



PROFILE FOR COLLEGES 2011-2012

THE SCHOOL

La Lumiere is a coeducational lay Catholic boarding and day school with an enrollment of over 200 students that provides a comprehensive college preparatory education for qualified young men and women from a rich diversity of backgrounds.

Our campus is situated on a beautiful rural estate, 25 miles west of South Bend and 60 miles east of Chicago.

La Lumiere is accredited by the Independent Schools Association of the Central States (ISACS).

OUR MISSION

La Lumiere provides a college preparatory education based in character, scholarship and faith.

For almost 50 years, the core of a La Lumiere education has rested on four elements:

- A family-like community where everyone knows everyone.
- A set of rigorous academic and Co-curricular offerings that help students develop their talents.
- An atmosphere of Christian ideals, grounded in the school's Catholic heritage.
- An exceptional faculty uncommonly committed to the students.

DISTINCTIONS AND SIGNATURE PROGRAMS

Independent Study

For qualified students in their final year, La Lumiere School offers independent study in each discipline. Students work with a team of faculty members in Honors level study on a topic developed by the student and the faculty. Most projects take an interdisciplinary approach.

Required Co-Curricular Activities

In order to develop a well-rounded student, all La Lumiere students participate in one co-curricular activity per season. Our students' academic experience is complemented by required athletic participation – choosing from fifteen varsity sports. Students may also participate in drama, Science Olympiad, Academic Decathlon, dance team, performance band, and other fine and performing arts.

Community Service

All students perform a minimum of 45 hours of community service as a requirement for graduation. Students are sensitized to the needs of others through first-hand work with the elderly, small children, homeless and other-abled persons. Students develop problem-solving skills and learn compassion and understanding through this program.

Environmental Sciences

La Lumiere has the unique opportunity to take advantage of our campus as an outdoor laboratory. The Environmental Sciences program inspires our students to environmental stewardship through academics and engagement with the campus including our natural, spring-fed lake, abundant wildlife and wooded acres.

Humanities Program

La Lumiere's two-year humanities program examines the art, architecture and literature of history's most important cultures and civilizations. Students explore written history from its beginnings to the present by reading, discussing and analyzing primary source texts within their respective historical contexts.

Prefect Leadership Program

The La Lumiere Prefect System allows for student leaders to serve their school by contributing in every phase of the school community: student life, admissions, service, spiritual life, residential life, and the overall quality of the school experience. The Prefect System is comprised of outstanding Upperclassmen who undergo an application process and are selected by peer leaders and a faculty committee. The student prefects are chosen for their character, integrity, leadership on campus and beyond, and commitment to our School's mission.

Stewardship Seminar

La Lumiere has designed an innovative leadership curriculum where students explore leadership from every angle and take a "service learning" approach addressing a chosen issue. Students gain skills including improved public speaking, debate mechanics and procedures, and exposure to organizational behavior concepts.

International Service Programs

In addition to international exchange programs, La Lumiere has an active partnership with the Fabretto Children's Foundation in Managua, Nicaragua. Each year, a select group of students travels to a remote region of Nicaragua to perform service. Students benefit from this intensive living, learning and immersion experience.

Two GPAs appear on La Lumiere transcripts, weighted and unweighted. The weighted GPA is the official GPA and is reported on School Report forms. Both GPAs include all classes taken at La Lumiere. For the weighted GPA, students receive one extra point to the scale below for Honors and Advanced Placement courses. For transfer students, the GPAs appearing on the La Lumiere transcript include only courses taken at La Lumiere. The cumulative GPA reported on School Report forms for transfer students includes grades a student has earned at each school attended. As a matter of policy, La Lumiere does not rank.

GRADING SYSTEM

A+	4.33	A	4.0	A-	3.67
B+	3.33	B	3.0	B-	2.67
C+	2.33	C	2.0	C-	1.67
D+	1.33	D	1.0	D-	.67
F	0.00				

* AP and Honors classes are weighted and students receive one extra point

CLASS OF 2011 STANDARDIZED TEST SCORES

SAT	Middle 50%	Mean
Critical Reading	470-630	551
Math	500-610	575
Writing	470-600	547
Total	1520-1800	1674

ACT	Middle 50%	Mean
English	22-30	25.4
Math	23-27	25.2
Reading	22-32	26.3
Science Reasoning	21-26	23.9
Composite	22-28	24.9

CLASS OF 2011 GRADE POINT AVERAGES

Highest GPA: 4.47 Mean GPA: 3.02

GPA Range	# of Students	% of Class
4.00+	7	11
3.5-3.99	13	22
3.00-3.49	10	17
2.50-2.99	17	28
2.00-2.49	4	7
1.50-1.99	9	15

BY THE NUMBERS

Enrollment: 200

States represented: 8

International Students: 15%

Students of Color: 32%

Students Receiving Financial Aid: 22.5%

Faculty: 28; 46% with advanced degrees

73% of faculty teach, coach and live on campus

Student-to-faculty ratio: 7:1

Average class size: 11

CURRICULUM AND GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

La Lumiere requires 20.5 units for graduation including:

English (4)	Mathematics (4)
Ethics (1)	Science (2:3 preferred)
Biblical Literature (1)	Fine Arts (1/2)
Leadership (.5)	Social Science (2.5)
Electives (3)	Speech Contests (4)
Modern Language (2:3 preferred)	

ADVANCED PLACEMENT program courses are available in English Literature, Calculus, Computer Science, Physics and US History. Students can receive dual credit for participation in college-level courses in Pre-Calculus, Calculus and AP Physics 1&2.

ETHICS

A unique graduation requirement for La Lumiere is an Ethics class. In Ethics, students study major ethical traditions, both Western (including Utilitarianism, Kantian deontology, virtue ethics, egoism, and Augustinian theology) and Eastern (Lao-tzu, Confucius, the Dalai Lama, and more). During the first semester, students learn to understand and critique these traditions. During the second semester, students study major ethical fallacies and argument building to aid them in creating strong ethical arguments and to practice applying ethical principles to everyday issues. At the end of the school year, each student produces a major final project that consists of a 10-12 page paper and an oral presentation on a topic of his or her choice.



COURSES OFFERED

ENGLISH 4 UNITS AP/ADVANCED

English 9	Multicultural Literature	AP English Literature & Composition
English 10	Shakespeare	
English 11	World Mythology	
Creative Writing	Religion & Literature	
Detective Fiction		

MATH 4 UNITS AP/ADVANCED

Algebra I	Algebra Applications	Honors Pre-Calculus
Algebra II	Statistics	AP Calculus AB
Geometry		AP Calculus BC
Algebra/Trigonometry		

SCIENCE 2 UNITS, 3 PREFERRED AP/ADVANCED

Biology	Biology: A Systems Approach	AP Physics I & II
Chemistry	Anatomy & Physiology	Advanced Biology
Physics	Marine Biology	Advanced Chemistry
Health	Introduction to Chemistry & Physics	Honors Physics
Earth Sciences		

LANGUAGES 2 UNITS, 3 PREFERRED AP/ADVANCED

French I	Latin I	Advanced French Language
French II	Latin II	Advanced Spanish Language
French III	Latin III	Advanced French Literature
Spanish I		Advanced Spanish Literature
Spanish II		Advanced Latin Literature
Spanish III		

SOCIAL STUDIES 2.5 UNITS AP/ADVANCED

Geography	International Relations	AP US History
GIS Geography	Foundations of Western Civilization	
World History	Introduction to Psychology	
Government		
Economics		

FINE ARTS .5 UNITS AP/ADVANCED

Art Foundations	Introduction to Drama	Advanced Art
Art History	Music Appreciation	Independent Study in Art Studio
Art Studio 2D	Desktop Publishing	
Art Studio 3D		

ESL

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COMPUTERS AP/ADVANCED

Introduction to Computer Programming	AP Computer Science
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THEOLOGY AND PHILOSOPHY

Biblical Literature
Introduction to Christian Thought
Ethics
Introduction to Philosophy
World Religions

STEWARDSHIP .5 UNITS

Leadership Seminar
Catholic Social Justice
Environmental Stewardship

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES 2007-2011

The following universities are among those offering admission to the 2007-2011 graduates of La Lumiere School.

Bold indicates matriculation for the Class of 2011.

Albany College of Pharmacy
Albion College
Allegheny College
American University
Aquinas College
Arizona State University
Augustana College
Austin Peay State University
Azusa Pacific University
Ball State University
Bard College
Bates College
Beloit College
Bethel College
Binghamton University
Boston College
Bradley University
Butler University
Carthage College
Catholic University of America
Colgate University
College of William and Mary
Collin County Community College
Colorado State University
Columbia College
Columbia University
Cornell College
Creighton University
Denison University
DePaul University
DePauw University
Dominican University
Drexel University
Earlham College
Eastern Michigan University
Emory University
The Evergreen State College
Fordham University
George Washington University
Grambling State University
Hanover College
Hillsdale College
Hofstra University
Holy Cross College
Hope College
Howard University
Illinois Institute of Technology

Indiana State University
Indiana University at Bloomington
Indiana University South Bend
Indiana University-Purdue
University Fort Wayne
Indiana University-Purdue
University Indianapolis
Iowa Central Community College
Ithaca College
Ivy Tech Community College
John Carroll University
Johnson & Wales University
Kendall College of Art and Design
Knox College
Lake Michigan College
Lawrence University
Lewis & Clark College
Loras College
Loyola University Chicago
Manchester College
Marquette University
Maryland College Institute of Art
McKendree University
Miami University (OH)
Michigan State University
Middlebury College
Niagara University
Northern Illinois University
Northern Michigan University
Northwestern University
Pennsylvania State University
Pepperdine University
Purdue University
Purdue University Calumet
Purdue University North Central
Reed College
Regis University
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Roosevelt University
Rose-Hulman Institute of
Technology
Saint Leo University
Saint Louis University
Saint Mary's College of Maryland
School of the Art Institute of Chicago
School of Visual Arts
Seattle University

Smith College
Southeastern Louisiana University
Southeastern University
Southern Methodist University
Southern Illinois University,
Carbondale
Spring Hill College
St. John's University
St. Norbert College
Stanford University
Swarthmore College
State University of New York at
Albany
Syracuse University
The Culinary Institute of America
The Ohio State University
Tulane University
University of Dayton
University of Delaware
University of Detroit Mercy
University of Illinois at Chicago
University of Illinois, Urbana-
Champaign
University of Iowa
University of Massachusetts,
Amherst
University of Michigan
University of Nebraska, Lincoln
University of Nevada, Las Vegas
University of Notre Dame
University of Rhode Island
University of Utah
University of Vermont
University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee
University of Wisconsin, Madison
Ursinus College
Valparaiso University
Vanderbilt University
Villanova University
Wartburg College
West Virginia University
Western Michigan University
Willamette University
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Xavier University

Students in the Class of 2011 submitted an average of seven applications per student while applying to 191 colleges in 40 states, the District of Columbia, and Canada. They received 235 acceptances (more acceptances than there were applications of all students in 2010). They are enrolled in 36 colleges in 15 states. One student deferred college to pursue a gap year.