average Grade (ASF)	Average Grade (Worldwide)
<b>Group 1</b>				
English A: Language and Literature HL	28	25	5.04	5.1
English A: Language and Literature SL	20	19	5.5	5.18
English A: Literature HL	17	16	5.71	4.78
English A: Literature SL	4	4	5	5.06
Spanish A: Language and Literature HL	19	14	5	5.07
Spanish A: Language and Literature SL	12	9	5.17	4.81
Spanish A: Literature HL	19	15	5.16	4.72
Spanish A: Literature SL	14	14	5.64	4.84
<b>Group 2</b>				
French AB. SL	2	2	6	5.02
French B SL	1	1	6	4.92
Spanish B HL	2	2	6	5.42
Spanish B SL	1	1	6	5.05
<b>Group 3</b>				
Economics HL in English	38	17	4.39	5.17
Hist. Americas HL in English	58	34	4.62	4.1
History SL in English	11	3	4.18	4.56
Philosophy SL in Spanish	6	5	5.17	4.69
Psychology SL in English	47	21	4.3	4.4
<b>Group 4</b>				
Biology HL in English	4	2	4.75	4.31
Biology SL in English	6	3	4.5	4.26
Env. and Soc. SL in English	17	8	4.47	4.19
Chemistry HL in English	20	15	5.2	4.52
Chemistry SL in English	5	3	5	4.01
Physics HL in English	15	3	3.47	4.64
Physics SL in English	9	3	3.66	4.16
<b>Group 5</b>				
Math Studies SL in English	13	10	5.23	4.51
Mathematics HL in English	5	2	4.2	4.41
Mathematics SL in English	44	37	5.36	4.48
<b>Group 6</b>				
Visual Arts Option A HL in English	11	10	5.64	4.87
Visual Arts Option A SL in English	6	5	5.17	4.52
Visual Arts Option B HL in English	2	0	4	4.74

## Advanced Placement Exam Results, May 2014

Subject	Number of Exams	Scores of 3 or Higher	Average Grade (ASF)
Art History	14	14	3.71
Biology	20	9	2.6
Calculus AB	18	12	3.11
Calculus BC	2	1	3
Chemistry	9	5	2.67
Computer Science	1	0	1
English Language and Composition	81	46	2.73
English Literature and Composition	11	7	2.82
Government and Politics: Comparative	7	5	3.14
Microeconomics	10	3	2.3
Music Theory	1	0	1
Physics C: Mechanics	7	5	3.29
Psychology	2	1	2.5
Spanish Language and Culture	35	35	4.63
Spanish Literature and Culture	8	8	4.38
Statistics	1	1	5
Studio Art: 2-D Design Portfolio	8	8	4.13
Studio Art: Drawing Portfolio	1	1	4
United States History	11	7	2.82

## COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES FOR THE CLASSES OF 2013 AND 2014

Of the 176 students who graduated in 2013, 37% will attend universities in the U.S., 41% will attend universities in Mexico, 7% will attend universities abroad, 14% will take "gap" time and 1% was undecided at the time of graduation.

Of the 179 students who graduated in 2014, 37% will attend universities in the U.S., 41% will attend universities in Mexico, 5% will attend universities abroad, 13% will take "gap" time and 4% was undecided at the time of graduation.

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

### U.S. UNIVERSITIES

#### West

Academy of Art University  
**Brigham Young University, Idaho (3)**  
California College of the Arts (San Francisco)  
**California Institute of the Arts (1)**  
California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo  
California State Polytechnic University, Pomona  
California State University, Long Beach  
California State University, Los Angeles  
**Chapman University (1)**  
**Claremont McKenna College (2)**  
Harvey Mudd College  
Hawaii Pacific University  
**Lane Community College (1)**  
**Loyola Marymount University (1)**  
Occidental College  
Oregon State University  
**Otis College of Art and Design (1)**  
Pepperdine University  
**Reed College (1)**  
Saint Mary's College  
San Diego State University  
Santa Clara University  
Seattle University  
**Stanford University (2)**  
**University of California at Berkeley (4)**  
University of California at Davis  
**University of California at Irvine (1)**  
**University of California at Los Angeles (2)**  
University of California at Merced  
University of California at Riverside  
**University of California at San Diego (1)**  
University of California at Santa Barbara  
**University of California at Santa Cruz (1)**  
**University of Colorado at Boulder (4)**  
University of Denver  
University of Oregon  
University of Redlands  
University of San Diego  
University of San Francisco  
**University of Southern California (4)**  
University of the Pacific  
Washington State University

#### Southwest

Baylor University  
Houston Baptist University  
**Oklahoma City Community College (1)**  
**Rice University (1)**  
St. Edward's University  
**Texas A&M University (2)**  
Texas State University  
Texas Tech University  
**The University of Texas, Austin (4)**  
**The University of Texas, Dallas (1)**  
**Trinity University (1)**  
University of Tulsa

#### Midwest

Beloit College  
Bradley University  
Carleton College  
Columbia College Chicago  
DePaul University  
**Illinois Institute of Technology (1)**  
**Loyola University Chicago (4)**  
Marquette University  
**McNally Smith College of Music (1)**  
**Michigan State University (1)**  
Northern Illinois University  
Northwestern University  
Oberlin College  
Purdue University  
Roosevelt University  
Saint Louis University  
**School of the Art Institute of Chicago (4)**  
The Ohio State University  
The University of Iowa  
**University of Chicago (1)**  
**University of Illinois at Chicago (1)**  
**University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (1)**  
University of Michigan  
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities  
**University of Notre Dame (1)**  
University of Wisconsin, Madison  
Washington University in St. Louis

#### South

The University of Alabama  
Belmont University  
**College of Charleston (1)**  
**Davidson College (1)**

**Duke University (2)**  
**Elon University (1)**  
**Emory & Henry College (1)**  
Emory University  
Flagler College  
Florida Institute of Technology  
Florida International University  
Florida State University  
**Full Sail University (1)**  
**George Mason University (2)**  
**Georgia Institute of Technology (1)**  
**James Madison University (1)**  
Loyola University New Orleans  
**Lynn University (3)**  
Miami International University of Art & Design  
North Carolina State University  
Old Dominion University  
**Palm Beach State College - Palm Beach Gardens (1)**  
Rollins College  
Saint Leo University  
**Savannah College of Art and Design (1)**  
The University of Tampa  
**Tulane University (1)**  
**University of Central Florida (1)**  
University of Florida (College of Engineering)  
University of Mary Washington  
**University of Miami (1)**  
University of North Carolina at Wilmington  
**University of North Florida (1)**

#### New England

**Babson College (1)**  
Bentley University  
Berklee College of Music  
Boston College  
**Boston University (5)**  
Brown University  
Champlain College  
College of the Holy Cross  
Curry College  
Dartmouth College  
Emerson College  
Emmanuel College  
Massachusetts College of Art and Design  
**Northeastern University (8)**  
**Quinnipiac University (2)**  
**Rhode Island School of Design (1)**  
Roger Williams University  
**School of the Museum of Fine Arts (1)**  
Suffolk University  
**Tufts University (1)**  
University of Connecticut  
University of Massachusetts, Amherst  
University of Massachusetts, Boston  
University of Rhode Island  
Wellesley College  
Wesleyan University  
Worcester Polytechnic Institute

#### Mid-Atlantic

CAIvernia University  
**American University (2)**  
**Bryn Mawr College (1)**  
**Carnegie Mellon University (1)**  
City College of New York/CUNY  
City University of New York  
Cornell University  
Dickinson College  
**Drexel University (2)**  
**Elmira College (1)**  
**Eugene Lang College The New School for Liberal Arts (1)**  
**Fordham University (1)**  
Franklin and Marshall College  
**Georgetown University (1)**  
**Gettysburg College (1)**  
**Hofstra University (1)**  
Ithaca College  
Johns Hopkins University  
LIM College  
Long Island University - Brooklyn Campus  
Manhattan College  
Marist College  
Marymount Manhattan College  
New York Institute of Technology - Manhattan  
**New York University (4)**  
Pace University  
**Parsons The New School for Design (4)**  
**Pennsylvania State University, University Park (3)**  
Polytechnic Institute of NYU  
**Pratt Institute (1)**  
Purchase College State University of New York  
**Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (1)**  
Rochester Institute of Technology

Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey at Camden  
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey at New Brunswick  
**Saint Peter's University (1)**  
School of Visual Arts  
Seton Hall University  
Shepherd University  
Skidmore College  
**St. John's University - Queens Campus (1)**  
**SUNY Maritime College (1)**  
Swarthmore College  
Syracuse University  
Temple University  
The American Musical and Dramatic Academy  
The George Washington University  
The King's College  
**University of Delaware (1)**  
University of Maryland, Baltimore County  
**University of Pennsylvania (3)**  
University of Rochester  
Vassar College  
Villanova University  
**Virginia Commonwealth University (1)**  
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University  
Washington College

### MEXICAN UNIVERSITIES

Centro De Diseño Cine y TV.  
Centro De Estudios Superiores De San Ángel (CESSA)  
**Conservatorio Nacional De Música (1)**  
**Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo De México (45)**  
**Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey, Campus Ciudad de México (2)**  
**Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey, Campus Santa Fe (33)**  
**SAE Institute México (1)**  
**Universidad Anáhuac (7)**  
**Universidad De La Comunicación (1)**  
**Universidad de las Américas Puebla (2)**  
**Universidad Iberoamericana (62)**  
**Universidad Nacional Autónoma De México (UNAM) (3)**  
**Universidad Panamericana (6)**

### CANADIAN UNIVERSITIES

University of Alberta  
Carleton University  
Emily Carr University of Art + Design  
**King's University College (1)**  
**Queen's University (1)**  
**Selkirk College (2)**  
Trent University  
**University of British Columbia (6)**  
University of Ottawa  
University of Toronto Scarborough  
University of Victoria  
University of Waterloo  
Western University  
Wilfrid Laurier University  
York University

### EUROPEAN UNIVERSITIES

Anglia Ruskin University (Cambridge)  
University of Bristol  
Durham University  
**Esmod Paris (1)**  
**Loughborough University (1)**  
**Regents Business School (1)**  
**Royal Holloway, University of London (1)**  
University of Nottingham  
University of Glasgow  
University of Manchester Institute of Science & Technology  
University of St. Andrews  
**Hult International Business School (1)**  
University of Sheffield  
University of Kent  
**University of Southampton (1)**  
University of Bath

### OTHER AREAS

**Instituto Tecnológico de Buenos Aires (1)**  
James Cook University  
**Vellore Institute of Technology University (1)**