



THE HOTCHKISS SCHOOL

2020-21



The Hotchkiss School Mission

Guided by each other, let us seek better paths.

The Hotchkiss School seeks to inspire a diverse range of students who are committed to the betterment of self and society, and to cultivate in them at the highest standards of excellence

imagination and intellect,

openness and personal integrity,

empathy and responsible citizenship

that they may discover and fulfill their potential as individuals fully engaged in our world.

Our Students

The Student Body: 2020-21

ADMISSION

Applicants	2,225
Admitted	398
Matriculated	202

ENROLLMENT

Total on-campus enrollment	611
In Residence*	596
Day	15

Grade 12 (Seniors)	162
Grade 11 (Upper Mids)	165
Grade 10 (Lower Mids)	148
Grade 9 (Preps)	136

States represented	36
Countries and territories represented	27

Students of color	38%
International students	13%
Students receiving financial aid	38%
Members of Class of 2020 receiving financial aid	34%
Students on aid attending Hotchkiss tuition-free	29%

*In Residence includes boarders and faculty/staff children.

Standardized Test Scores: Class of 2020

	MIDDLE 50% OF ALL STUDENTS:	AVERAGE:
SAT	1315-1520	
Evidence Based Reading & Writing	655-740	696
Math	640-780	705
Total		1401

ACT COMPOSITE	29-34	31
English	31-35	32
Math	26-34	30
Reading	31-36	33
Science Reasoning	27-34	30

COVID-19 STATEMENT

2019-20 Grading

Due to Covid-19, students received pass/fail grades for their fourth quarter (end of March until early June) coursework in 2020, as our students moved to distance learning. Year-end averages for all courses were based primarily on students' work over three quarters, while working on a department-by-department basis to determine guidelines by which grades could be adjusted upward—generally the standard was a potential increase of a third of a letter grade.

Hotchkiss is in-person for the 2020-21 school year; however, 11% of our students have been approved to learn remotely.

2020-21 Grade Reporting

For all Early Action, Rolling, Early Decision, and Restrictive Early Action applicants, Hotchkiss will be reporting first quarter grades from the senior year. The first quarter ends in early November.

Our 1st semester ends on January 22, 2020. When Hotchkiss students apply ED 2 in late December, our transcript will show their first quarter grades, and in most cases, their mid-second quarter grades (as of December 15, 2020).

When the first semester ends on January 22, 2020, semester grades will be submitted to colleges immediately.

Testing

Our entire spring standardized testing schedule was cancelled, so many students in the Class of 2021 began their senior year without having taken the SAT or ACT.

Range of Cumulative GPAs: Class of 2021

4-YEAR SENIORS

AVG. 9.80 (101 STUDENTS)

RANGE OF CUMULATIVE GPAS	NUMBER OF STUDENTS
11.00 and Above	4
10.50 to 10.99	22
10.00 to 10.49	29
9.50 to 9.99	16
9.00 to 9.49	11
8.50 to 8.99	11
8.00 to 8.49	4
7.00 to 7.99	3
Below 7.00	1

3-YEAR SENIORS

AVG. 9.57 (36 STUDENTS)

RANGE OF CUMULATIVE GPAS	NUMBER OF STUDENTS
11.00 and Above	2
10.50 to 10.99	5
10.00 to 10.49	5
9.50 to 9.99	8
9.00 to 9.49	8
8.50 to 8.99	4
8.00 to 8.49	3
Below 8.00	1

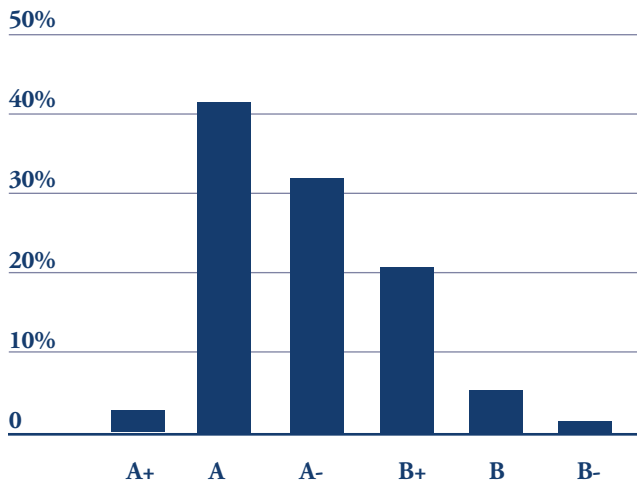
2-YEAR SENIORS

AVG. 9.54 (17 STUDENTS)

RANGE OF CUMULATIVE GPAS	NUMBER OF STUDENTS
11.00 and Above	1
10.50 to 10.99	4
10.00 to 10.49	2
9.50 to 9.99	4
9.00 to 9.49	3
8.00 to 8.99	2
Below 8.00	1

SINGLE-YEAR AVERAGES FOR UPPER-MID YEAR (11TH GRADE)

CLASS OF 2021, JUNE 2020



The Hotchkiss Transcript

Hotchkiss does not report class rank, SAT, or AP scores on its transcript. As a matter of policy, the School does not weigh grades. The School's grading scale is based on letter grades, A+ to F.

11.50-12.00	A+	97-100	5.50-6.49	C+	77-79
10.50-11.49	A	93-96	4.50-5.49	C	73-76
9.50-10.49	A-	90-92	3.50-4.49	C-	70-72
8.50-9.49	B+	87-89	2.50-3.49	D+	67-69
7.50-8.49	B	83-86	1.50-2.49	D	63-66
6.50-7.49	B-	80-82	0.50-1.49	D-	60-62
			0.00-0.49	F	Below 60

Diploma Requirements

Below are requirements for those entering Hotchkiss in 9th grade. Requirements may vary for students entering after 9th grade. For more details about any variation of these requirements, visit:

hotchkiss.org/academics/the-academic-experience/course-work-by-class-year

English: Prep and Lower-Mid Humanities and Upper-Mid and Senior English.

Mathematics and Computer Science: Through the third level of Hotchkiss mathematics or equivalent.

Classical and Modern Languages: Through the third level of one language or the equivalent.

Humanities and Social Sciences: Prep and Lower-Mid Humanities.

Science: 2 years of a laboratory science.

Arts: Prep and Lower-Mid Humanities.

Human Development: Pass/Fail course required of all 10th-graders. Each section of HD250 is taught by one faculty member and two student teaching assistants.

College Matriculation

Hotchkiss Classes of 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020

10 OR MORE STUDENTS	#	5 - 9	#
University of Chicago	36	Tulane University	9
Cornell University	27	University of St. Andrews	9
New York University	27	University of Southern California	9
University of Pennsylvania	27	Wesleyan University	9
Georgetown University	22	Bates College	8
Harvard College	21	Boston College	8
Columbia University	18	Bucknell University	8
Kenyon College	16	Tufts University	8
Princeton University	15	University of Richmond	8
Yale University	15	University of Virginia	8
Dartmouth College	14	Amherst College	7
Middlebury College	14	Hamilton College	7
Washington University in St. Louis	14	Johns Hopkins University	7
Carnegie Mellon University	12	Stanford University	7
University of Michigan	12	Trinity College	7
St. Lawrence University	11	University of California - Berkeley	7
Boston University	11	University of Toronto	7
Brown University	10	Bowdoin College	6
Colby College	10	Colgate University	6
		George Washington University	6
		Lehigh University	6
		Massachusetts Institute of Technology	6
		University of Vermont	6
		Barnard College	5
		Duke University	5
		Northwestern University	5
		Union College - Schenectady	5
		University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	5
		Williams College	5

FEWER THAN 5

Babson College	Marist College	University of British Columbia
Bentley University	McGill University	University of California - Davis
Bryn Mawr College	Michigan State University	University of California - Los Angeles
California Institute of the Arts	Morehouse College	University of California - Santa Barbara
Carleton College	Northeastern University	University of California - Santa Cruz
Central Connecticut State University	Oberlin College	University of California - San Diego
Claremont McKenna College	Occidental College	University of Colorado Boulder
Clemson University	Oxford College of Emory University	University of Connecticut
College of the Holy Cross	Pitzer College	University of Denver
Colorado College	Pomona College	University of Edinburgh
Concordia University - Montreal	Purdue University	University of Florida
Connecticut College	Reed College	University of Maryland - College Park
Cooper Union	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Miami
Davidson College	Rhodes College	University of New Hampshire
Denison University	Rice University	University of Notre Dame
Dickinson College	Rutgers University	University of Oklahoma
Eckerd College	Sacred Heart University	University of Rhode Island
École des Beaux-Arts	Santa Clara University	University of Rochester
Emory University	Sciences Po Paris - Campus de Reims	University of Tennessee
Georgia Institute of Technology	Scripps College	University of Texas at Austin
Gettysburg College	Seattle University	University of Utah
Grinnell College	Sewanee - University of the South	University of Wisconsin - Madison
Harvey Mudd College	Skidmore College	Vanderbilt University
Haverford College	Smith College	Vassar College
Hillsdale College	Southern Methodist University	Villanova University
Hobart William Smith Colleges	Springfield College	Wagner College
Howard University	St. John's University	Wake Forest University
Indiana University	Stony Brook University	Washington and Lee University
Lafayette College	SUNY Maritime College	Wellesley College
Lake Forest College	Swarthmore College	Whittier College
Lewis & Clark College	The New School	Wilfrid Laurier University
Linfield University	Trinity University	William and Mary
London School of Economics and Political Science	United States Military Academy	Wofford College
Loyola Marymount University	United States Naval Academy	
Macalester College	University College London	
	University of Bristol	

THE GAP YEAR

Hotchkiss encourages students to consider a gap year, a year between high school and college to enable reflection on goals for college and focus on further intellectual or personal pursuits. Students can choose from opportunities such as internships, service, employment, and continued learning — in the U.S. or abroad — while living independently and taking responsibility for their choices. In the past four years, 58 students have chosen to take a gap year.

Curriculum

Our evolving curriculum aims to ignite our students' imagination and intellect, promote openness and personal integrity, as well as cultivate empathy and responsible citizenship. Our revised upper-level offerings demand rigor, promote personal growth along with common purpose, and root students in a local context while drawing attention to the wider world. Hotchkiss learners strive for the deepest possible understanding of challenging concepts, skills, and content. We cultivate:

Self-directed learners who take responsibility for their work; who collaborate well in teams; who demonstrate imagination in defining and solving problems; and who take risks as learners.

Confident researchers who find and document information, using traditional and state-of-the-field methods and varied resources; and who evaluate the credibility of information.

Critical thinkers who read, listen to, analyze, and assess complex ideas and arguments; and who draw connections among disparate ideas and sources of information.

Expressive creators who demonstrate essential aural, kinesthetic, and visual skills when creating or performing works; and who both conceive original work and interpret existing work.

Effective communicators who present information and ideas in a clear and convincing manner using a variety of skills, tools, media, and technology appropriate to their goals and audience; and who have mastered the grammatical precision of their own language while demonstrating proficiency in at least one other.

Course Numbering

We have created greater consistency in our course numbering system. Beginning in the 2020-21 school year:

- The first two letters in the course designation refer to the discipline (the “SS” in SS454F refers to the social sciences).
- The first number in a course indicates the year either of the student or the number of years in the discipline, as appropriate (e.g. the “1” in HS150Y indicates the course is for first-year students).
- The second number in the course indicates the challenge level, with 0-2 at the foundational level, 3-7 representing typically challenging courses, and 8-9 representing our honors courses (e.g. the “8” in BI380Y indicates it is an honors course).
- The final number is simply to distinguish one course from another, and the letter at the end indicates when that course was taken (F=fall semester, S=spring semester, Y=full academic year, and P=Portals/summer term).

AP, ADVANCED, AND HONORS COURSES PRIOR TO 2020-21

For a listing of AP, Advanced, and Honors courses prior to the 2020-21 school year, please go to:
hotchkiss.org/academics/college-advising/courses-prior-to-2020-21

Moving Beyond the AP

Our curriculum transformation draws on the deep expertise of our faculty to animate exceptionally prepared and motivated students to offer an upper-level elective curriculum that is more inquiry-driven and conceptually challenging than what the College Board offers.

Honors courses represent the most in-depth and conceptually challenging work available to students. To ensure the rigor of our honors courses, we have expanded prerequisites, have begun standardizing a competency-based selection process, and are adopting demonstrations of learning for audiences within and beyond the Hotchkiss community.

AP to Honors course equivalents:

English. Students who previously enrolled in EN350 Upper Mid English (AP) will now be enrolled in EN350Y Upper Mid English. The two honors-level electives remain in place for 2020-21, albeit with updated course numbering: EN480Y Honors Shakespeare and the Bible and EN490Y Honors Senior English.

Humanities & Social Sciences. The AP program has given way to a set of advanced honors electives, several of which emphasize interdisciplinary themes:

EC580 Honors Economics is now EC480Y Honors Principles and Applications of Economics; HI430 The Constitution and The Supreme Court is now SS480Y; HI441 Anatomy of Revolutions is now HI480F; HI452 Global Migration in the Modern Era is now SS481S; PL592 Fundamental Questions of Philosophy is now PL480S; SS431 National Security is now SS482F; SS432 Globalization and International Relations is now SS483S.

Science. Upperclass students who might previously have enrolled in BI550 AP Biology, CH550 AP Chemistry, PY550 AP Physics 1, PY581/2 AP Physics C, and ES550 AP Environmental Science would be likely to enroll in courses such as BI380Y Honors Biology, CH490Y Honors/AP Chemistry, and CH481F Honors Organic Chemistry, PY380Y Honors Physics, PY491F/492S Honors/AP Physics C, and EG481F/482S Honors Engineering.

Languages. Previous AP courses in Chinese, French, German, and Latin are now equivalent to the fourth year honors courses in those disciplines.

Math. The equivalents in math are relatively straightforward. AP Statistics is now MA582Y Honors/AP Statistics, MA550 AP Calculus AB is now MA551Y Calculus, MA580 AP Calculus BC is now MA581Y Honors Calculus. We continue to offer post-calculus courses including Further Math, Multivariable Calculus, and Linear Algebra.

Upper Level Courses of Note

Many of the electives available to upperclass students in the humanities disciplines (the Arts, English, and Humanities & Social Sciences) are less sharply distinguished between honors and non-honors levels. Some of our best prepared, most ambitious students enroll in non-honors courses in areas such as Asian studies, European and Russian studies, philosophy, and studio art.

Hotchkiss has added prerequisites to its science electives in order to raise the standards in these classes:

- BI450F Infection and Immunity, BI451S Introduction to Human Anatomy and Physiology, and BI452S Neuroanatomy and Human Behavior require completion of both a high school biology and chemistry course (or concurrent enrollment in one of them).
- BI490Y Honors Applied Scientific Research: Genetics requires successful completion of an advanced year-long high school science course such as BI380 Honors Biology or CH280 Honors Chemistry.
- CH481F Honors Organic Chemistry requires completion of a high school chemistry course.
- EG481F/EG482S Honors Engineering requires completion of a high school physics course and enrollment in MA450Y Precalculus or higher.
- ES450Y Climate and Global Change, ES451F Limnology, and ES452S Stream Ecology, ES453F Forest Ecology, and ES454F Agroecology require successful completion of two years of lab science courses (chemistry recommended).
- ES455S Conservation Biology requires completion of or concurrent enrollment in a high biology course.
- PY491F/PY492S Honors/AP Physics C requires concurrent enrollment in, or completion of, calculus.
- SC420F Introduction to Forensic Science requires completion of a high school chemistry course.



Students come to Hotchkiss ready to experience something new. They immerse themselves in a world of learning and academic tradition — and take chances that help them better understand themselves and the world around them.

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