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College Admission Profile 2010-11

THE Loomis Chaffee School is a four-year, coeducational, independent boarding school located on a 300-acre campus in Windsor, Connecticut. Chartered in 1874 by five siblings whose children all died tragically and who then selflessly determined to found a school as a gift to the children of others, Loomis Chaffee provides a superb education for boys and girls regardless of religious or political beliefs, national origin or financial resources. Academically vigorous, the school promotes active learning and close faculty-student bonds within a respectful and civil community. All Loomis Chaffee students, who come from 27 U.S. states and 21 countries, plan to attend four-year colleges and universities. The school is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges and is a founding member of the Association of College Counselors of Independent Schools.

Enrollment

672 students in grades 9 through 12 and postgraduate study. There are 196 students in the Class of 2011 (80 girls and 116 boys).

Teaching Faculty

158 faculty members at Loomis Chaffee hold 114 advanced degrees (master's degrees and doctorates).

Requirements for Graduation

16 units

English - 4 years

Foreign Language - 3-year proficiency in one language

History & Social Science - 2 years (World History and U.S. History)

Mathematics - 3 years (2 of algebra, 1 of geometry)

Science - 2 years (2 years of laboratory science, including 1 life science and 1 physical science)

Philosophy, Psychology & Religion - 2 term courses, at least one at the upper-class level

Fine Arts - 3 courses for entering freshmen; 2 courses for all others

Fitness and Wellness - 1 term course

Course Load and Calendar

Normally students take four to five courses each term. In rare cases and with special permission, students may take six courses. The school year is divided into three academic terms. Since Loomis Chaffee runs on a trimester system, fall term grades, which are available in early December, are our midyear grades; winter term grades are available in early March.

Special Academic Programs

Loomis Chaffee students may study in France, Italy, China, Spain, Japan or Vietnam with the School Year Abroad Program; at The Chewonki Semester School in Maine; The Mountain School in Vershire, Vermont; The Rocky Mountain Semester in Leadville, Colorado; or at CITYterm in Dobbs Ferry, New York. Students may also undertake independent study and/or educational projects. An Independent Study Project focuses on a particular topic within a discipline, satisfies the requirements of a term course credit and is supervised and graded by a member of the faculty; educational projects allow students to pursue off-campus study beyond the scope of the regular curriculum.

Curriculum Notes

Sophomores typically take four yearlong courses, including a Writing Workshop and Fitness and Wellness as well as one or two term courses.

Sophomore Writing Workshop, a requirement of the English Department that complements its emphasis on the teaching of writing, meets once a week throughout the school year and includes an intensive, systematic review of grammar.

In the term course Fitness and Wellness, students explore the link between a healthy lifestyle and the prevention of chronic diseases and apply the health-related science learned in biology to their own lives.

Some departments offer advanced courses in lieu of the Advanced Placement curriculum.

The following are considered at least as rigorous, if not more, than their AP counterparts: Advanced French V Literature, Advanced Spanish V Literature, Advanced Biology II electives (Microbiology, Molecular Biology, Genetics, Anatomy & Physiology).

Multivariable Calculus and Linear Algebra are offered to exceptional students who have excelled in AP Calculus BC prior to the senior year.

Each student enrolled in an American history course completes a major research project using primary source material and culminating in a substantial college-level paper in the second half of the junior year.

Students who have demonstrated special aptitude and interest in history or art can be chosen to serve as instructional assistants in those departments for course credit. Under close teacher supervision, instructional assistants help both the teacher and students in their courses and work to broaden and deepen their own knowledge of the discipline.

As of the 2010/11 academic year, courses in Arabic language and culture will be offered at The Loomis Chaffee School. Arabic I is open to freshman and sophomores as a language choice, and Arab Culture Today is a new term elective available within our History Department. This course examines the culture(s) of countries where Arabic is spoken today, extending from Morocco to Yemen. Throughout the course, students will consider the relationship between the Arab world and the West, culminating in an examination of literature and film by Arabs living in Europe and America.

Advanced Courses

The following courses work at an accelerated pace and go beyond normal curricular requirements. At the upper-class level, such courses are comparable to introductory offerings at the college level.

English

English III Adv. Seminar
Satire
Shakespeare
AP Senior Seminar
in Literature
Independent Study

Chinese

Independent Study

French

French II Adv.
French III Adv.
AP French IV Language
Adv. French V Literature
French VI Adv.
Independent Study

Latin

Latin III Adv.
AP Latin
Independent Study

Spanish

Spanish II Adv.
Spanish III Adv.
AP Spanish IV Language
Adv. Spanish V Literature
Independent Study

History and Social Science

AP United States History
American Civil War
Globalization
AP Economics
Independent Study
Islam in the Middle East

Mathematics

Geometry Adv.
Algebra II Adv.
Precalculus / Calculus Adv.
AP Statistics
AP Calculus AB
AP Calculus BC
Multivariable Calculus
Linear Algebra
Independent Study

Science

Biology I Adv.
Biology II Adv.: Microbiology
Biology II Adv.: Molecular
Biology II Adv.: Genetics
Biology II Adv.: Anatomy
& Physiology
AP Environmental Science
Chemistry I Adv.
AP Chemistry II
Physics I Adv.
AP Physics II
Adv. Topics in Astronomy
Independent Study

Philosophy, Psychology and Religion

Independent Study

Art

Drawing Adv.
AP Art Seminar
Independent Study

Music

AP Music Theory
Independent Study

Theater

Adv. Acting for Comedy
Technical Theater II
Independent Study

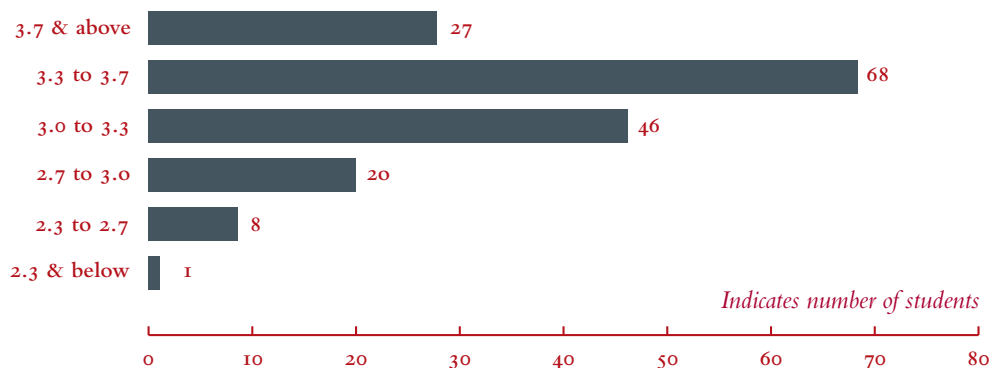


Grading and Ranking Policies

The grading system, A–F, also includes a pass/fail option in one course for seniors taking five courses. Loomis Chaffee does not rank its students but provides college admission offices with a grade distribution chart for all classes in which juniors were enrolled.

Junior Year Unweighted Cumulative Grade Point Average Distribution for Class of 2011

(does not include postgraduates)



Testing

The middle 50 percent of the students in the Class of 2010 scored in the following range on the SAT:

Critical Reading	590–700*
Mathematics	600–710
Writing	600–710*

*includes TOEFL-eligible students

Since 2007, Loomis Chaffee has graduated 34 National Merit finalists and 81 National Merit Commended students.

SAT Subject Test Averages Class of 2010

Biology-Ecology	652
Biology-Molecular	655
Chemistry	655
Chinese Listening	787
French Listening	630
French Reading	664
Latin	590
Literature	632
Math I	607
Math II	690
Physics	706
Spanish	622
U.S. History	619
World History	600

OF SPECIAL NOTE

In a signature program with the University of Pennsylvania, select biology students participate in an intensive eight-week research opportunity in the summer months. The students work with a Loomis Chaffee faculty member and research biologists from Penn to hone their laboratory skills, furthering their readiness for advanced college-level research.

The Center for Teaching and Learning was established in 2010 to serve Loomis Chaffee teachers in their pursuit of teaching and coaching excellence. The CTL and its staff serve the faculty as a proactive source of both ongoing professional development as well as pedagogical research based here at Loomis Chaffee and applied to our classrooms directly.

The Loomis Chaffee School has a long history of energy conservation and environmental responsibility. The campus composting program has reclaimed more than 16,000 pounds of food scrap waste since September 2009. In 2010, Loomis Chaffee placed second among 48 boarding schools in the Green Cup Challenge.

A member of the Class of 2010 finished first in Connecticut and third in the country in a national financial essay competition for high school students from a pool of more than 1,100 submitted. This success capped off a year of national achievements by our students in the field of economics. Earlier this year, a freshman placed third out of 928 high school teams in the national Stock Market Game, and a group of Loomis Chaffee economics students took second place in the state in the National Economics Challenge.

A Loomis Chaffee violinist was a First Prize Gold Medalist at the 2009 International Tchaikovsky Competition for Young Musicians and has performed multiple times with the Hartford Symphony Orchestra at the Bushnell.

Each year, the Loomis Chaffee community welcomes outstanding speakers to campus on a variety of timely topics under the auspices of the Hubbard Speakers Series. This year's series focused on South Asia, with speakers addressing four countries and cultures: film director Mira Nair (India), National Geographic photographer Steve McCurry (Afghanistan), novelist Ali Sethi (Pakistan), and Buddhist monks (Tibet) who culminated the year's theme by creating a sand mandala in the school's chapel in April.

Class of 2010 College Matriculations

The Class of 2010 applied to 263 colleges and universities and matriculated to 99 institutions.

American University	1	Emerson College	1	Middlebury College	2	University of Connecticut	7
Amherst College	1	Emory University	1	Mount Holyoke College	1	University of Massachusetts, Amherst	1
Barnard College	2	Franciscan University of Steubenville	1	New York University	1	University of Miami	1
Bates College	3	Franklin & Marshall College	4	Northeastern University	2	University of Michigan	2
Bentley University	1	Georgetown University	4	Northwestern University	1	University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill	1
Berklee College of Music	1	George Washington University	3	Occidental College	1	University of Notre Dame	1
Boston College	3	Gettysburg College	1	Palm Beach Atlantic University	1	University of Pennsylvania	2
Boston University	2	Hamilton College	5	Pratt Institute	1	University of Richmond	1
Bowdoin College	4	Harvard University	1	Princeton University	4	University of Rochester	3
Brandeis University	1	Haverford College	2	Providence College	1	University of Southern California	3
Brown University	1	Hobart and William Smith Colleges	1	Quinnipiac University	1	University of St. Andrews (Scotland)	4
Bucknell University	3	Hofstra University	2	Rice University	1	University of Vermont	2
Carnegie Mellon University	1	Howard University	1	Roger Williams University	1	University of Virginia	1
Case Western Reserve University	2	Howard University	1	Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey	1	Vanderbilt University	1
City College of San Francisco	1	Jacksonville University	1	Saint Anselm College	1	Vassar College	1
Colby College	2	Jacksonville University	1	Skidmore College	4	Villanova University	1
Colgate University	7	James Madison University	1	Southern Methodist University	1	Wake Forest University	1
College of Charleston	1	Johns Hopkins University	6	St. Lawrence University	1	Washington University in St. Louis	2
College of the Holy Cross	3	Johnson State College	1	Stonehill College	1	Wellesley College	1
Columbia University	3	Kenyon College	4	Syracuse University	3	Wesleyan University	3
Connecticut College	2	Lafayette College	3	Trinity College	3	Williams College	1
Cornell University	4	Lehigh University	5	Trinity University	2	Yale University	5
Dartmouth College	3	Macalester College	1	Tufts University	2		
Davidson College	1	Marist College	1	Tulane University	1		
Drexel University	1	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	1	Union College	2		
Duke University	2	Miami University, Oxford	2	University of Chicago	1		
Elon University	1						

Over the past five years, four or more Loomis Chaffee students have matriculated to the following institutions:

Amherst College	Drexel University	Miami University, Oxford	University of Maryland, College Park
Barnard College	Duke University	Middlebury College	University of Miami
Bates College	Elon University	Mount Holyoke College	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Bentley University	Endicott College	New York University	University of Pennsylvania
Boston College	Fairfield University	Northeastern University	University of Rochester
Boston University	Franklin and Marshall College	Northwestern University	University of St. Andrews (Scotland)
Bowdoin College	Georgetown University	Occidental College	University of Southern California
Brandeis University	George Washington University	Princeton University	University of Vermont
Brown University	Gettysburg College	Providence College	University of Virginia
Bryn Mawr College	Hamilton College	Reed College	University of Wisconsin, Madison
Bucknell University	Harvard University	Santa Clara University	Vassar College
Carnegie Mellon University	Haverford University	Skidmore College	Villanova University
Colby College	Hobart and William Smith Colleges	Smith College	Washington & Lee University
Colgate University	Hofstra University	St. Lawrence University	Washington University in St. Louis
College of the Holy Cross	Johns Hopkins University	Susquehanna University	Wellesley College
College of William & Mary	Kenyon College	Syracuse University	Wesleyan University
Colorado College	Lafayette College	Trinity College	Wheaton College
Columbia University	Lehigh University	Tufts University	Yale University
Connecticut College	Loyola University Maryland	Tulane University	
Cornell University	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	Union College	
Dartmouth College	McGill University	University of Connecticut	
Dickinson College		University of Illinois	