



The American College of Sofia

School Profile 2025-2026

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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. English is the primary language of instruction.

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 when Bulgaria entered WWII and re-opened in 1992 after the end of the communist regime.

Entry is based on admission exam ranking. Only middle school applicants with a 5.00 GPA and above are admitted to the exam.

27% of students receive financial aid, including nine per year who receive merit & need-based full scholarships.

933 Students

112 Faculty

27 International Students

35 International Faculty

3648 Alumni since 1997

97 Advanced Degrees

Our 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%

ACS American High School Diploma Graduation Requirements

Twenty-four (24) credits in high school (Grades 9 - 12) coursework are required as a minimum for graduation. A minimum of eight semesters of attendance in high school is also required. Each credit represents one year of work (on average 4 periods per week)

ACS Graduation Requirements

English	4
Bulgarian	4
Social Studies	3
Mathematics	4
Science	3
Foreign Lang.	2
PE	2
Arts	1
Elective	1

Students must also complete CAS

ACS Grade Comparison

ACS	USA 1-4	IB	A-Level
5.9 - 6.0	3.94 - 4.0	42	A*A*A
5.8	3.87	40	A*AA
5.7	3.8	38	AAA
5.6	3.74	36	AAB
5.5	3.67	34	ABB
5.4	3.60	32	BBB

Accreditation



Partnerships



Bulgarian & IB Diploma Requirements

In Grades 9 & 10, Bulgarian and international students follow almost the same ACS curriculum. In Grades 11 & 12, the Bulgarian students follow the Bulgarian Diploma Program. International students are admitted into the two-year IB Diploma Programme. Students earn an American High School Diploma by passing their ACS classes in one of the above programs, and completing their Creativity, Activity, & Service (CAS) Portfolios. Typically, 100% of students earn the American Diploma and the Bulgarian or IB Diploma.

Bulgarian Students	Grade 9-10		Grade 11-12	
	Bulgarian		Bulgarian Diploma Program	
	English			
	Mathematics			
	Foreign Languages			
	Physical Education			
	Chemistry		Bulgarian	
	Biology			
	Physics			
	History			
	Philosophy			
	Geography			
	Music			
	Art			
	IT			
			Profile Subjects	
			Bulgarian	
			English	
			Foreign Languages	
			Civics	
			Mathematics	
			Physical Education	

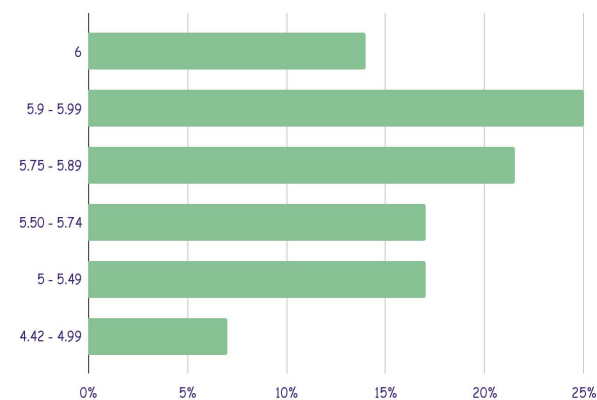
International Students	Grade 9-10		Grade 11-12	
	English		IB Diploma Programme	
	Mathematics			
	Foreign Languages			
	Physical Education			
	Chemistry			
	Biology		English A: Lit., SL,HL	
	Physics		Language B: SL,HL	
	History		Language <i>ab initio</i> : SL	
	Philosophy		Economics, History: SL,HL	
	Geography		Biology, Chemistry: SL,HL	
	Music		Physics: SL,HL	
	Art		Maths AI, AA: SL,HL	
	IT		Theory of Knowledge	
	US History		Extended Essay	

Bulgarian Diploma Profile Subjects for Grades 11 & 12

All profile courses are taught at an advanced honors level

Subject/ Profile	Humanities	Foreign Languages	Maths	Software & Hardware Sciences	Natural Sciences	Entrepreneurship
English	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Bulgarian	☐	☐				
History	☐					
Mathematics			☐	☐		☐
Foreign Languages		☐				
Physics			☐			
Informatics			☐	☐		
Information Technologies				☐		☐
Biology					☐	
Chemistry					☐	
Entrepreneurship						☐

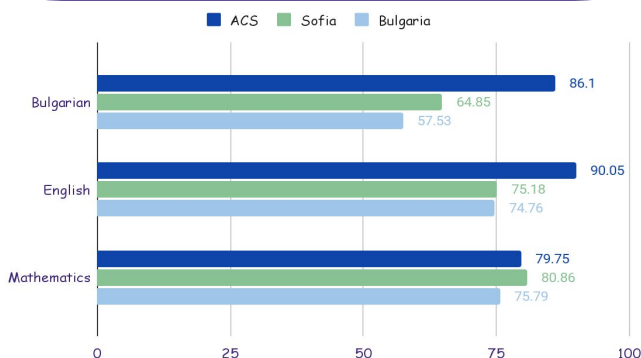
Class of 2026 GPA in junior year



Standardized Test Scores

National Exams 2025 Scores Comparison (average grades)

All Bulgarian students are expected to take two to four national exams. The following are the results of the Class of 2025.



SAT scores for 103 students in the class of 2026.

SAT Middle 50%: 1310-1470
Highest SAT Score: 1580
Highest Math Score: 800
Highest EBRW Score: 800

Extra-Curricular Highlights

115 Student-Led Clubs

56 Elective Courses

5 Performing Arts Groups

5 Athletic Teams

College & University Attendances 2023-2025

On average, 92% of ACS seniors apply to non-Bulgarian colleges and universities each year. ACS students from the classes of 2023, 2024, and 2025 attended the following institutions, often having been awarded significant scholarship or financial aid from US institutions.

AUSTRALIA

Monash University
Sydney University

AUSTRIA

Central European University
Johannes Kepler University Linz
UAS Campus Vienna
University of Vienna
Vienna University of Economics

BELGIUM

KU Leuven

BULGARIA

American University in Bulgaria
Medical University Sofia
Sofia University "St. Kliment
Ohridski"
Technical University of Sofia
University of National and World
Economy

CANADA

University of British Columbia

CZECHIA

Anglo-American University

FRANCE

American University of Paris
École Ducasse
Ecole Polytechnique
EDHEC
ESCP
Sciences Po

GERMANY

BIMM
Constructor University
Ludwig Maximilian University of
Munich
Otto von Guericke University
Magdeburg
RWTH Aachen University
Technical University of Munich
XU Exponential UAS

HONG KONG

Hong Kong University of Science
and Technology

IRELAND

Trinity College Dublin

ITALY

Accademia delle Belle Arti
American University of Rome
Humanitas Medical School
Istituto Europeo di Design
LUISS
Polimoda
Politecnico di Milano
Politecnico di Torino
Scuola Politecnica di Design
Università Bocconi
Università di Bologna
Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore
Università La Sapienza

NETHERLANDS

Amsterdam University
Amsterdam University College
Erasmus University
Erasmus University College
Groningen University
Heidelberg University
HZ UAS
Leiden University
Maastricht University
NHL Stenden UAS
Royal Academy of Art
Tilburg University
TU Delft
TU Eindhoven
Twente University
University College Utrecht
Utrecht University
Vrije University
Willem de Kooning Academy

ROMANIA

USAMV Cluj-Napoca

SPAIN

ESADE Business School
Global Business School
Universidad Carlos III de Madrid
Universidad CEU Cardenal Herrera
Universidad Europea de Madrid
Universidad IE
Universidad Pompeu Fabra

SWEDEN

Lund University
Royal Institute of Technology
Stockholm School of Economics

SWITZERLAND

ETH Zurich
University of Zurich

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

NYU Abu Dhabi

UNITED KINGDOM

Bath University
Bristol University
Cambridge University
Edinburgh University
Glasgow University
Imperial College London
King's College London
Kingston University
Lancaster University
Liverpool University
London School of Economics
Oxford Brookes University
Oxford University
Portsmouth University
Queen Mary University of London
Royal Veterinary College
Sheffield University
University of the Arts London
University College London
Warwick University

UNITED STATES

Baylor University
Brown University
Columbia University
Cornell University
Dartmouth College
Davidson College
Georgia Institute of Technology
Grinnell College
Illinois State University
Kansas City Art Institute
Minerva University
New York University
North Western University
Pennsylvania State University
The Rochester Institute of Technology
Tulane University
University of California Davis
University of California Los Angeles
University of California Santa
Barbara
University of Chicago
University of Pennsylvania
University of Southern California
Vanderbilt University
Wheaton College
Yale University

