
University Information

— Coffee Morning —
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Meet The Team

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How The Counseling Process Works

Meetings:

Individual College Counseling Sessions during elective periods, during class periods (at the discretion of the counselor) during lunch, and after school

- Grade 12 - September-June
- Grades 9-11 - by appointment during lunch or after school

Class Presentations

Networking:

- Alumni visits
- Education Fairs and Individual School Visits

What Support Do Students Receive

- Advice and guidance through the college entrance process
- Extensive and regular meetings
- Assistance in completion of support documents such as personal essays and CVs
- Regular college visits from US, UK, and EU schools
- Advice regarding summer programs, curricular and co-curricular choices
- Information and tools to explore career goals and degree programs
- Well-written and edited recommendations from ASM faculty and college counselors

What Parents Can Do To Support Their Child

- Discuss potential career paths
- Research university and degree options with their child
- Discuss coursework to be taken at school or independently (e.g., online courses or APs)
- Encourage and support their child in extracurricular involvement, starting as early as middle school
- Encourage and support their child in securing work placements relevant to their desired field of study
- Encourage and support their child to apply to an academic or other summer program in 10th and/or 11th grade
- Track and liaise regularly with the College Counseling Department on the progress their child is making the college application process

Getting Ready For College: Expectations

- Discuss course options with parents, teachers and ASM Administration
- Enroll in courses appropriate to level and interests
- Begin to develop an organized running list (with relevant dates) of school and other activities, awards, and experiences that may be relevant to the college application process (e.g., athletics, arts and music, service learning, etc.
- Acquire and document service learning hours yearly
- Undertake career exploration and discuss with college counselors and parents
- Make a College Board account

- Begin to prepare for the PSAT exam over the summer following Grade 9
- Attend summer programs (sports, academic or other) or engage in volunteer work or other work experience over the summer
- Research universities, university programs and entry requirements
- Ask for references from leaving teachers, if relevant
- Begin to prepare for the SAT, SAT Subject Tests, ACT, TOEFL and/or IELTS exams necessary for college applications
- Take SAT and/or ACT at least once during the second semester of Grade 11
- Take any necessary SAT Subject Tests in May and June of Grade 11
- Create Common App, UCAS and other necessary accounts and begin to populate general data

Admissions Requirements

General:

Grades/Transcript

Test Scores (SAT, ACT, AP, TOEFL/IELTS)

*Personal Statement/CV (Showing Motivation)

Academic and Counselor Recommendations

Bank Documents

Degree Programs - US/Canada

- Four-year undergraduate degree (Bachelor's degree) at college or university (US) or 3-4 years at university (Canada)
- Five-year dual degree program (dual Bachelor's or Bachelor's/Master's)
- Dual degree programs in Canada = Concurrent education programs
- Two-year degree (Associate's degree) at community college (US) - similar credential offered by college (Canada)
 - Student may transfer credits to continue toward Bachelor's degree at 4-year college or university
 - Community College in US is similar to college in Canada
- College/University in US are same as university in Canada
- Degree programs in US and Canada are similar

Degree Programs - UK/Europe

- Three or four-year undergraduate degree [Single and Joint Honors]
- Study abroad option with most degree programs
- Foundation entry into most undergraduate degree programs
 - One-year preparation course for international students who need additional English language and academic preparation for entry into a UK university undergraduate course.
 - After successful completion of the Foundation course, students are eligible to apply to any 1st year undergraduate course in the UK [through UCAS]
 - If you do not meet the entry criteria for your chosen undergraduate course, a foundation year may offer you an alternative entry route.

What is the SAT

- SAT tests are considered to be measures of college readiness
 - Tests should be taken starting in the second half of a student's junior year
 - Students have the opportunity to retake the test to improve scores
 - Students can submit scores directly to universities that interest them
 - Exemplary test scores can guarantee scholarships
- SAT scores are used by some universities in U.S., UK, Canada and Singapore as a partial basis for admitting students
- ASM is an official testing center for the SAT suite of tests (SAT, SAT with Essay, SAT Subject Tests)
- Students take the PSAT in Grade 10 to gain experience taking this type of standardized test
- Test preparation materials are available in the library, on the College Board/Khan Academy website and Naviance

What are APs

- AP (or Advanced Placement) courses are college-level courses offered in high school
- Excellent results on the AP Exams may:
 - Allow student to earn college credit (U.S.)
 - Qualify student for more advanced classes in college
 - Qualify student to skip foundation program (UK)
- ASM currently offers 11 AP courses (Calculus AB, Comparative Government and Politics, European History, French Language and Culture, Human Geography, Language and Composition, Literature and Composition, Physics 1, Psychology, Statistics, and U.S. Government and Politics)
- Students may prepare independently for any APs not offered by school (e.g., German Language and Culture, Spanish Language and Culture, Environmental Science)
- All graduating students have at least 2 AP classes, and some have 8 APs prior to graduation

ASM Graduate Matriculation (2013-17)

We are proud to announce that we've already had 2018 acceptances to highly ranked universities such as Stanford, University of Miami and King's College London. Most of our Grade 12 students are still awaiting university acceptances.

American University of Sharjah	George Washington University	Northeastern University	University of Bath
Barnard College	Grand Valley State University	Oxford Brookes University	University of Miami
Carleton University	IE Madrid	Penn State University	University of Nottingham
City, University of London	John Cabot University	Purdue University	University of Ottawa
Clark University	King's College London	Queen Mary University	University of Sheffield
Drexel University	Minerva Schools at KGI	Savannah College of Art and Design	University of Tampa
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University	Minnesota State University	Sciences Po Menton	University of Toronto
Florida International University	New York Film Academy	Universidad Europea de Madrid	University of Westminster

Where Are They Now?

Sample Employment:

- Doctor of Medicine, CHU Mohamed VI, Marrakech
- Supply Chain Manager, Johnson & Johnson
- Analyst, M&G Investments
- Financial Consultant, Ernst & Young
- General Manager, African Society of Dentistry and Implantology
- Senior Associate, Discover Financial Services
- International Project Specialist, U.S. Food and Drug Administration
- Senior Business Development Manager, DMZ

Sample Graduate School Courses:

PhD in Clinical Psychology, MSc in Management, MBA, Masters in Structural Engineering, DPhil in Politics, MA in Professional and Business Communication