



American School of Yaounde

Where Africa Meets the World

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School Description

The American School of Yaoundé is an independent, non-profit, co-educational institution in Cameroon, West Africa. Yaoundé is a developing metropolis with a rapidly growing population. ASOY serves the community through example, service, and outreach programs, and is a beacon of educational excellence.

The mission of ASOY is to ensure that all students achieve high academic success, develop critical thinking skills, and become responsible, compassionate, and globally aware individuals. An internationally-focused American curriculum in a diverse, challenging, and secure environment prepares students for their next stage of life.

The school offers college-preparatory instruction from nursery through Grade 12 for English-speaking students. Admission to the American School of Yaounde is open on a non-discriminatory basis to all students, regardless of race, creed, color, gender, religion, national origin, ethnic background, or philosophy.

The school is accredited by both the Council of International Schools in Europe and the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. ASOY is an active member of the Association of International Schools in Africa (AISA). The school is governed by an eight member school board elected by the Parent Association.

The campus is located on a three and a half acre site near the center of Yaounde and consists of 20 classrooms, two computer labs, science lab, 16,000 volume multi-media library, learning support center, college resource center, and the "Parrot's Canteen."

Sports facilities include four tennis courts, a covered basketball court, swimming pool, playing field, and a playground for younger students.

The school consists of four sections: the Early Childhood Program (nursery - kindergarten), Elementary School (Grades 1 - 5), Middle School (Grades 6 - 8), and High School (Grades 9 - 12). The school also maintains a Recreation Club serving ASOY families and other community members.

Local Address:

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Faculty

The school currently has 29 professional teaching staff, most of who hold advanced degrees, and eight teacher assistants. The average teaching experience of the faculty is approximately 12 years. Our teacher-student ratio is one faculty member for every 10-12 students.

Staff members come from a variety of countries including the United States, Cameroon, France, Germany, Belgium, the Philippines, Gabon, St. Kitts/Nevis, Syria, and Israel.

Students

Our current student body includes students representing over 24 nationalities from the following countries:

Belgium	Germany	Korea
Burkina Faso	Gabon	Liberia
Cameroon	Greece	Mali
Canada	Holland	Nigeria
China	India	Pakistan
England	Israel	Senegal
Finland	Italy	South Africa
France	Japan	Tanzania

School Year

The school year begins in late August and ends in mid June, with 180 days of instruction divided into 4 nine-week quarters. Students in middle and high school take semester examinations at the end of the first semester in January and again in June at the end of the year.

Educational Program

Students in nursery through the Grade 12 receive an education designed to accommodate potential transfers to other American or international schools abroad and/or to gain admission to competitive public or private schools and universities worldwide. Our challenging and rigorous standards encourage students to strive for excellence academically, socially, and emotionally.

ASOY's curriculum and overall environment reflect the international diversity of its students living in Cameroon.

All students are enrolled in English, science, mathematics, social studies, French, art, music, PE,

health, and IT. Instruction is in English, and French is taught at all grade levels.

The English Language Learners Program (ELL) is available for students in grades 1 through 12. A Learning Support Program is offered for students with mild learning and /or other learning difficulties. Students must be able to succeed in a regular classroom setting with a minimum of one-two periods per day of learning support.

ASOY's after-school activities enhance the educational experience and include sports, Mount Cameroon excursion, Odyssey of the Mind, Student Council, National Honor Society, Model United Nations, and many other clubs and organizations.

High School Curriculum

English	Mathematics	Science
English 9	Algebra I	Biology
English 10	Algebra II	Chemistry
American Literature	Geometry	Physics
British Literature	Pre-Calculus & Trigonometry	AP Biology
AP English Language	Calculus	AP Chemistry
AP English Literature	AP Calculus	Env Science
Modern Languages	Social Sciences	Applied & Performing Arts
French I-IV	World History I	Art Foundations
AP French Lang	World History II	Drama
AP French Literature	US History	Chorus
Career & Tech Ed	AP US history	Other
Computer Applications	AP Micro/Macro Economics	Physical Education
Graphic Design	AP Comp Gov & Politics	Health
Intro to Programming	Model United Nations	
Business Management	Global Issues	
Journalism		

Advanced Placement Program

Advanced Placement (AP) courses are offered through the College Board as a collaborative effort between motivated students, dedicated teachers, international high schools, and universities.

The AP Program affords students to take college-level courses culminating in external examinations, with the opportunity of earning college credit and/or advanced standing. U.S. colleges and universities, as well as 650+ universities worldwide, grant incoming students credit and/or placement for qualifying AP exam grades.

Graduation Requirements

The American School of Yaounde requires 25 credits completed in grades 9 -12 in order to receive a high school diploma. Advance Placement courses are available in all subjects. The requirements to graduate from high school include:

<u>Course</u>	<u>Credit(s)</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>Credit(s)</u>
English	4.0	Applied/Performing Arts	1.0
Mathematics	3.0	PE/Health	1.5
Science	3.0	Career & Tech Ed	1.0
Social Studies	3.0	Community Service	0.5
Modern Languages	3.0	Electives/Other	<u>5.0</u>
			Total: 25.0

Grading System

Due to its international and transient student population, the school does not rank students. Report cards are administered quarterly with semester grades recorded on the high school transcript. A final grade is calculated at the end of each semester by averaging the two quarter grades. AP courses are weighted, and the grading scale is as follows:

A = Excellent	P = Pass
B = Very Good	I = Incomplete
C = Satisfactory	
D = Unsatisfactory	
F = Failing	

Grade Point Standard Values

A+ = 4.3	B+ = 3.3	C+ = 2.3	D+ = 1.3	F = 0.0
A = 4.0	B = 3.0	C = 2.0	D = 1.0	
A- = 3.7	B- = 2.7	C- = 1.7	D- = 0.7	

Grade Point Advanced Placement Values

A+ = 5.3	B+ = 4.3	C+ = 3.3	D+ = 2.3	F = 0.0
A = 5.0	B = 4.0	C = 3.0	D = 2.0	
A- = 4.7	B- = 3.7	C- = 2.7	D- = 1.7	

Educational & College Entrance Exams

Students in Grades 3-8 take the ITBS (Iowa Test of Basic Skills) and the MAP (Measures of Academic Performance). Grade 10 and 11 students take the PSAT practice college preparatory exam administered at the school, the SAT college entrance exam, and the TOEFL English proficiency exam.

College Placement

ASOY graduates currently attend such universities as Notre Dame University, Boston University, Carnegie Mellon, Arizona State University, University of Kent, Syracuse University, University of Michigan, University of Toronto, Symbiosis in India, Howard University, Art Institute of Design in Los Angeles, Colorado School of Mines, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical, Henderson State University, Indiana University, Michigan State University, North Carolina Wesleyan College, Northeastern University, University of Delaware, University of Maryland, University of Massachusetts, University of Miami, University of Pennsylvania, Wharton School of Business, University of Tampa, University of Waterloo, Utica University, University of British Columbia, St. Lawrence College (Ontario), London School of Architecture, and other international universities across the globe.