

# HOTCHKISS IN THE WORLD

2021-22 TRAVEL, LANGUAGE, AND IMMERSION PROGRAMS



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Dear students and families,

We are optimistic that we can return to travel and have planned a number of exciting opportunities designed to help students learn in ways that are not possible in Lakeville. Although these sojourns – whether in the U.S. or to other countries – take us far from campus, they are rooted in the Hotchkiss academic and co-curricular programs.

An electronic application for all of the programs will be made available to students. Students can also apply electronically for grants from the Funds for Global Understanding, which exist to support travel, cultural immersion, and community-based work in the developing world.

To learn more about any of the programs described in this catalog, please contact the leaders listed in this brochure. More detailed itineraries, costs, and schedule for pre-departure orientation sessions will be available in the months to come.

## **IMPORTANT DEADLINES:**

**November 8, 2021 11:59 p.m. EST** — Program applications and grant proposals for March Break Hotchkiss programs (Hotchkiss in Arizona and Hotchkiss to the Catawba Nation)

**December 16, 2021 11:59 p.m. EST** — Program applications for the MacLeish Scholars program.

**February 9, 2022 10:00 p.m. EST** — Program applications and grant proposals for summer Hotchkiss programs as well as grant proposals for other summer travel are due.

**February 16, 2022 10:00 p.m. EST** — Applications for Hersey Scholars are due (contact Dr. Norman for the application).

Please contact me with any questions, and I hope that you have fun exploring these opportunities!



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# Hotchkiss in Arizona (Border Studies)

March 5 – 12, 2022



## ESTIMATED COST

\$5,000: Includes RT airfare from JFK, ground transportation, all meals, accommodation, and program.

## LEADERS

Kristy Glasheen, Sara Forbes  
& Envoys Staff

## APPLICATION DEADLINE

November 8, 2021 by 11:59 p.m. EST



This program examines the lived reality of immigration within the United States, providing opportunities for students to seek out the truths that lie behind the news articles on communities far beyond our school bubble.

We will begin the program by delving into the legal and administrative complexity of immigration in one of our country's most perplexing border states. At the same time, we will explore the influence that local businesses have on the economy of the state and the region.

Building off this foundation, we will work hand-in-hand with members of community schools in Tucson in a peer exchange project. Through direct collaboration with families separated by the border between Nogales, Arizona, and Nogales, Mexico, we will seek to learn more about how the strands of the American story are woven by a variety of people within and beyond our borders.

We will end our time in Arizona by visiting the physical border and engaging in conversation with local immigration agents and others for whom navigating the border is part of their daily lives.

**Please note:** Although Spanish is not required, this program will be especially meaningful for students of Spanish, and there will be daily opportunities to speak in Spanish with community members. We plan to take a group flight to Arizona at the start of break, but students will need to plan travel home for the remainder of the break, as the program ends on March 12 and classes resume on March 23, 2022.

# Hotchkiss to the Catawba Nation (Native American Studies)

March 7 – 15, 2022



## ESTIMATED COST

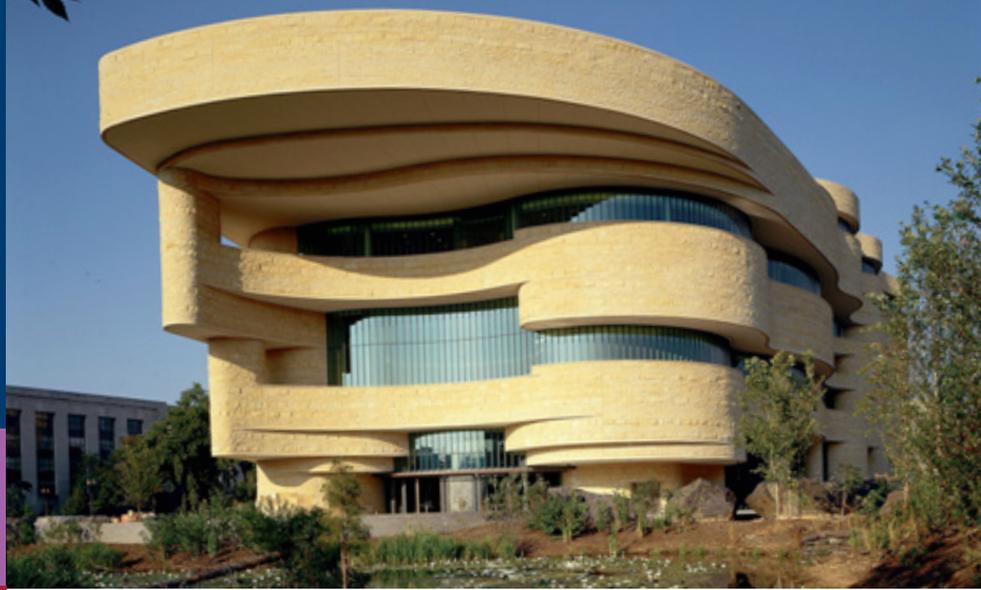
\$3,200: Includes ground transportation, meals, accommodation, and program.

## LEADERS

Keith Moon and Michelle Repass

## APPLICATION DEADLINE

November 8, 2021 by 11:59 p.m. EST



This spring, we are excited to provide an opportunity for students who are interested in the history of the East Coast of the United States. In particular we will take a close look at the Catawba Nation, whose history dates back 6,000 years in the Piedmont Region of North and South Carolina. This will be a driving program, with stops in Gettysburg, PA, Washington, D.C., Charlotte, NC, Rock Hill, SC, and Baltimore, MD.

On our travels we will stop at important national historical sites such as the Gettysburg Battlefield, Smithsonian Museum, and the National Mall en route to the Catawba Reservation in South Carolina. We will also spend a day of adventure and fun at the National Whitewater Center outside of Charlotte, NC. While at the Catawba Reservation, we will be introduced to tribal land, history, and culture and will contribute to some ongoing projects, mainly landscaping and planting work.

We will stay in hotels along the way and eat meals at local restaurants. We can expect the weather to be springlike and warm, particularly in the Carolinas.

**Please note:** The estimated cost does not include travel costs after the end of the program for the remainder of the March Break. We will plan to drop off students at BWI and Newark airports on Tuesday, March 15, when the program ends, and ask that no one book flights before 2 p.m. The dorms at Hotchkiss are not open until March 21, in advance of the resumption of classes on Wednesday, March 23, 2022.

# Hersey Scholars Program

(History, political science,  
culture, and/or  
philosophy research)

Summer 2022  
Dates to be determined



## ESTIMATED COST

Room, board, and program are covered by a generous grant to the School. Travel to and from the program is the responsibility of the student.

## LEADERS

Dr. Lisanne Norman and  
Dr. Thomas Fisher

## APPLICATION DEADLINE

February 16, 2022 by 10:00 p.m. EST



The Hersey Scholars Program is named in honor of Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist, historian, and author John Hersey, Class of 1932. After Hotchkiss, Hersey graduated from Yale and went on to chronicle broad swaths of mid-century life in his many books and journalistic writings.

This new program gives rising seniors the chance to spend two weeks undertaking archival research in Harvard University's libraries. The work in the summer is preparation for a year-long course in which students incorporate their research into a substantial senior thesis on a topic from history, political science, culture, and/or philosophy.

A typical day will feature mornings immersed in the Houghton and Schlesinger libraries and speaking with Harvard graduate scholars and professors about archival research. In the evenings, Scholars will revisit the day's findings in advising sessions with the Hotchkiss faculty in our accommodations in dormitories in the Boston area.

In the independent study course during the senior year, Hersey scholars will work to organize and analyze their research findings, read more primary and secondary materials, workshop their ideas, and finally synthesize their work into a 20+ page analytical essay that contributes in a significant way to current scholarship around their subject. All papers will be presented to the Hotchkiss community at the end of their senior year.

**Please note:** A faculty committee reviews all applications and interviews candidates. Ten students are selected by early spring, and preparation for the program begins immediately upon selection.

# Hotchkiss in Germany (Boys Basketball)

June 10 – 19, 2022



The Varsity Boys Basketball program is offering a unique opportunity for 12-15 scholar-athletes to travel to Germany.

While in Germany, we will compete against high level youth development teams such as the Frankfurt Skyliners and Alba Berlin. In addition to playing friendly games at sites across Germany, we will explore some of Germany's history and culture. Students will have transformative experiences at sites such as a concentration camp and the Jewish Museum in Berlin. Students will also experience the German school system and spend a day in classes at our partner school, the Kaiserin Friedrich Gymnasium in Bad Homburg.

It is important to note that this program is NOT limited to members of the Boys Varsity Basketball team and participation is not mandatory for any players interested in competing at the Varsity level. However, this experience is a wonderful opportunity to compete at an international level and to learn about Germany's rich culture.

**Please note:** A valid passport is necessary to apply and participate in this program; a visa may be required for students who do not hold a U.S. passport. As we will depart and return to JFK Airport in New York City, students should make their own travel plans to and from the airport. All meals will be covered except on the international travel days.

## ESTIMATED COST

\$3,900: Includes international airfare from JFK, ground transportation, meals, accommodations, and program.

## LEADERS

Yassine Talhaoui, Marc Dittmer, and Erby Mitchell

## APPLICATION DEADLINE

February 9, 2022 by 11:59 p.m. EST

# Hotchkiss in Guadeloupe (French immersion)

June 9 – 18, 2022



## ESTIMATED COST

\$6,000: Includes international airfare, ground transportation, meals, accommodation, and program.

## LEADERS

Wendy Levithan, Sarinda Wilson,  
and Envoys staff

## APPLICATION DEADLINE

February 9, 2022 by 11:59 p.m. EST

The French territory of Guadeloupe is a stunningly beautiful, culturally vibrant, socially diverse and deeply complicated island. In this program, students immerse themselves in the culture, topography, and complexity of Guadeloupe through the lens of language. Through daily engagement with local people students not only begin to understand the unique identity of the island but also the legacies of French colonialism and enslavement.

Students will explore the complexities that lie just beneath the surface while studying a range of topics. As a center of sugar cultivation, the small island served as an economic wellspring for the British and the French in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. Who benefited from the wealth produced? Even today, as a booming tourism industry has replaced agriculture, who is being served? How do local people view the story of their island? Additional topics include the history of slavery in Guadeloupe with a focus on the path to emancipation and the damaging legacy of slavery, and what environmental protections have been put in place to try and mitigate the effects of climate change.

The program is designed to help students advance their competency and comfort with French. They will put their evolving language skills to use in conversation with local communities, during school visits, and on guided tours. Students will recognize and explore geographical, social, and cultural themes encountered in the spring semester of the 2nd or 3rd year French curriculum.

**Please note:** While we will not enforce a strict language pledge for the duration of the program, participants should expect French to be a major focus of the trip and be eager to put their French to work.

# Hotchkiss in Israel (Humanities & Social Science)

June 16 – 30, 2022  
(approximate)



## ESTIMATED COST

\$5,500: Includes international airfare, ground transportation, meals, accommodation, and program.

## LEADERS

Jason Larson, Nathan Seidenberg,  
and WorldStrides staff

## APPLICATION DEADLINE

February 9, 2022 by 11:59 p.m. EST



Home to the religions of Judaism, Christianity, Islam, and Druism, Israel sits at the crossroads between Africa and Asia. This dynamic modern country is rich with history, and is also one of the most contested parcels of land in the world.

In this program, students will be immersed in contemporary Israeli life; experience the intersection of four world religions; journey back in time to the very origins of civilization in the Middle East; study the history of modern Israel from the 19th century; visit the souks in the Old Cities of Jerusalem, Akko, Nazareth, and Beer Sheva; climb the fortress and ancient palace of Masada; visit the holy sites of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam; enjoy the natural beauty of one of the most diverse topographies in the world; and learn more about the people and positions of the Israel/Palestinian conflict.

Led by Dr. Larson and Mr. Seidenberg, this program is offered in partnership with WorldStrides, and includes:

- Round-trip airfare and ground transportation
- Centrally located three- and four-star hotels
- Daily breakfast and dinner (We will take advantage of a range of inexpensive lunch options.)
- Full time, multilingual, WorldStrides tour director trained in experiential education

**Please note:** This program is open to all students, though interest in and previous study of Israeli history, Jewish studies, the history of religions, and/or ancient history will be beneficial. A valid passport is required, and students who do not hold U.S. passports may need to apply for a visa.

# Hotchkiss in Italy (Classics)

June 9 – 18, 2022



## ESTIMATED COST

\$3,500: Includes international airfare, ground transportation, meals, accommodation, and program

## LEADERS

David Conti and local guides

## APPLICATION DEADLINE

February 9, 2022 by 11:59 p.m. EST

The Hotchkiss Classics Program is excited to provide an opportunity for all students who are interested in the ancient world and the continuing influence of ancient Greece and Rome.

Based in Rome and Sorrento, the program will provide opportunities to walk among the remains of the Romans and learn about their civilization. The program will rely on many of the texts read in Hotchkiss Latin and Greek classes, with translations provided to all students.

We'll start in the city of Rome and experience the bustle that Horace wrote about in his satires and the Forum described by Cicero. We will begin with the earliest structures on the Palatine Hill and move chronologically through the monarchy and republic to the grand Imperial buildings many people will recognize. We'll visit the Vatican Museum and St. Peter's Basilica, as well as smaller museums and churches throughout the city. We'll stay in the heart of Rome, close to the Capitoline Hill, and eat at traditional restaurants in the city center. There will be opportunities to take a break in the Piazza Navona and have a gelato or two in the midst of our travels.

After Rome, we'll head south to Sorrento, on the Bay of Naples, to explore the streets of Pompeii, climb to the crater of Mt. Vesuvius, spend a day among Greek ruins in the city of Paestum, and relax for an afternoon on Capri. Students will have many opportunities to learn more about the ancient world, see connections between the Roman period and the Renaissance, and recognize Rome's continuing influence.

**Please note:** This program is open to all students with an interest in Roman and Greek history, though previous study of Latin and/or Greek will provide helpful context. A valid passport is required, and students who do not hold a U.S. passport may need to apply for a visa.

# Hotchkiss in Puerto Rico with the GEBG

June 12 – 18, 2022



## ESTIMATED COST

Estimated Cost: \$4,250 includes RT airfare from JFK and all program costs in Puerto Rico

## LEADERS

Ana Hermoso,  
Carmen Dockery Perkins and  
Envoys Staff

## APPLICATION DEADLINE

February 9, 2022 by 10:00 p.m. EST



We are excited to travel to Puerto Rico with other Global Education Benchmarking (GEBG) Schools. Puerto Rico has a strong sense of identity, thriving cultural centers, industry, some of the jewels of the national park system, and white sand beaches.

At the same time, this remarkably beautiful island is the oldest colony in the world, and has been a possession of the U.S. since the end of the Spanish American War in 1898. By Latin American standards, Puerto Rico has the highest GDP per capita; however, its poverty rate is higher than the poorest U.S. state, and the territory struggles with chronically large debt, considerable unemployment, and a high rate of emigration. Today, its inhabitants are U.S. Citizens who are taxed and can serve in the military, but have no representation or voting power in the federal government.

Amidst this context we have a valuable and richly complex opportunity to study and understand the implementation of the UN Sustainable Development Goals. Students begin with building their historical understanding of context, before diving into these specific SDGs:

- SDG 8: Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth;
- SDG 13: Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts;
- SDG 16: Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels.

In examining these SDGs, we will discuss these questions as well: What are the arguments for and against statehood for Puerto Rico? What does governance look and feel like on the island? What institutions uphold and maintain quality of life for Puerto Ricans? What work remains to be done?

**Please note:** This program is open to students in Spanish 250 and higher as the group will take a language pledge and take advantage of the many opportunities to speak Spanish.

# Hotchkiss in Spain Summer Music Programs

Approximate dates:  
June 21 - July 4, 2022 (Madrid)  
July 5 - July 10, 2022 (Granada)



## ESTIMATED COST

\$3,500 per student, including food, ground transportation, lodging and program for Las Rozas. Note that this *does not include international airfare*.

\$1,500 for Granada. *Does not include international airfare.*

## LEADERS

Gisele Witkowski and  
Fabio Witkowski

## APPLICATION DEADLINE

February 9, 2022 by 11:59 p.m. EST

The Hotchkiss in Spain Summer Music Program will offer an arts experience in the unique setting of Las Rozas de Madrid. Students embrace the rhythms of daily life in Spain, surrounded by rich cultural landmarks and stunning landscapes. Students will thrive in the stimulating environment of a Music Festival – daily lessons, rehearsals, concerts, and master classes. Daily activities will be complemented by excursions to museums, churches, art galleries, and architectural landmarks in nearby cities such as Segovia and Toledo, as well as the center of Madrid.

Director of the Hotchkiss Music Program Fabio Witkowski and piano instructor Gisele Nacif Witkowski will oversee the program, which offers a full immersion study experience in piano, orchestra, and jazz ensemble instruments.

A typical day consists of ample individual practice time, private lessons or masterclasses, and ensemble rehearsals, in addition to attending a concert or visiting a cultural site. The daily schedule and master classes with guest performers are designed to help all students enhance their technique and musical understanding. As a culminating experience, all students participate in at least one public performance.

After the Las Rozas de Madrid program, some piano students may decide to go to the *Music Week in Granada, Spain*. Students will continue dedicated practice and master classes in the shadow of the Sierra Nevada mountains and with easy access to the Alhambra and other historical sites. Students may choose to use the week to prepare for and participate in an international music competition, as well.

**Please note:** Spaces are limited for each program. In addition, visas are required for many visitors, so it is important to begin the application process as soon as the group has been selected.

# MacLeish Scholars

(Archival research on literature, creative writing, and bookbinding)

Summer 2022  
specific dates  
to be determined



## ESTIMATED COST

Room, board, and program are covered by a generous grant from Richard Bernstein '64.

Travel to and from the program is the responsibility of the student.

## LEADERS

Dr. Jeffrey Blevins, and program staff Neil Daigle-Orians and Janan Alexandra

## APPLICATION DEADLINE

December 16, 2021, 11:59 pm EST



The MacLeish Scholars Program is named in honor of Pulitzer Prize-winning poet Archibald MacLeish, Hotchkiss Class of 1911. MacLeish graduated from Yale and authored more than 50 works of poetry, nonfiction, and drama.

From our home in Yale's Beinecke Library, students undertake archival research on a literary subject, complete a substantial creative writing project, and practice classical forms of papermaking, bookbinding, and letterpress printing. The two week summer program is followed by a year-long honors course in which students build their summer research into a substantial senior thesis.

During the summer, scholars and faculty will live and eat in the dormitories at Yale. Mornings will be spent researching in the Beinecke, and many hours will be set aside for writing and workshopping as a group. Evening meetings with teachers will ensure that Scholars are gathering sufficient primary documents through the broad canvassing of papers related to their author or subject.

To complement their research and academic writing, Scholars will undertake a creative project during their afternoons such as a book of poems, a set of short stories, or a novella. Scholars will also work with an experienced printer towards the goal of producing an artistic, personal product to hold (and to display) their creative work. Scholars will create their own book, doing everything from designing the cover, choosing and setting the font, making the book's paper, and binding it in a manner of their choosing.

**Please note:** A faculty committee reviews all applications and interviews candidates. Ten students are selected by early spring, and preparation for the program begins immediately upon selection.