



THE HOTCHKISS SCHOOL

2021-22



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.

HOTCHKISS

Our Students

The Student Body:

2021-22

ADMISSION

Applicants	2,535
Admitted	333
Matriculated	174

ENROLLMENT

Total on-campus enrollment	624
In Residence	613
Day	11
Grade 12 (Seniors)	172
Grade 11 (Upper Mids)	160
Grade 10 (Lower Mids)	162
Grade 9 (Preps)	130

States represented	38
Countries and territories represented	31

Students of color	39%
International students	14%
Students receiving financial aid	37%
Members of Class of 2021 receiving financial aid	36%
Students on aid attending Hotchkiss tuition-free	29%

Standardized Test Scores:

Class of 2021

	MIDDLE 50% OF ALL STUDENTS:	AVERAGE:
SAT	1320-1530	
Evidence Based Reading & Writing	660-760	702
Math	660-780	709
Total		1412

ACT COMPOSITE	29-34	31
English	30-35	33
Math	28-34	31
Reading	30-36	32
Science Reasoning	28-34	31

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.

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. In the 2019-20 school year, 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 has been in-person for the 2020-21 and 2021-22 school years.**

DISCIPLINARY REPORTING POLICY

It is a School expectation that students will respond truthfully to all questions on college applications regarding their disciplinary records. Reportable offenses include any disciplinary infractions that result in probation or dismissal. The College Advising Office will confirm the disciplinary history of Hotchkiss candidates who have faced probation and dismissal to colleges upon request from the college or university.

Range of Cumulative GPAs: Class of 2022

4-YEAR SENIORS

AVG. 9.82 (104 STUDENTS)

RANGE OF CUMULATIVE GPAS	NUMBER OF STUDENTS
11.00 and Above	12
10.50 to 10.99	17
10.00 to 10.49	21
9.50 to 9.99	27
9.00 to 9.49	10
8.50 to 8.99	10
8.00 to 8.49	1
7.00 to 7.99	4
Below 7.00	2

3-YEAR SENIORS

AVG. 9.95 (42 STUDENTS)

RANGE OF CUMULATIVE GPAS	NUMBER OF STUDENTS
11.00 and Above	6
10.50 to 10.99	7
10.00 to 10.49	14
9.50 to 9.99	7
9.00 to 9.49	4
8.50 to 8.99	1
8.00 to 8.49	1
Below 8.00	2

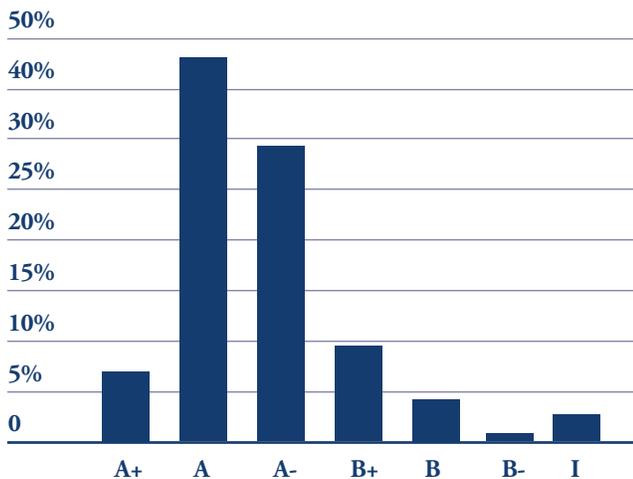
2-YEAR SENIORS

AVG. 10.40 (15 STUDENTS)

RANGE OF CUMULATIVE GPAS	NUMBER OF STUDENTS
11.00 and Above	3
10.50 to 10.99	7
10.00 to 10.49	1
9.50 to 9.99	1
Below 9.50	3

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

CLASS OF 2022, JUNE 2021



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

MacLeish Scholars Program

Ten members of the Class of 2022 were selected to the inaugural MacLeish Scholars Summer Program, which affords participants the chance to undertake archival research on a literary subject, complete a substantial creative writing project, and practice classical forms of papermaking, bookbinding, and letterpress printing. This summer, MacLeish students studied archival manuscripts at the Morgan Library, the Berg Collection, and the Schomberg Center. The MacLeish summer program is followed by a year-long honors course in which participants build their summer research into a 40-page senior thesis.

College Matriculation

Hotchkiss Classes of 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021

10 OR MORE STUDENTS	#	5 - 9	#
University of Chicago	43	Tufts University	9
Cornell University	31	Tulane University	9
Georgetown University	30	University of Southern California	9
University of Pennsylvania	26	University of St. Andrews	9
New York University	20	Hamilton College	8
Columbia University	18	Amherst College	7
Harvard University	18	Bowdoin College	7
Middlebury College	15	Carnegie Mellon University	7
Yale University	15	Trinity College	7
Boston University	14	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	7
Dartmouth College	14	University of Richmond	7
Kenyon College	13	University of Toronto	7
Washington University in St Louis	13	Boston College	6
Brown University	12	Colgate University	6
University of Michigan	12	Emory University	6
Wesleyan University	12	Lehigh University	6
Princeton University	11	Stanford University	6
University of Virginia	11	Union College	6
Bucknell University	10	Northwestern University	5
Colby College	10	University of California-Berkeley	5
Massachusetts Institute of Technology	10	University of Vermont	5
St. Lawrence University	10		

FEWER THAN 5

Arizona State University	Loyola Marymount University	Trinity University
Babson College	Macalester College	United States Air Force Academy
Barnard College	Marist College	United States Military Academy
Bates College	McGill University	United States Naval Academy
Bentley University	Morehouse College	University of British Columbia
Berklee College of Music	Northeastern University	University of California - Davis
Bryn Mawr College	Oberlin College	University of California - Los Angeles
Carleton College	Occidental College	University of California - San Diego
Central Connecticut State University	Pomona College	University of California - Santa Cruz
Claremont McKenna College	Purdue University	University of Colorado Boulder
Clemson University	Reed College	University of Connecticut
College of William and Mary	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Denver
Colorado College	Rhodes College	University of Florida
Concordia University - Montreal	Rice University	University of Maryland - College Park
Connecticut College	Sacred Heart University	University of Massachusetts - Amherst
Cooper Union	Saint Mary's College of California	University of Miami
Davidson College	Santa Clara University	University of Notre Dame
Denison University	Scripps College	University of Oklahoma
Dickinson College	Seattle University	University of Rhode Island
Duke University	Skidmore College	University of Utah
George Washington University	Smith College	University of Wisconsin - Madison
Georgia Institute of Technology	Southern Methodist University	Vanderbilt University
Gettysburg College	Springfield College	Vassar College
Grinnell College	Stony Brook University	Wagner College
Harvey Mudd College	SUNY College at Oswego	Wake Forest University
Haverford College	Texas Christian University	Washington and Lee University
Hillsdale College	The American University of Paris	Wellesley College
Hobart William Smith Colleges	The London School of Economics and Political Science	Whittier College
Howard University	The New School	Williams College
Indiana University - Bloomington	The University of Edinburgh	Wofford College
Johns Hopkins University	The University of Tennessee	
Lafayette College	The University of Texas at Austin	
Lake Forest College	The University of the South	
Lewis & Clark College		

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, 67 students have chosen to take a gap year.

Curriculum

The Hotchkiss curriculum aims to ignite 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

Hotchkiss's curriculum draws on the deep expertise of our faculty 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 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 three honors-level senior electives remain in place: EN480Y Honors Shakespeare and the Bible, EN481Y Honors Literary Research, 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; HI430 The Constitution and The Supreme Court is now SS480Y; HI441 Anatomy of Revolutions is now HI480F; HI451 World War II is now HI482F; HI452 Global Migration in the Modern Era is now SS481S; PL592 Fundamental Questions in Philosophy is now PL480S; SS431 National Security is now SS482F; SS432 Globalization and International Relations is now SS483S; HI485Y Honors Art History (formerly AR520 AP Art History) has moved to this department after a complete redesign.

New honors courses in Black Studies include HI483F Honors History of Anti-Blackness, and HI481S Honors African American History.

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, CH280 Honors Chemistry, CH490Y Honors/AP Chemistry, CH481F Honors Organic Chemistry, and CH482S Honors Inorganic Chemistry, PY380Y Honors Physics, PY481S Honors Fluids and Thermodynamics, PY482S Honors Waves and Electromagnetism, PY491F/492S Honors Calculus Based Physics, and EG481F/482S Honors Engineering.

The Science Department has added honors level electives in the areas of biology, chemistry, engineering, and environmental science.

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 and CH482S Honors Inorganic Chemistry require completion of a high school chemistry course. These courses also require pre-calculus.
- Honors Engineering requires completion of a high school physics course and enrollment in MA450Y Precalculus or higher.
- Environmental science courses require successful completion of two years of lab science courses (chemistry recommended).
- ES4855 Conservation Biology requires completion of or concurrent enrollment in a high biology course.
- PY491F/PY492S Honors Calculus Based Physics 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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