Lawrence Academy School Profile
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The School

Founded in 1793, Lawrence Academy is an academically rigorous coeducational boarding and day college-preparatory school enrolling 415 students in grades 9–12. The day population draws from eastern Massachusetts and neighboring New Hampshire towns. Ten percent of the student population is international, representing 10 different countries, while the remaining boarding students come from 15 different states. On average, 100 seniors graduate each year, with 100 percent matriculating at a four-year college.

Calendar

Lawrence Academy operates on a trimester system, with a required two-week "Winterim" experiential education program at the end of the winter term. The first trimester ends at the Thanksgiving break recess; the second, approximately March 1.

Class Rank, GPA, Cum Laude, and High Honor Roll/ Honor Roll

Lawrence Academy does not provide class rank nor a cumulative grade point average. Cum Laude is awarded to the top 10 percent of juniors with no grade below B-. High Honor Roll is earned with a term GPA of 3.50 and above with no grade below B. Honor Roll is earned with a term GPA of 3.00 and above with no grade below B-.

Graduation Requirements

Year-long courses earn one credit; term-length electives earn one-third credit. Students entering in Grade 9 must earn 18 credits; 17 1/3 credits are required for all others for graduation, including the following distribution requirements:

English	4 years
Mathematics	3 years (through Algebra II and Trigonometry)
Science	3 years of a laboratory science for students entering in Grade 9 (Physics, Chemistry, Biology); 2 years for others (Chemistry and Biology)
History	3 years if entering in Grade 9; 2 years for others (U.S. History plus one other)
Language	2 years of one language
Arts	2 years for students entering in Grade 9; 1/3 credit per year for others "or" one trimester per year for others

Reporting Discipline

It is expected, when asked in the college application process about any formal discipline at Lawrence Academy, that students will respond in an honest and forthright manner. If Lawrence Academy discovers that a student has not answered honestly and forthrightly according to the college's purpose and definition, the school will immediately contact the college and provide an account of the student's relevant disciplinary history consistent with the school's records. If a college reaches out to inquire about a student's disciplinary history, Lawrence Academy will answer honestly. Aside from specific inquiries from colleges, Lawrence Academy does not automatically report disciplinary decisions to other schools or colleges unless they occur following the submission of application materials by the student and/or during the student's senior year.

Accreditation

New England Association of Schools and Colleges. Memberships are held in the National Association for College Admissions Counseling, the New England Association for College Admissions Counseling, the College Board, and the Association of College Counselors in Independent Schools.

The Curriculum

Year-long classes form the core of the upper class curriculum. Most arts classes are one term in length. **Lawrence Academy does not offer Advanced Placement courses.** Our most rigorous courses will be designated "Honors," and students may only take these courses with the permission of the department chair and/or completion of an assessment.

Explanation of Course Levels

Lawrence Academy offers a rigorous, college-preparatory curriculum at all grade levels. Courses are offered at the Standard (ST), Advanced (ADV), and Honors (HON) levels, and each discipline may vary by year. We offer three classes (Chemistry, Physics, and Precalculus) at the Advanced Level, which is for students who have not been selected for the Honors level course but are ready to work at a more accelerated pace than the Standard class. Honors is our highest course level. Honors courses are as rigorous, if not more than AP classes.

Course	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
English	ST	ST	ST, HON	ST, HON
History	ST	ST	ST, HON	ST, HON
Mathematics	ST, HON	ST, ADV, HON	ST, ADV, HON	ST, ADV, HON
Science	ST	ST, ADV, HON	ST, HON	ST, ADV, HON
Language	ST, HON	ST, HON	ST, HON	ST, HON
Arts	ST	ST	ST, HON	ST, HON

Honors Courses

Taken only with the permission of the department chair and/or the completion of a qualifying assessment. Honors courses merit a .33 increase in GPA points associated with grades in that course at the end of each trimester.

Arts: Honors Dance I, Honors Dance II, Honors Dance III, Honors Digital Media I, Honors Digital Media II, Honors Lawrence Academy Singers, Honors Performance Studies, Honors Theater Ensemble, Honors Visual Art I, Honors Visual Art II, Honors Visual Art III

English: Honors English Composition, Honors Literature, Honors Writing

History: Honors U.S. History; Honors Terrorism, Extremism, Radicalism, Honors Seminar: Hidden History

Language: Honors Chinese 3, Honors Chinese 4, Honors Chinese 5, Honors French 3, Honors French 4, Honors French 5, Honors Latin III, Honors Latin IV, Honors Latin V, Honors Spanish 3, Honors Spanish 4, Honors Spanish 5, Honors Spanish 6

Mathematics: Honors Integrated Algebra and Geometry II, Honors Algebra II and Trigonometry, Honors Precalculus, Honors Calculus, Honors Multivariable Calculus, Honors Statistics, Honors Computer Science

Science: Honors Anatomy and Physiology, Honors Biology, Honors Chemistry, Honors Experimental Chemistry, Honors Environmental Science, Honors Marine Science, Honors Physics, Honors Research in Astronomy

Numerical Equivalents used for averaging

A	**4.00**	**B+**	**3.33**	**C+**	**2.33**	**D+**	**1.33**	**F**	**0.00**
A-	**3.67**	**B**	**3.00**	**C**	**2.00**	**D**	**1.00**		
		B-	**2.67**	**C-**	**1.67**	**D-**	**0 .67**		

Grade Distribution	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	D-	F
Arts												
Composite of all Arts courses	283	56	18	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
English												
English Composition	10	13	16	22	3	3	0	0	1	0	0	0
Honors English Composition	24	11	5	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Senior English Seminar	0	11	13	11	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
History												
U.S. History	7	7	13	8	5	2	1	2	0	0	0	0
Honors U.S. History	39	11	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gender in America	10	10	7	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
History and Film: The World in Crisis	11	9	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Human Geography	2	3	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Honors Terrorism, Extremism, and Radicalism	23	16	7	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Language												
French 2	4	1	1	5	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
French 3	3	1	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Honors French 3	4	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Honors French 4	0	2	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
French 5	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Honors French 5	1	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Latin III	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Honors Latin III	4	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Honors Latin IV	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Spanish 2	23	18	13	11	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Spanish 3	3	8	6	17	3	2	2	2	0	0	0	0
Honors Spanish 3	12	2	5	7	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Spanish 4	5	7	9	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Honors Spanish 4	8	6	4	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Spanish 5	1	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Honors Spanish 5	9	5	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chinese 1	2	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chinese 3	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Honors Chinese 3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Honors Chinese 5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mathematics												
Integrated Algebra and Geometry II	29	8	14	14	9	6	4	2	1	1	1	0
Algebra II and Trigonometry	27	15	14	14	6	4	7	2	1	0	0	0
Honors Algebra II and Trigonometry	14	6	2	5	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Precalculus	10	10	8	13	5	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
Advanced Precalculus	18	11	6	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Honors Precalculus	8	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Calculus	6	4	6	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Honors Calculus	9	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Honors Statistics	6	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Science												
Advanced Chemistry	10	10	6	18	3	1	3	0	0	0	0	0
Honors Chemistry	7	11	9	11	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Biology	9	9	12	6	5	3	4	1	1	0	0	0
Honors Biology	8	10	6	5	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Anatomy and Physiology	4	5	4	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Advanced Physics	8	2	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Honors Physics	4	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Marine Science	3	4	3	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Forensics	12	15	13	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Public Health	6	6	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Honors Environmental Science	4	4	7	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Honors Experimental Chemistry	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Colleges Attending – Lawrence Academy Graduates 2021-2024

American University
Amherst College
Arizona State University
Assumption University
Babson College
Baldwin Wallace University
Bard College
Bates College
Bentley University
Berklee College of Music
Boston College
Boston University
Bowdoin College
Brandeis University
Brown University
Bryant University
Bucknell University
Central Connecticut State University
Centre College
Clark University
Coastal Carolina University
Colby College
Colgate University
College of Charleston
College of the Holy Cross
Colorado State University
Connecticut College
Denison University
Dickinson College
Drew University
Duke University
Elon University
Elon University
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
Emerson College
Emmanuel College
Endicott College
Fairfield University
Florida Southern College
Fordham University
Franklin & Marshall College
Franklin Pierce University
George Washington University
Georgetown University
Gettysburg College
Goldey-Beacom College
Hamilton College
High Point University
Hobart and William Smith Colleges
Hofstra University
Howard University
IE University
Ithaca College
Jacksonville University
James Madison University
Keene State College
Kenyon College
Lafayette College
Lake Forest College
Lasell University
Lehigh University
Loyola Marymount University
Lynn University
Manhattan College
Marist College
Massachusetts Maritime Academy
Merrimack College
Miami University (Oxford)
Montana State University
Mount Holyoke College
New York University
Nichols College
North Carolina State University
North Greenville University
Northeastern University
Norwich University
Occidental College
Oregon State University
Pace University (New York City)
Parsons School of Design
Penn State University
Providence College
Purdue University
Quinnipiac University
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rochester Institute of Technology
Roger Williams University
Rutgers University
Sacred Heart University
Saint Anselm College
Salve Regina University
Santa Clara University
Sarah Lawrence College
Savannah College of Art and Design
Scripps College
Sewanee: The University of the South
Skidmore College
Smith College
Sophia University
St. John's College (Santa Fe)
St. Lawrence University
Stonehill College
Suffolk University
Syracuse University
The Ohio State University
The University of Alabama
The University of Tampa
The University of Tennessee
The University of Texas at Austin
Trinity College
Tufts University
Tulane University
Union College
United States Military Academy at West Point
University of Arizona
University of California (Berkeley)
University of California (Davis)
University of California (Los Angeles)
University of California (Riverside)
University of Chicago
University of Colorado Boulder
University of Connecticut
University of Dayton
University of Denver
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
University of Maine
University of Maryland (College Park)
University of Massachusetts (Amherst)
University of Massachusetts (Lowell)
University of Miami
University of Michigan
University of New England
University of New Hampshire
University of New Haven
University of North Carolina Wilmington
University of North Carolina at Asheville
University of Notre Dame
University of Richmond
University of South Carolina
University of Utah
University of Vermont
University of Wisconsin (Madison)
Villanova University
Wagner College
Wake Forest University
Washington and Lee University
Wesleyan University
Williams College
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Xavier University