
Admissions Prospectus
CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

› 7 modern science labs
› Motion picture arts studio with editing lab and production studio
› A multimedia library containing 27,000 volumes
› 2 full-sized American gyms
› 2 art studios with silk screening press and 3D printer
› A spacious multi-purpose room
› A natural grass soccer field
› An outdoor basketball court
› Full elementary school playground
› A cafetorium with full kitchen and performance stage
› Bus service from in/around Milan

ADMISSIONS —

ASM welcomes applications from qualified, diverse students throughout the school year, with the majority of students entering in September or January.

› 2 SEMESTERS
  September - June

› SCHOOL HOURS
  8:50-15:30

› ONLINE APPLICATION PROCEDURE
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EARLY CHILDHOOD
(AGES 3-5)

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
(KG-GR.5)

MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAM
(GR.6-8)

DIPLOMA PREPARATION PROGRAM
(GR.9-10)

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE DIPLOMA PROGRAM
(GR.11-12)
ABOUT US—

ASM provides an American-style education with international standards for children aged 3-17 with its early childhood, elementary, middle and high school programs. Founded in 1962, the school is a not-for-profit association enrolling approximately 825 students from more than 50 nations.

The school aims to serve the international community in and around Milan including expatriate families from the business community and on diplomatic missions as well as host country nationals seeking an international education for their children.

Our mission is to ensure a modern and rigorous education for International students to excel in the changing world of tomorrow.

ASM employs 93 outstanding faculty who are extremely dedicated and highly qualified of which 68% hold a master’s degree in their area of expertise.

The ASM values are:
- Accountability
- Respect
- Empowerment

The American School of Milan is fully accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools and is an IB World School offering the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program in the last two years of high school since 1983. We are also a member of the European Council of International Schools, and the Mediterranean Association of Independent Schools. Other affiliations include WIDA and the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music.
PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

› All English instruction with professional mother-tongue teachers and assistants
› Full day program
› Learning through play
› Bi-Weekly art, music and gym lessons
› Technology exploration
› Dedicated outside play area
› Social-emotional development
› Cooking lessons
› Library visits and story time
› Afternoon nap
The American School of Milan offers a full day Early Childhood program in English for 3–5 year olds in a warm nurturing environment. A pre-literacy curriculum encourages a love of learning, curiosity and the building of friendships.

The needs of the whole child are nurtured, including:
- social-emotional
- language and communication
- cognitive
- physical development.

Pre-academic exposure is informal and based on the individual needs, interests, and development of each child. The school week includes gym, art and music lessons by specialists as well as library time and cooking exercises in our elementary school kitchen.

Children nap during the day and have a dedicated outside play area for their daily recess. Two adults are always present; the teacher plus an assistant. The program is held in English with mother-tongue teachers, experts in Early Childhood education. Students learn in a happy, secure and stimulating early childhood center that is part of the ASM elementary school.
Elementary School

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

 › English Mother-Tongue teachers
 › Italian lessons in 3 levels
 › Next Generation Science Standards and dedicated laboratories
 › Common Core aligned math program
 › Tablets, netbooks or iPads utilized in every class
 › Music program for all ages; instrumental instruction from grade 2 and up
 › Art and PE classes with specialized instructor
 › Weekly Library/Media Center time
 › October Field-Trip program for grades 4-5 takes learning outdoors
The elementary school of the American School of Milan provides children with a modern learning experience that supports our mission.

Our classrooms and facilities provide a dynamic, enthusiastic place for learning where children explore, question, experiment, imagine, analyze, and discover their worlds.

The elementary environment provides children with a sense of belonging, trust, care, and respect. The inquiry-based learning program combines international and American standards and teaching best practices. We aim to nurture intercultural learners who embody the International Baccalaureate Learner Profile by being inquirers, communicators, thinkers, risk-takers, knowledgeable, caring, principled, reflective, open-minded, and well-balanced.

To accomplish this, our highly qualified professional teaching staff use a variety of approaches to learning. Literacy instruction is based on the Reading and Writing Workshop approach supported by The Daily Five and Lucy Calkins Writing Units. Our mathematics curriculum, EngageNY, emphasizes building a deeper understanding of math and number sense guided by the American Common Core Math Standards.

Committed to preparing our students for today’s interconnected world, technology is integrated into classroom instruction through the use of netbooks and tablets supported by an elementary technology integration specialist. Students gain an understanding of global issues and our world through Social Studies Units of Inquiry.

Science Units of Inquiry driven by Next Generation Science Standards and are supported by a weekly interactive STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) lab session with our elementary Science specialist. This core curriculum is further enhanced by daily Italian language instruction and weekly specials classes in music, art, library and physical education.

Believing that “how children learn is as important as what they learn” all of our teachers are trained in Responsive Classroom techniques helping to support a positive school climate and culture.
Middle School

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

› Core Subjects: Math, Science, English and Humanities
› Language options: Italian, French and Spanish
› Electives: Theatre, Robotics, Digital Art, Movie-making, Programming, PE/Dance workout and more
› Rich Music Program with choir, string/band orchestra and instrumental music
› October Field-Trip program to enhance classroom learning and bond with other students and teachers
› ELL program for English Language Learners
› National Junior Honor Society (NJHS)
› Counseling services
› Community service projects
The Middle School Program at ASM provides an opportunity to learn in a multicultural environment which promotes awareness and understanding of diverse cultures. It supports students’ emerging independence by allowing them greater levels of responsibility for their actions and achievements. ASM offers students a wide range of exploratory opportunities, academic and otherwise.

We incorporate a variety of teaching strategies and assessment techniques which focus on active, student-centered learning in core and elective subject areas. Core subjects include an Integrated Math program according to American Common Core Math Standards, Humanities (World History and Geography), English and Science.

All students also study a second language– French, Italian or Spanish. There are two main tracks: the international track and the terza media track for those students wishing to pursue the Italian state exams at the end of middle school. Students may select from a variety of electives including, theatre, robotics, digital art, computer programming, general or instrumental music, PE and more.

We are aware that students think and learn in a variety of styles and that we must accommodate them by using diversified instructional materials and techniques. This includes problem-solving in teams so that students learn to look beyond themselves and acquire self-confidence in their abilities to contribute their unique gifts and talents to the group.

Technological proficiency is an important component of the program. All students work with their own laptops and all new students take a mandatory Global Connections technology course.
PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

› Core Subjects: Math, Science, English and Humanities

› Sciences: Environmental Science, Biology, Chemistry and Physics

› Electives: Choir, Computer Science and Programming, Contemporary World Issues, Digital Photography, Film, PE, Public Speaking, Visual Art and more!

› University Preparation Program starting from Grade 9

› Rich Music Program with choir, string/band orchestra and instrumental music

› Language options: Italian, French and Spanish

› Accelerated Math classes

› 25 hours of community service

› October Field-Trip program to enhance classroom learning and bond with other students and teachers
DIPLOMA PREPARATION PROGRAM –

Grades 9-10

To support our students to experience success in the IB and beyond, we have created ASM’s academic program that is specifically designed to prepare grade 9 and 10 students for the rigors of the IB Diploma curriculum and the American High School Diploma.

We have drawn on best practices from research and years of experience from faculty members and the respected learning objectives of the IB Program. We focus on an American-style education where emphasis for every student is placed not only on intellectual development, but also on social, emotional, physical and aesthetic development.

The program is driven by a blend of core subjects and elective courses that provide a well-rounded preparation while developing individual interests. Students pursue core subjects—Math, Science, English and Humanities (History and Geography). They also study a second and/or third language and pursue elective courses in music, contemporary world issues, digital photography, film, public speaking or computer programming.
ASM has more than 33 years of experience delivering the IB Diploma to international students.

Pre-university course of studies, designed as a comprehensive two-year curriculum. Allows its graduates to fulfill requirements of various education systems.

Six subject groups, 3 at higher level, 3 at standard level and an external examination.

Diploma Core, comprising theory of knowledge (TOK), through which students reflect on the nature of knowledge.

University Preparation Program and counseling.

CAS (creativity, activity and service) which involves students in projects often related to community service.

The Extended Essay, an independent, self-directed research paper, which provides practical preparation for undergraduate research.
IB DIPLOMA —

Grades 11-12

ASM has been offering the rigorous, challenging International Baccalaureate Diploma program since 1983. Students are also awarded the ASM American High School Diploma upon completion of the four-year high school program.

The IB Diploma program emphasizes rigorous college preparatory classes, where external testing is required in six core subject areas.

ASM IB course offerings include:

- **Studies in Language and Literature**: English or Italian Language and Literature.
- **Language Acquisition**: French, Italian or Spanish Language B/Ab initio
- **Individuals and Societies**: History, Economics, Psychology and/or Environmental Systems & Societies
- **Mathematics**: Math Studies, Math Standard and Higher Level
- **Sciences**: Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Environmental Systems and Societies
- **The Arts**: Film, Music and Visual Arts

In order to receive the IB Diploma, students must fulfill the following requirements:

- Enrollment in 3 higher level (HL) and 3 standard level (SL) courses
- Completion of the Theory of Knowledge course
- Completion of a 4,000 word research paper (Extended Essay)
- Completion of the Creativity, Action, and Service work (CAS) requirement

ASM students have consistently achieved higher than world average pass rates and scores on the IB Diploma exams. At ASM, student counseling in the high school is fundamental to success.

As such, ASM has a dedicated IB counselor and also college and university counselors who provide important support in IB course selection and advice on university programs and requirements in Canada, Italy, the US and UK, the main destinations for our graduates, as well as other countries around the world.
OUR 2017 GRADUATES

United States Universities

Alfred University
American University
Amherst College
Arizona State University
Auburn University
Babson College
Boise State University
Boston College
Boston University
Bowdoin College
Brandeis University
Brown University
Bryant University
California College of the Arts
California Institute of Technology
California State University, LA
Carnegie Mellon University
Case Western Reserve University
Catholic University
Clark University
Clarkson University
Colby Sawyer College
Colgate University
Columbia University
DePaul University
Drexel University
Elon University
Emerson College
Emmanuel College
Fisher College
Florida Atlantic University
Florida Institute of Technology
Florida International University
Fordham University
Franklin W. Olin College of Engineering
George Mason University
George Washington University
George Washington University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Goucher College
Hofstra University
Hood College
Hult International Business School
Indiana University of Bloomington
Iowa State University
James Madison University
Johnson & Wales University
Lawrence Technological University
Loyola Marymount University
Loyola University Chicago
Loyola University Maryland
Lyon University
Maryland Institute College of Art
Marymount Manhattan College
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Miami University
Miami University of Ohio
Michigan State University
Middlebury College
Midwestern State University
Montana State University
New York University
Northeastern University
Northwestern University
Ohio University
Oklahoma Wesleyan University
Parsons The New School for Design
Penn State University
Pennsylvania Academy of Art
Pratt Institute
Purdue University
Providence College
Quinnipiac University
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Ringling College of Art
Seton Hall University
South Harmon Institute of Technology
Southern Methodist University
Saint Joseph's University
San Diego State University
San Francisco State University
St. John's University
St. Michael's College
Stony Brook University
Suffolk University
Stanford University
Syracuse University
Tarleton State University
Temple University
Texas A&M University
Texas Community College
Texas State University
Towson University
Tufts University
University of Alabama
University at Buffalo, SUNY
University Illinois at Chicago
University California at Berkeley
University of California at Irvine
University of California Los Angeles
University of California San Diego
University of California Santa Barbara
University of California Santa Cruz
University of Chicago
University of Colorado at Boulder
University of Connecticut
University of Delaware
University of Denver
University of Florida
University of Georgia
University of Hartford
University of Idaho
University of Jacksonville
University of Maine
University of Maryland
University of Massachusetts
University of Michigan
University of Minnesota
University of Nebraska
University of New Hampshire
University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill
University of North Carolina- Wilmington
University of North Florida
University of Oklahoma
University of Oregon
University of Pennsylvania
University of Richmond
University of Rochester
University of San Diego
University of San Francisco
University of Santa Barbara
University of Southern California
University of Texas
University of Virginia
University of Washington
Vassar College
Villanova University
Virginia Commonwealth
Washington State University
Webster University
Wellesley College
Wentworth Institute of Technology
Wesleyan University
Wheaton College
Whitworth University
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Yale University

IB Scores

AVERAGE IB SCORE: 36
(WORLDWIDE: 30)

University Enrollment

ASM students go on to top universities around the world, main destinations include:

USA, UK & Continental Europe

but also:

Canada, Asia, Scotland, and Australia
**UK Universities**

- American Intercontinental University, London
- Arts University of Bournemouth
- Brunel University
- Camberwell College of Arts
- Cambridge University
- Cardiff University
- Central St. Martins College of Art and Design
- City University of London
- Courtauld Institute of Art
- De Montfort University
- Durham University
- East Anglia University
- European School of Economics
- Goldsmith University of London
- Highbury College, Portsmouth
- Hult International Business School
- Imperial College London
- Istituto Marangoni, London
- King’s College London
- Kingston University
- Lancaster University
- London College of Communication
- London Metropolitan University
- London School of Business and Finance
- London School of Economics
- London South Bank University
- Loughborough University
- Manchester Metropolitan University
- Middlesex University
- Newcastle University
- Nottingham University
- Oxford Brookes University
- Plymouth University
- Queen Mary University
- Queen’s University Belfast
- Reading University
- Regents University
- Richmond The American International College in London
- Roehampton University
- Royal Holloway, University of London
- SAE Institute
- School of Communication Arts
- School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS)
- Scottish Association of Marine Science
- St. Mary’s University, Twickenham
- Staffordshire University
- The Robert Gordon University
- University College of London
- University College of Worcester
- University of Aberdeen
- University of Bath
- University of Birmingham
- University of Brighton
- University of Bristol
- University of Chichester
- University of East London
- University of Edinburgh
- University of Essex
- University of Exeter
- University of Glasgow
- University of Greenwich
- University of Heriot-Watt
- University of Hull
- University of Kent
- University of Leeds
- University of Leicester
- University of Lincoln
- University of Liverpool
- University of London Birkbeck
- University of Manchester
- University of Middlesex
- University of Nottingham
- University of Oxford
- University of Plymouth
- University of Portsmouth
- University of Reading
- University of Salford
- University of Sheffield
- University of Southampton
- University of St. Andrews
- University of Stirling
- University of Surrey
- University of Sussex
- University of Warwick
- University of the West of England
- University of Westminster
- University of Wolverhampton
- University of Winchester
- University of York
- Westminster University
- Winchester University

**Rest of the World**

**Canada:**
- University of British Columbia
- University of Toronto
- McMaster University
- McGill University
- Vancouver Film School

**Asia:**
- Korea Advanced Institute of Science & Technology (KAIST)
- The University of Hong Kong

**Europe:**
- American University of Paris
- American University of Rome
- Amsterdam University College
- Amsterdam University of Applied Sciences
- Erasmus University of Rotterdam
- Escuela Superior de Administracion y Dirección de Empresas (ESADE)
- Euron Business School of Barcelona
- Frankfurt School of Finance and Management
- Hotel School The Hague
- IE University
- International University of Applied Sciences, Bad Honnef
- Istituto Europeo di Design
- John Cabot University
- Paris College of Art
- Politecnico di Milano
- The American University of Rome
- The Hague University
- Università Bocconi
- Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore
- Universiteit Maastricht
- Universiteit van Amsterdam
- Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam
THE ARTS — Extra Curricular Activities

Art, music, theatre and film play an important role in the ASM Community both during the school day as well as in the after-school activities program.

MUSIC
ASM’s music program begins in Early Childhood with general music lessons taught according to the Orff approach. This approach facilitates English language acquisition due to its use of rhyme and repetition while incorporating movement and drama.

From grade 2, students begin instrumental music lessons on the violin in addition to their general music lesson. Violin instruction continues in grade 3 and from grade 4 and up, students may choose to carry on violin instruction, switch to the cello or begin to learn a band instrument.

In the Upper School, ASM offers lessons in many different instruments as well as choir, band and orchestra options both during and after-school. There are winter and spring concerts each year for both the upper and elementary schools as well as musicals for each group.

The musicals are highly professional productions accompanied by live music and wonderful costumes that showcase our highly talented students. Our “La Scala” program in the upper school allows children to attend opera and music performances at this world renowned theatre in the center of Milan.

ASM also recently became an authorized ABRSM (Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music) testing center so that children may take standard music exams and receive certificates that attest to their musical progress and level.

ART
Specialized instruction in visual and digital art accompanies our students from early childhood through the IB Art course in the final years of high school. The school has two art rooms and specialized equipment, including a silk screening press in the upper school. Student art is showcased throughout the school and at art exhibitions during the academic year.
Sports are an important part of school life at ASM, both curricular and co-curricular. Our campus boasts a full grass soccer field, tennis courts and two full-sized, well-equipped gyms. Moreover, we are located in a sporting complex with a swimming pool and tennis center across the street, while a golf course flanks ASM’s campus. As such, our after-school activities program includes golf, tennis and swimming lessons. Bus service is provided following the after-school program.

Elementary students can also choose from fencing, karate, taekwondo or artistic gymnastics, while middle school students have a seasonal offering that includes athletics—basketball, soccer and volleyball among other alternatives.

In the high school, (Grades 9-12), ASM is proud to offer a wide range of seasonal Varsity and Junior Varsity sports. Locally, ASM competes in the Northern International Schools Sports Association (NISSA) playing home and away games against other international schools in Northern Italy.

Internationally, ASM is part of the European Sports Conference (ESC) and participates in tournaments in Spain, France, Switzerland, Portugal, Germany and Italy. ASM competes in soccer, volleyball, athletics, lacrosse, basketball, badminton and tennis.
BOARD OF TRUSTEES —

As a non profit association, ASM is governed by a 12-member Board of Trustees. The Board is the guardian of the school’s mission. It is the Board’s responsibility to ensure that the mission is relevant and vital to the community it serves and to monitor the success of the school in fulfilling its mission. The Board is responsible for establishing, reviewing and evaluating policies covering Education, Admission, Personnel and Compensation, Financial budgeting and reporting, Buildings and Grounds Maintenance and Planning, Administration, Short and long-range planning for the long-term viability of the school.

The Board reports to the Association at least twice a year at the general assemblies and may hold two or more open forum meetings per year.

SERVICE —

ASM takes part in many initiatives to fundraise for different causes of which some are run entirely by students.

In 2016 and 2017, a group of ASM students, alumni and teachers travelled to Nuwakot in Nepal to help rebuild schools that were destroyed by the tragic earthquake that hit Nepal in April 2015. Closer to home, ASM launched several fundraising efforts including a fundraising dinner and jog-a-thon to raise money for the victims of the August 2016 earthquake in central Italy. These efforts raised more than 13,000 euro to help construct a new school in the town of Amatrice.

Locally, ASM music students put on several concerts at a nursing home nearby.
We take pride in the successes of our alumni and are always pleased to receive news from them. We often feature their accomplishments in our social media communications.

We have an ASM alumni app to help alumni stay connected with each other and with their former teachers through a safe platform. We currently have alumni all over the world but we keep our doors open to them and they often visit us when in Milan. Many have even chosen ASM for their own children.

An ASM tradition is inviting a distinguished alum to address graduates each June, while alumni speakers come in to speak and hold workshops for students during the year and even some of our staff members are alumni!

Parent involvement is strongly encouraged at ASM and a strong sense of community sets ASM apart from the local and international schools in and around Milan.

Whether reading in a classroom, volunteering in the library/media center, contributing to our Fund for Excellence or participating in our Parent Teacher Organization (PTO), ASM has a strong record of parent involvement, helping to make the school a better place.

The PTO is a valuable asset to the school and the organization’s main purpose is to enhance our students’ academic, cultural, physical and social development as well as foster a sense of community for all ASM families and staff members.

The PTO sponsors several fun-raising and fund-raising events throughout the school year to help meet these goals.