# **Upper School Academic Profile** 2018-19





#### MISSION

The American School Foundation, A.C. is an academically rigorous, international, universitypreparatory school which 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.

**OVERVIEW** 

The school was founded in 1888 and is the oldest continuously operating American school abroad.

Located on a 17-acre campus, ASF enrolls on av-

erage 2,578 students in four schools: Early Child-

hood Center (grades three-year-olds, pre-kinder

and kindergarten), Lower School (grades 1-5),

Middle School (grades 6-8) and Upper School

(grades 9-12).

#### STUDENT BODY



**758 Upper School** students

**178** Grade 9 **185** Grade 10 **194** Grade 11 **201** Grade 12







for 3 years



receive financial aid

# for 10 years



faculty members



100% are certificated and meet SACS requirements



46.8% are non-Mexican citizens



hold master's degrees and 13% hold double master's degrees



degrees

**ASF FACILITIES** 



Classrooms



14 Libraries Computer







Fine Arts Learning spaces have LED projectors





fields



facilities

Indoor sports Swimming pool





**1** Wellness

Campus facilities, academic programs and extracurricular activities are comparable to those offered at schools in the United States.

## Extracurricular **Activities**









US clubs provide occasions for leadership, skill development, community service and fun.

# **ADMINISTRATIVE AND**

**COUNSELING STAFF** 

**Executive Director: Mark Iver Sylte** Director of Academic Affairs: Diego Zaragoza Head of Upper School: Chad Schwaberow Academic Dean: Lara Schupack

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# **ACCREDITATION** AND CURRICULUM

The American School Foundation (ASF) is accredited by SAIS, the largest independent school accrediting organization in North America. ASF is also 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 to fulfill Mexican National Spanish language and social studies requirements. Studies in grades 7-12 may be re-validated by the Ministry of Public Education (SEP) and 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 local and global issues to develop international – mindedness. Students may apply for the IB Diploma Programme during their junior and senior years. Qualified students may be approved by department and based on grades, NWEA scores, PSAT scores, and placement tests are permitted to enroll in individual IB and AP courses as well as work toward earning the AP International Diploma and AP Capstone Diploma.

# ACADEMIC CALENDAR AND SCHEDULE

There are 185 school days divided into two semesters. The first semester begins in mid-August and concludes in December. The second semester begins the second week of January and concludes the first week of June. Mid-year grades are available in January. Classes meet every other day for 80 minutes on a standard A-B block schedule, which gives time to four class periods per day.

# **GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS 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 2019.

#### U.S. HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS Language and Literature Art, Design Social English Science 4 Mathematics and Technology other than English Health / Personal Project Physical Education Week Without Wall ADITIONAL MEXICAN PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS Mexican Mexican Mexican Spanish/Latin American Psychology

Philosophy

### **GRADING SYSTEM**

**Etymology** 

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, which is weighted at 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. GPA is calculated using only grades from credits earned at ASF or ASF-approved online providers; no transfer grades are calculated. Students who need to make up academic credits shall be required to enroll in an online credit recovery program or in some cases, repeat the course on campus. Failure to do so may result in dismissal from the school.

Behavior infractions that result disciplinary consequences such as suspension or expulsion will be reported on university applications.

ASF bases course rigor on the following designations.

Geography

	Certificates
Most demanding	8 over 4 years or IB diploma
Very demanding	5-7
Demanding	3-4
Average	2
Below average	Less than 2

# DISTRIBUTION OF GRADES FOR THE CLASS OF 2019

History

(As of June 2018)

Class of 2019 Decile Rank	Number of Students	GPA Range
1	21	100.076 - 95.536
2	20	95.474 - 93.79
3	20	93.683 - 91.854
4	20	91.843 - 89.772
5	20	89.729 - 88.183
6	20	88.101 - 86.448
7	20	86.44 - 84.634
8	20	84.542 - 83.107
9	20	82.991 - 80.693
10	20	80.531 - 73.896

# **EXTERNAL EXAM STATISTICS**

# **ACT SUMMARY**

	SAT SUMMARY				
	<b>2018</b> Middle 50%	<b>2018</b> Mean	<b>2017</b> Middle 50%	<b>2017</b> Mean	
Critical Reading	570-690	630	550-660	610	
Math	570-680	620	540-675	600	
Total	1140-1350	1260	1090-1340	1205	
Number of Students Tested:	98	98	64	64	

	<b>2018</b> Middle 50%	<b>2018</b> Mean	<b>2017</b> Middle 50%	<b>2017</b> Mean	<b>2016</b> Middle 50%	<b>2016</b> Mean
English	23-33	27.3	22-29	25.9	23-32	28.2
Math	24-31	27	23-30	26.2	27-30	28.5
Reading	23-32	27.4	24-31	27.4	24-31	27.1
Science Reasoning	22-30	25.8	22-28	25.2	23-30	26.4
Composite	23-31	26.8	23-29	26	26-32	27.9
Number of Students Tested:	49	49	44	44	17	17

#### INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE EXAM RESULTS, MAY 2018





- **30** Full IB Diploma students 27 Successfully completed the IB Diploma Program
- **39** Highest Diploma point score achieved
- 32 Average Total Diploma points awarded

# **ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAM RESULTS, MAY 2018**



445 exams attempted 336 with scores of 3 or higher



**30** AP Scholar **27** AP Scholar with Honor **20** AP Scholar with Distinction

8 AP International Diploma

**13** AP Capstone Number of Exams Average Grade Worldwide Average Grade ASF Art History 🔲 25 3.72 3.04 3.88 2.94 Calculus AB 25 Calculus BC\* □ 2 Chemistry 12 Computer Science A ☐ 15 2.53 3.18 English Language and Composition 🔲 47 3.62 2.83 2.91 2.57 English Literature and Composition 🔲 23 5.00 3.14 Italian Language and Culture\* □ 1 French Language and Culture 🔲 5 Government and Politics: Comparative 

35 3.50 2.96 Macroeconomics\* ☐ 4 Microeconomics\* ☐ 4 3.00 Psychology\* ☐ 1 Research 22 Seminar ☐ 45 3.16 3.15 Spanish Language and Culture 🔲 49 4.78 3.69 4.47 3.06 Spanish Literature and Culture 🔲 15 Statistics ☐ 21 2.48 2.88 Studio Art: 2-D Design 🔲 16 3.38 3.48 3.00 2.66 United States History ☐ 20 World History ☐ 37 3.70 2.78 Biology\* □ 2 2.50 2.87 Physics C: Mechanics 9 \*Course not taught at ASF

	<b>5.13</b> Average Diploma student score on all IB exams
Number of Candidates  Average Grade Worl	dwide Average Grade ASF
English A: Language and Literature HL 🔲 34	5.47 4.99
English A: Language and Literature SL $\square$ 11	5.18 5.08
English A: Literature HL 🔲 13	5.62 4.71
English A: Literature SL 🔲 1	5.00 5.01
Spanish A: Language and Literature HL 🔲 23	5.00
Spanish A: Language and Literature SL $\square$ 32	4.19
Spanish A: Literature HL 🛘 13	5.31 4.58
Spanish A: Literature SL 🔲 7	5.14 4.92
French AB. SL 🔲 1	4.00
Spanish B HL 🛘 1	6.00 5.38
Spanish B SL 🛛 3	6.00 5.07
Business Management HL $\Box$ 1	5.00 4.69
Business Management SL $\square$ 41	5.46
Economics HL in English $\ \square$ 23	4.74
Env. and Soc. SL in English $\  \  \  \  \  \  \  \  \  \  \  \  \ $	4.40 4.15
Hist. Americas HL in English 🔲 22	4.55
History SL in English 🔲 18	4.50 4.54
Philosophy SL in Spanish 🔲 12	4.27
Psychology SL in English 🔲 37	5.00 4.36
Biology HL in English 🛭 6	4.40 4.34
Biology SL in English 🛭 1	3.00 4.22
Chemistry HL in English 🔲 11	3.27 4.45
Chemistry SL in English 🔲 2	4.00 3.98
Physics HL in English 🔲 6	5.33 4.64
Physics SL in English 🔲 5	4.80 4.05
Math Studies SL in English 🔲 37	4.73 4.21
Mathematics SL in English 🔲 33	5.03 4.26
Mathematics HL in English $\ \square$ 7	5.29 4.74
Music Gr. Perf SL in English $\Box$ 1	4.00 4.38
Theatre HL in English $\Box$ 2	5.00 4.88
Theatre SL in English $\Box$ 4	5.25 4.29
Visual Arts HL in English ☐ 12	4.18
Visual Arts SL in English ☐ 3	3.33 3.95

# **COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES FOR THE**









45% in 2017

46% in 2018



26% in 2017

28% in 2018



abroad

Barton College College of William and Mary **Duke University** 

Eckerd College

9% in 2017 14% in 2018



19% in 2017 11% in 2018



1% in 2017 1% in 2018

Undecided at the time of graduation



Universities in the U.S.

## (SCHOOLS IN BOLD INDICATE MATRICULATION OF ONE OR MORE STUDENTS.)

### MEXICAN UNIVERSITIES

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CENTRO (4)
Centro De Estudios Superiores de San
Ángel (CESSA) (3)
Escuela Libre de Derecho
Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (42) SAE Institute Mexico Tec de Monterrey, Campus Ciudad de México (3)
Tec de Monterrey, Campus Monterrey
Tec de Monterrey, Campus Santa Fe (53)
Universidad Anáhuac (7) Universidad de las Américas, Puebla (4) Universidad Iberoamericana (53) Universidad La Salle Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM) (3) Universidad Panamericana (7)

# U.S. UNIVERSITIES

West Arizona State University

Brigham Young University
Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo California College of the Arts Chapman University (2) Colorado College Colorado State University FIDM, Los Angeles Hawaii Pacific University Loyola Marymount University Occidental College Otis College of Art and Design Pacific Northwest College of Art
Pepperdine University Pitzer College
Portland State University
Reed College San Diego State University San Francisco Art Institute Santa Clara University Seattle University
Stanford University
University of California, Berkeley
University of California, Davis (2) University of California, Irvine University of California, Los Angeles University of California, San Diego University of California, Santa Barbara University of California, Santa Cruz University of Colorado at Boulder (3) University of Denver University of Oregon University of Portland University of Puget Sound University of San Diego University of San Francisco University of Southern California

University of Washington Washington State University Whitman College

Southwest Abilene Christian University Baylor University Rice University
Southern Methodist University
St. Edward's University
Texas A&M University
Texas A&M University Texas Christian University Texas State University Texas Tech University The University of Arizona
The University of Oklahoma
The University of Texas, Austin (3)
The University of Texas, San Antonio
Trinity University University of Dallas University of Houston University of New Mexico University of North Texas University of Tulsa

Midwest Calvin College Carleton College Cleveland Institute of Art DePaul University Drake University Eastern Michigan University Grinnell College Indiana University at Bloomington (2) Kalamazoo College Kenyon College Lake Forest College Lawrence University
Loyola University Chicago
Michigan State University (3) Missouri University of Science and Technology Northwestern University Ohio Wesleyan University Purdue University (4) Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology

School of the Art Institute of Chicago The Ohio State University University of Chicago
University of Illinois at Chicago
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign University of Michigan University of Michigan, Dearborn University of Minnesota, Twin Cities University of Missouri Columbia University of Notre Dame University of Wisconsin, Madison Washington University in St. Louis

Wayne State University

**South** Auburn University

Elon University
Emory University (2)
Florida International University
Florida State University George Mason University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Guilford College High Point University James Madison University
Loyola University New Orleans New College of Florida Nova Southeastern University Nova Southeastern University
Rhodes College
Ringling College of Art and Design
Salem College
Savannah College of Art and Design
The University of Tampa
Tulana Libracetty Ine University of lampa
Tulane University
University of Arkansas
University of Central Florida
University of Florida
University of Mary Washington
University of Miami
University of North Florida
University of South Florida, Tampa
University of South Florida, Tampa
University of South Florida, Tampa University of Tennessee, Knoxville University of Virginia Vanderbilt University

# **New England** Amherst College

Virginia Tech Wake Forest University

Bentley University Berklee College of Music Boston College Boston University (7) Bowdoin College Brandeis University **Brown University** Bryant University Dartmouth College Emerson College Hult International Business School-Boston Northeastern University (7) Rhode Island School of Design Suffolk University Tufts University
United States Coast Guard Academy
University of Connecticut University of Hartford University of Massachusetts, Amherst

University of Massachusetts, Boston Wentworth Institute of Technology Wesleyan University Williams College Yale University

*Mid-Atlantic* American University American University
Bard College
Binghamton University
Bucknell University
Columbia University
Commist University
Commist University Cornell University Drexel University Fashion Institute of Technology Fordham University Hofstra University Ithaca College
Johns Hopkins University
Lehigh University New York University (5) Pace University
Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts Pennsylvania State University Pratt Institute Princeton University Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Saint John's University (NY) Sarah Lawrence College School of Visual Arts Seton Hall University Skidmore College Stony Brook University Syracuse University Temple University iempile University
The Catholic University of America
The College of New Jersey
The George Washington University
The New School
Union College (New York)
University at Buffalo The State University
of Many York

#### **CANADIAN UNIVERSITIES**

of New York University of Delaware

University of Pittsburgh

University of Rochester

Brock University Concordia University - Montreal Emily Carr University of Art + Design McGill University Queen's University (2) Ryerson University Trent University
University of Alberta University of British Columbia (9) University of Calgary

University of Ontario Institute of Technology University of Toronto York University

BUROPEAN UNIVERSITIES
Bard College Berlin
Franklin University Switzerland
Heriot-Watt University
HZ University of Applied Sciences
IE University (7)
Istituto Marangoni, Milano
Jacobs University
King's College London
Nottingham Irent University
Nuova Accademia di Belle Arti Milano
Politercinci di Milano Politecnico di Milano
Queen Mary University of London The University of Edinburgh The University of Manchester The University of Nottingham The University of Warwick Universidad de Navarra
Universiteit van Amsterdam
University of Birmingham University of Essex University of Exeter University of Glasgow University of Groningen University of Kent University of Reading University of Southampton University of St Andrews University of Sussex University of the Arts London

### OTHER AREAS

City University of Hong Kong International Christian University Korea University Minerva Schools at KGI NYU Abu Dhabi (2) Sophia University
Sungkyunkwan University
Tel Aviv University
University of Technology Sydney Yonsei University (2)

