



The American College of Sofia

School Profile 2022-2023

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Our School: The American College of Sofia (ACS) is **the oldest American educational institution outside the U.S.** Founded in 1860, the College was closed in 1942 and re-opened in 1992. School Mission: ACS integrates the values and best practices of American pedagogy with the rich educational traditions of Bulgaria and Europe. We seek to develop critical thinking, lifelong intellectual curiosity, leadership, and collaboration among multi-talented students of various social, cultural, economic, and geographic backgrounds.

Grading Scale:

Excellent 6 100% - 91.5%	Very Good 5 91.4% - 80.5%	Good 4 80.4% - 70.5%	Passing 3 70.4% - 59.5%	Failing 2 59.4% - 0%
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954

Students

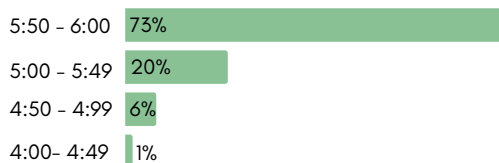
29

International
Students

2954

Alumni
since 1997

GPA's earned by the Classes of
2019 - 2023 in the junior year only.



Our Students: ACS is home to 954 students, Grades 8-12. Admission exam invitations are extended to candidates with GPA of 5.00 and above (21% of candidates held a 6.00 GPA in 2022, while the mid 50% GPA was 5.50-5.93). Admission is then offered based on Admission Exam rank. The average Acceptance Rate is highly selective (25.5% rate). ACS students score at the top of the National External Evaluation mandatory exams in Grades 10 and 12, as well as on the PSATs and the SATs. ACS students come from within and outside the capital city of Sofia and include International students. Central to our Mission, Financial Assistance supports over 1/3 of our students, ensuring an inclusive approach to acceptance and diversity within our student body.

A high GPA is important, but it is only one aspect of what we consider a meaningful educational experience. At ACS, we focus on developing not only excellent scholars, but also on cultivating the unique talents and curiosities of our students through a strong curricular and co-curricular experience.

105

Faculty

39

International
Faculty

12

Doctoral
Degrees

Our Faculty: Faculty at ACS are distinguished professionals in their areas of expertise and come from a variety of cultural backgrounds: 12 hold Doctoral degrees and 81 hold Masters degrees. 40% of the faculty are International. ACS faculty provide a unique and enriching blend of pedagogies to support an International and Bulgarian curriculum.

Curriculum: ACS is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools (MSA), the International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO) and the Bulgarian Ministry of Education and Science, which designated the College an Innovative School in 2017. The rigorous curriculum at ACS provides Bulgarian students with a Bulgarian and an American (ACS) high school diploma. International students earn both an ACS diploma and an IB diploma. Our unique curriculum offers 6 specialized areas of study with advanced study profiles: Humanities, Foreign Languages, Math, Software & Hardware Sciences, Natural Sciences, and Entrepreneurship. The ACS high school diploma is accepted throughout the European Union and around the world.

Accreditation



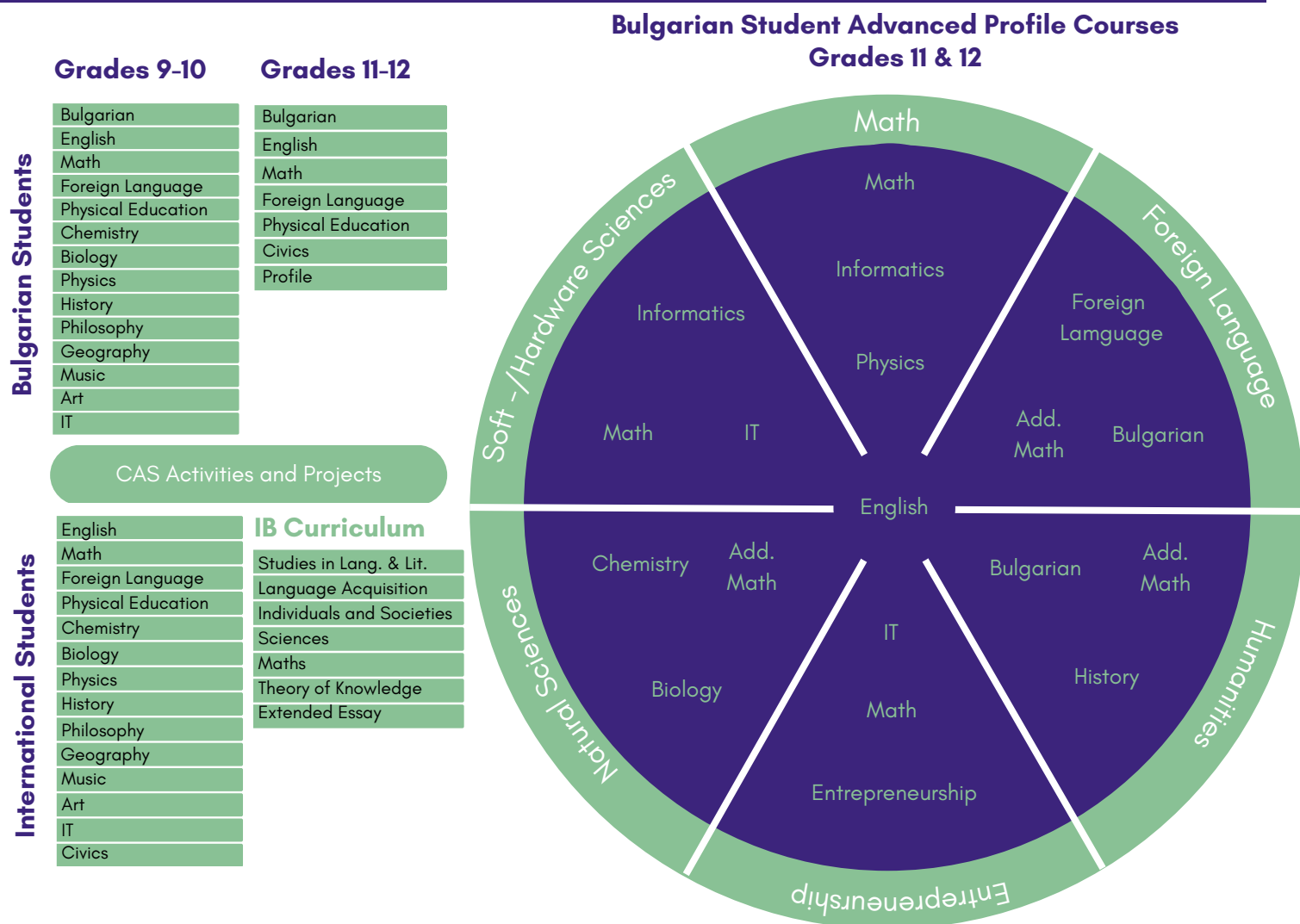
Partnerships



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Bulgarian & American Diploma Requirements

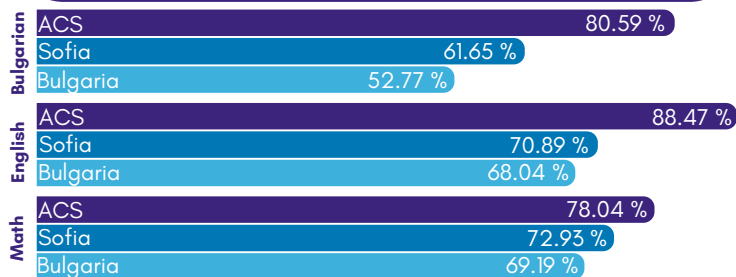
At ACS Bulgarian and International students can acquire an American high school diploma by completing their Creativity, Activity & Service (CAS) Portfolios. Bulgarian and International students follow the same curriculum in Grades 9 & 10 and follow different curriculums in Grades 11 & 12: The Bulgarian students complete profile subjects, while the International students - the IB Program.



Standardized Testing Scores

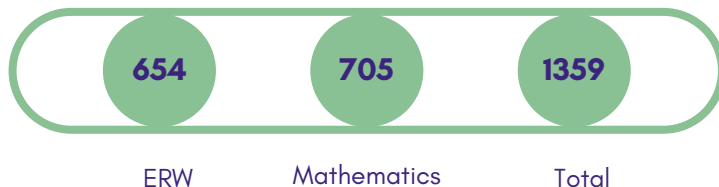
State Exams 2022 Scores Comparison

ACS Students consistently score above the capital and national average on the state exams in 10th and 12th grade.



Mean SAT Scores 08.2021 - 10.2022

Mean SAT scores for all exams taken by 161 ACS students, August 2021-October 2022:



Extracurriculars Highlights



On average, 98% of ACS seniors apply to non-Bulgarian colleges and universities each year. ACS students from the classes of 2020, 2021, and 2022 were accepted at the following colleges and universities, often times having been awarded significant scholarship or financial aid from US institutions.

The United States	San Diego	Solent U.	McMaster U.
Adelphi U.	Santa Barbara	Scotland's Rural College	Queen's U.
Albany Col. of Pharm. & Health Sci.	Santa Cruz	St. Mary's U.	U. of British Columbia
Amherst Col.	U. of Connecticut	Swansea U.	U. of Calgary
Averett U.	U. of Delaware	University College London	U. of Saskatchewan
Baylor U.	U. of Denver	U. for the Creative Arts	U. of Toronto
Bentley U.	U. of Evansville	U. of Aberdeen	U. of Western Ontario
Binghamton U.	U. of Hawaii	U. of Bath	York U.
Boston U.	U. of Illinois	U. of Bedfordshire	Europe
Brandeis U.	U. of Miami	U. of Birmingham	AUSTRIA
Brown U.	U. of Pennsylvania	U. of Brighton	BFI Vienna
Bryant U.	U. of Pittsburgh	U. of Bristol	Central European U.
Bucknell U.	U. of Rhode Island	U. of Buckingham	Modul U.
California Col. of the Arts	U. of Richmond	U. of Cambridge	Sigmund Freud U. Vienna
Calif. State U. at Los Angeles	U. of Rochester	U. of Central Lancashire	Vienna U. of Econ. & Bus.
Carnegie Mellon U.	U. of San Diego	U. of Dundee	BELGIUM
Case Western Reserve U.	U. of San Francisco	U. of East Anglia	Howest U. College
Chapman U.	U. of Scranton	U. of Edinburgh	Katholieke U. Leuven
Chicago State U.	U. of Southern California	U. of Essex	BULGARIA
Clark U.	U. of St. Thomas	U. of Glasgow	Medical U. of Sofia
Colby College	U. of Tampa	U. of Greenwich	National Academy of Arts
Columbia College Chicago	Villanova U.	U. of Hertfordshire	U. of Architecture, Civil Engineering & Geodesy
Columbia U.	Virginia Tech.	U. of Huddersfield	U. of National & World Econ.
Connecticut College	Webster U.	U. of Kent	U. of Structural Eng. & Architecture
Cornell U.	Wellesley College	U. of Leeds	Technical U. of Sofia
Dartmouth College	Williams College	U. of Leicester	U. of Sofia
Depaul U.	Yale U.	U. of Lincoln	CYPRUS
Dickinson College	US Universities Abroad	U. of Liverpool	Nicosia U.
Drake U.	American College of Greece	U. of Manchester	CZECH REPUBLIC
Drexel U.	AU Bulgaria	U. of Nottingham	ARCHIP
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical U.	AU Cairo	U. of Oxford	Czech Technical U. In Prague
Fordham U.	AU Rome	U. of Portsmouth	FINLAND
Franklin & Marshall College	AU Paris	U. of Reading	Aalto U.
Georgia Tech.	Bard College Berlin	U. of Roehampton	FRANCE
Gettysburg College	Berlin International U. of Applied Sci.	U. of Salford	EDHEC Business School
Grinnell College	Duke Kunshan U.	U. of Sheffield	Paris College of Art
Hamilton College	Franklin U. Switzerland	U. of Southampton	Esmod France
Haverford College	John Cabot U.	U. of St. Andrews	IFA Paris
Hofstra U.	NYU Abu Dhabi	U. of Stirling	Institut Pail Bocuse
Illinois Inst. of Tech.	NYU Shanghai	U. of Strathclyde	Sciences Po
Illinois State U.	St. Louis U. Madrid	U. of Surrey	GERMANY
Indiana U. at Bloomington	Webster U. Vienna	U. of Sussex	Berlin Int'l U. of Applied Sciences
Lehigh U.	Yale-NUS	U. of the Arts, London	Frankfurt Sch. of Finance & Mgmt.
Loyola U. Chicago	The United Kingdom	U. of the West of England	Jacobs U.
Mass. Coll. of Pharm. & Health Sci.	Aberlay U.	U. of the West of Scotland	Ludwig Maximilian U. of Munich
Mercyhurst U.	Anglia Ruskin U.	U. of Warwick	ITALY
Middlebury	Arts U. Bournemouth	U. of West London	Humanitas U.
Muhlenberg U.	Aston U.	U. of Westminster	Instituto Europeo Di Design
New York Film Academy	Birkbeck U.	U. of York	IULM U. of Language & Comm.
New York Inst. of Tech.	Birmingham City U.	The Netherlands	La Sapienza
New York U.	Bournemouth U.	Amsterdam U. Appl. Sci.	Luiss Guido Carli
Northeastern U.	Brunel U.	Amsterdam U. College	Nuova Accademia Di Belle Arti
Oberlin College	Buckinghamshire New U.	Avans U. Applied Science	Polimoda
Ohio Wesleyan U.	Cardiff Metropolitan U.	Breda U. of Applied Sciences	Politecnico Di Torino
Pace U.	City, U. of London	Erasmus U. Rotterdam	Universita Bocconi
Pomona College	Courtauld Inst. of Art	Erasmus U. College	Universita Cattolica Del Sacro Cuore
Pratt Institute	Coventry U.	Fontys U. of Applied Sciences	Universita Degli Studi Di Torino
Princeton U.	Durham U.	Han U.	MONACO
Providence College	Dyson Inst. of Engineering	Hanze U. of Applied Sciences	Intl. U. Monaco
Purdue U.	Edinburgh Napier U.	HZ U. of Applied Sciences	SPAIN
Quinnipiac U.	Falmouth U.	Leiden U.	Esade Business School
Rensselaer Polytech. Institute	Glasgow Caledonian U.	Leiden U. College	European Business School Barcelona
Rocky Mountain College	Glasgow School of Art	Maastricht U.	le University
Rogers State U.	Goldsmiths U.	Radboud U.	Ramon Llull U.
Rollins College	Harper Adams U.	Rotterdam U. of Applied Sciences	Toulouse Business School
Salve Regina U.	Imperial College	Saxion U. of Applied Sciences	U. of Barcelona
San Diego State U.	Keele U.	Tilburg U.	Universidad Carlos III de Madrid
Savannah Col. of Art & Design	King's College London	The Hague U. of Applied Sciences	Universitat Intl. de Catalunya
Seton Hall U.	Kingston U.	Technical U. of Delft	SWITZERLAND
Simmons U.	Lancaster U.	Technical U. of Eindhoven	Cesar Ritz Colleges
Southern New Hampshire U.	Leeds Arts U.	U. College of Groningen	EHL
St. John's U.	Leeds Beckett U.	U. College of Maastricht	Glon Inst. of Higher Education
Stevens Inst. of Tech.	Leeds Trinity U.	U. College of Roosevelt	Les Roches Schools of Hotel Mgmt.
Syracuse U.	Liverpool Hope U.	U. College of Utrecht	U. of Geneva
Temple U.	Liverpool Inst. for Performing Arts	U. of Amsterdam	U. Zurich
The New School	London Metropolitan U.	U. of Applied Sciences, Leiden	Australia
Trinity Col.	London South Bank U.	U. of Groningen	Australian National U.
Trinity U.	London School of Economics	U. of Maastricht	Griffith U.
Union Col.	Manchester Metropolitan U.	U. of Twente	Monash U.
U. of Akron	Middlesex U.	Utrecht U.	U. Queensland
U. California:	New College of the Humanities	Utrecht U. of Applied Sciences	Asia
Berkeley	Nottingham Trent U.	Vrije U.	Hong Kong Polytech. U.
Davis	Oxford Brookes U.	Wageningen U.	Hong Kong U. of Science & Tech.
Irvine	Queen Mary U.	Canada	U. of Hong Kong
Los Angeles	Robert Gordon U.	McGill U.	
Merced	Royal School of Speech & Drama		
Riverside			



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