



INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AT LAFAYETTE



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WHO ARE INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS?

International students are defined by Lafayette as citizens of countries other than the United States. Lafayette is also the home of three other groups of students with ties to the international community: Americans living overseas, Americans with dual citizenship, and U.S. permanent residents.



Gathering for the annual Thanksgiving dinner for international students are (from left): Marco Tjioe '09 of Indonesia; Long Ho '10 of Vietnam; Hristiana Eneva '10 of Bulgaria; Huong Nguyen '08 of Vietnam; Martin Tjioe '09 of Indonesia; and Antoaneta Malhasyan '10 of Bulgaria.

ON THE COVER (from left): Ashutosh Tamrakar '12 of Nepal, Martin Melendro '11 of Colombia, Diana Hasegan '10 of Romania, Zara Piracha '11 of Pakistan, and Shelvean Kapita '10 of Zimbabwe.

FROM AROUND THE WORLD

The experiences of international students who attend Lafayette are as diverse as the students themselves. Typically, each first-year class enrolls 35-40 students from countries outside the United States. International students make up about 6 percent of the student body, coming from 55 countries.

With only 2,400 students and a student-faculty ratio of 10.6:1, you will receive personal attention from faculty and have the opportunity to learn much about life in the United States through the students you'll meet and trips to sites of interest such as New York City. Equally important, the College community will have the opportunity to learn about you, your country, and culture.

Lafayette is a private, liberal arts college with a broad-based, challenging curriculum of engineering, natural and social sciences, and the humanities. The College encourages students to take courses beyond their chosen subject area so that they will develop a general understanding of many fields of learning. This educational philosophy is also reflected in Lafayette's ongoing efforts to promote diversity in the community by recruiting students with differing backgrounds and interests, both within the United States and abroad.

The rigorous academic atmosphere at Lafayette is enhanced by the microcosmic world of cultures and societies that international students provide. Likewise, they benefit from learning more about the culture and people of the United States.

In today's world, which is entwined economically and politically, the education of all students includes understanding the goals and aspirations of people from other countries.



Diana Hasegan '10
(Târgu Mures, Romania)
A.B. economics and business* and
B.S. civil engineering

I decided to apply to Lafayette because it ranked very high in engineering programs at liberal arts colleges. I wanted to pursue the liberal arts because of the well-rounded education you receive, but I also wanted to study an engineering curriculum to develop a technical and transferable skill set. I found Lafayette to be the perfect combination of breadth and depth.

My life goal is to be a leader of change in my community, my city, my country, and my world. The biggest challenge I will probably face is bringing this change to Romania's most deficient sectors: education and infrastructure. Lafayette has inspired me to have the courage to do big things—to be the change I want to see in the world—and it has helped me to hone the skills that will be of greatest need to me after college. The things I have acquired at Lafayette are communication, critical thinking, and teamwork skills; time management and networking abilities; and a keen interest in all of the subjects of knowledge.

The people I have met while at Lafayette have enhanced my experience in a variety of ways. The personal attention and interaction with members of the Lafayette community were main factors in my decision to apply here. From them, I've learned the norms of a new society, I've perfected my English speaking and writing skills, I've explored subjects and places I hadn't even thought of before Lafayette, and more importantly I've learned about myself.

Advice for international students: Think long and hard about the decision to study abroad. It is a good amount of effort just to apply, and then it is a great effort to adapt to a new society and culture and to become completely independent. But it is tremendously rewarding if you are up to the challenges of being an international student.

Hasegan is a resident adviser and member of the leadership team for the Reeder Fellows House. She has studied abroad in Hong Kong and New Zealand, and has worked on a number of EXCEL and independent research projects focusing on sustainability. She is a member of the Tau Beta Pi engineering honor society, Phi Beta Kappa honor society, the Omicron Delta Epsilon international economics honor society, and the tennis club.

*For students entering in the fall of 2008 and after, the major is called economics.



Miguel Yamaguchi '11 of Japan used his expertise as a computer science major to help put together the multimedia exhibit *Knee Deep and Risin'* at the Grossman Gallery. He worked under the guidance of Chun Wai Liew, associate professor of computer science, and Jim Toia, director of the art department's Community-Based Teaching program.

A DIFFERENT EDUCATION

You may find the American higher education system to be quite different from that in your home country. At Lafayette, most classes are small, allowing for a great deal of discussion. Professors encourage discussion in class and in extracurricular activities that complement your academic studies. You'll have the opportunity for close interaction with professors. They are eager to get to know you, to give you guidance in reaching your goals, and may even invite you to share a meal together.

The curriculum is designed to give you as broad an education as possible, while providing essential knowledge in your major field of study. Each semester you may choose courses from a variety of subjects in your major as well as those offered by other departments.

For example, an engineering student may take courses in music, foreign language, or economics. Or, a student whose major field is biology may have a strong interest in philosophy and literature and so selects courses in those areas.

No matter what major you select, Lafayette offers a variety of opportunities to study abroad in locations throughout the world during the January interim session, for one semester, or for a full academic year.



Anne Rapuoda '10 of Kenya worked as an EXCEL Scholar on a multidisciplinary research project which allowed students from majors in the liberal arts and engineering to combine their expertise to explore cost-effective methods for removing the harmful contaminant perchlorate from groundwater.

CHOICES AND FLEXIBILITY

At Lafayette, you may choose from a wide selection of majors in four areas—engineering, natural sciences, social sciences, and the humanities. In engineering, you may specialize in chemical, civil and environmental, electrical and computer, or mechanical, or choose the bachelor of arts in engineering studies, an unusual opportunity to obtain a strong technical education within the context of

a broad liberal arts program. Engineering courses are combined with the humanities and social sciences.

The bachelor of arts requirements make it possible to pursue two majors. Many students also develop a secondary interest but do not wish to pursue a second major. In that case, many choose a minor. Most departments offer a minor and the College has a group of interdisciplinary minors that are of interest to international students. These minors include Asian studies, Jewish studies, and Latin American and Caribbean studies.



Belinda Sibanda '11 of Zimbabwe works in a biology lab in Hugel Science Center.

ACADEMIC DEGREES

Bachelor of Arts

Africana Studies
 American Studies
 Anthropology and Sociology
 Art
 Asian Studies
 Biochemistry
 Biology
 Chemistry
 Communications (see English)
 Computer Science
 Economics
 Certificate in Finance
 Engineering Studies
 English
 French
 German
 Government and Law
 Government & Law and Foreign Language
 History
 International Affairs

International Economics and Commerce
 Mathematics
 Mathematics-Economics
 Music
 Philosophy
 Physics
 Astronomy
 Policy Studies
 Psychology
 Religion and Politics
 Religious Studies
 Russian and East European Studies
 Spanish

Bachelor of Science

Biochemistry
 Biology
 Chemical Engineering
 Chemistry
 Civil Engineering
 Computer Science
 Electrical and Computer Engineering
 Geology

Mathematics
 Mechanical Engineering
 Neuroscience
 Physics
 Astronomy
 Psychology

Two-Degree Program

International Studies (A.B.) and Engineering (B.S.)

Minors

Africana Studies
 Anthropology and Sociology
 Architectural Studies
 Art
 Asian Studies
 Biotechnology/Bioengineering
 Chemistry
 Classical Civilization
 Computational Methods
 Computer Science
 Drama/Theater

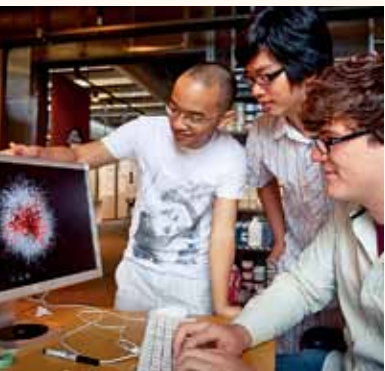
Economics
 English
 Environmental Science
 Film
 French
 Geology
 German
 Government and Law
 Health Care and Society
 History
 Jewish Studies
 Latin American and Caribbean Studies
 Mathematics
 Medieval, Renaissance, and Early Modern Studies
 Music
 Philosophy
 Physics
 Psychology
 Religious Studies
 Russian
 Spanish
 Women's and Gender Studies
 Writing

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

You will be encouraged to do research at Lafayette. The faculty members are distinguished teachers, researchers, and published writers, 100 percent of whom hold the Ph.D. or terminal degree in their field. Their first priority is teaching and mentoring students.

Each year about 20 percent of students work one-on-one with faculty on research. You can do a research-oriented independent study in a particular subject, write a senior honors thesis, or work as a research assistant with a professor on his or her ongoing research through the EXCEL Scholars program. EXCEL Scholars may work part-time during the semester and full-time during January interim session or through the summer. In addition, you can pursue your own research, guided by a faculty adviser, for a senior honors thesis.

Conducting research through any of these three methods is an invaluable experience. It gives you in-depth knowledge of a particular subject as well as providing good experience when applying to graduate schools or for prospective employment. You will have the chance to present your research at national conferences and seminars.



Long Ho '10 (L-R) of Vietnam, Khine Lin '10 of Myanmar, and Rhodes Baker '10 worked on research exploring the complex patterns and processes that can emerge in visual structures.

Students don't declare a major until the second semester of their sophomore (second) year, providing time to explore various areas.

The Common Course of Study is a central core of courses around which your Lafayette education is organized. Designed to introduce you to intellectual inquiry, two special seminars engage students as thinkers, speakers, and writers and provide a common intellectual experience for you, your class peers, and the faculty.

The academic goals of Lafayette are reflected in the design and content of the core curriculum. The College believes that students must learn to gather and evaluate information, communicate effectively orally and in writing, understand quantitative reasoning, form aesthetic judgments, comprehend scientific and technological advances and their impact on society, and feel at home in a world



Ashutosh Tamrakar '12
(Kathmandu, Nepal)
A.B. art and B.S. chemical engineering

Lafayette is a small, tight-knit community that promotes interaction among faculty, students, and administration. Even prior to my coming here, the chats and feedback from enrolled students and the special care from Janine Block, our international adviser, left a lasting impression on me.

The chance to pursue both an engineering and a liberal arts degree was probably the first

thing that stood out to me about Lafayette. Among the thousands of colleges in the U.S., Lafayette is one of a handful of institutions that offer a strong engineering program while providing the comfortable atmosphere of the liberal arts.

I have always wanted to "mix things up," so to speak, and I found Lafayette the perfect place to do so. Chemical engineering is challenging, but it also is flexible enough that I have the opportunity to take a major in the humanities.

The art department is small, and its faculty members are passionate and very much focused on student learning. You always can count on getting individual attention and input from your professors. I enjoy the freedom I am given in the studio art classes to discover and experiment under their guidance and encouragement.

Lafayette provides both a hands-on opportunity for skill development and focused career planning. Since Lafayette is an undergraduate-only institution, research opportunities like the EXCEL Scholars program and other research expense grants enable students to get involved in professional-level projects. Moreover, the Gateway program through the Office of Career Services helps students to market their qualities and keep a leg up in the job market.

Advice for international students: Get involved. Take part in clubs, study abroad, EXCEL research, externships, and internships. College is a time for self-discovery. Try new things—you might just find something you love.

Tamrakar is a member of the International Students Association, the Arts Society, and the Chemical Engineers Association. He has served as a resident assistant for Keefe Hall, a teaching assistant for the art department, and a gallery assistant for the Williams Center and Grossman galleries. He also worked as an EXCEL Scholar analyzing a photographic record of Taiwan under Japanese colonial rule.

increasingly subject to the influences of diverse races and cultures.

At Lafayette, the primary emphasis is on education as preparation for life. This



“Lafayette’s small size and exclusively undergraduate population create tight bonds between professors and students and open the door for research opportunities.”

—The Princeton Review
The Best 361 Colleges

principle finds expression in hands-on learning experiences through such courses as the innovative Technology Clinic. In the yearlong course, interdisciplinary teams of students attack real-world problems posed by participating businesses or government organizations. Students are recommended by their professors for this experience. The team presents their solution to the sponsor at the end of the year.

SUPERIOR RESOURCES

A high-speed network links computers in offices, classrooms, libraries, and residence halls to College servers, applications, the Internet, and Internet 2. Wireless network access is available to students at many locations including all residence halls, the libraries, and Farinon College Center. As soon as you arrive at Lafayette you will be assigned a user ID and password that gives you access to these facilities. You can bring your own

computer or use one in one of the public computing labs available in several buildings.

Skillman Library, the principal learning and information center on campus, was completely renovated and expanded recently. Skillman and Kirby libraries house 530,000 volumes; subscribe to 2,200 magazines, journals, and newspapers; and have an extensive collection of electronic journals, full-text databases, and online indices. Students also have access to 30 million volumes in the Pennsylvania Academic Library Consortium’s virtual online catalog.

The facilities in the completely renovated and enhanced Acopian Engineering Center are superb and are provided exclusively to support undergraduate engineering education. From day one you use the laboratories as part of your course work. A special feature is the team of technicians who work with you to complete a design project or fabricate a device.

The Williams Visual Arts Building is one of the leading high-tech facilities for art education in the country. It includes sculpture and painting studios, a flexible studio area, a gallery, and seminar rooms. Other resources for the humanities include the Williams Center for the Arts for plays and concerts; music studios, including an electronic studio; numerous campus publications; a radio station; and visits from artists and specialists in specific fields of study.

Oechsle Hall provides state-of-the-art facilities for psychology and neuroscience and Hugel Science Center is an outstanding complex for biochemistry, chemistry, and physics. Ramer Hall was remodeled in 2006 to house the history department. Natural and social science laboratories feature the latest equipment and virtually all departments have dedicated student computer labs with software specific to particular fields of study.

ORGANIZATIONS OF INTERNATIONAL INTEREST

- Acacia
- African and Caribbean Students Association
- Alternative School Break Club
- Amnesty International
- Asian Culture Association
- Association of Black Collegians
- Engineers Without Borders
- German Club
- Heritage of Latin America (HOLA)
- Hillel Society
- Hispanic Society
- International Affairs Club
- International Students Association
- Japanese/French/German residence hall floors
- Lafayette Christian Fellowship
- Le Cercle Français
- Model United Nations Club
- Muslim Student Association
- Newman Association
- Nia (multicultural women’s support group)
- Orthodox Christian Fellowship



Francisco Flores (left), former president of El Salvador, came to campus to share his world views during a two-day residency. Among those he met with were Shelvean Kapita '10 of Zimbabwe; Mark Crain, chair of the policy studies program; and Maria Marcela Vega '09 of El Salvador.



Members of the International Students Association participate in the annual Block pARTy.

LIVING ON CAMPUS

Located on a hilltop above historic downtown Easton, population 30,000, Lafayette is a friendly residential community. Housing is guaranteed to all students and required throughout their Lafayette careers. All first-year students live in one of the College residence halls. International students will most likely have a roommate from the United States. Most halls have lounges, laundry facilities, and a kitchen. All housing is within a few minutes' walk of the academic and administrative buildings.

You will have a post office box in Farinon College Center. This center houses the student residence and student activities offices as well as offices for many student organizations. There are two dining areas, the College Store, a movie theater, and a large lounge area for meeting your friends.

As an upper-level student, you can choose your room according to a lottery system, with seniors selecting first, juniors second, and sophomores last. The Sullivan Lane Residential Village, dedicated in 2006, features apartments for two to seven residents, single rooms, and special group housing. You may choose your roommate(s) if you plan to live in a double room or apartment.

Residence hall life is integral to the college experience. Student resident advisers, living on each floor, are trained to help other students and are always willing to share their experiences and advice. They organize programs designed to contribute to your overall experience.

You may choose to become part of a social living group and live in a house used by that group, such as Arts House for students involved in the arts. There are fraternities (for men) and sororities (for women) which have names based on Greek letters. Members of these groups often



Martin Melendro '11
(Bogotá, Colombia)
B.S. electrical and computer engineering

During my college search, I considered many factors. For Lafayette, its small size, which brings about a very close relationship with faculty, as well as the opportunity to work on research, was very appealing. I also was interested in the combined electrical and computer engineering program, which is not offered in many other institutions. Lafayette also is well-known for providing generous financial

aid to international students, a major factor for me and many other international students when considering studying at an American institution.

I heard about Lafayette from my high school counselor. He put me in contact with Sebastian Barreto Ortiz '10, who had graduated from my high school and is a chemical engineering major. I was able to exchange several emails with him, which helped me make the decision to come to Lafayette and answered many of my questions about studying abroad.

I have always been interested in energy, in all its forms. Nevertheless, electrical energy, and the endless possibilities of its uses, fascinated me during my last years in high school. I am a big fan of the rapid development of technology, but believe that it carries interdisciplinary responsibilities that humans have to face in order to avoid major social, economical, and environmental problems. Lafayette, with its liberal arts environment, is not only a great place to acquire the technical knowledge, but also to apply it in research programs and understand its implications at different levels with the College's multidisciplinary approach.

Advice for international students: I would suggest getting in contact with other international students at Lafayette as soon as possible. It is always hard, if not impossible, for international students to visit the schools they are applying to abroad, but having a firsthand opinion from someone who has faced a very similar situation is a very good way to surpass this difficulty. Once here, I would recommend getting active and participating in on-campus organizations and clubs. There's certainly something for everyone here.

Melendro is a member of Lafayette's chapter of Engineers Without Borders and has traveled to Honduras twice to help implement water systems in poor rural areas. He also is a member of the International Student Association and the Hispanic Society of Lafayette, and lived on the Heritage of Latin America floor. He has studied abroad in Bremen, Germany, and worked on EXCEL Scholars research focusing on alternative energy sources.

organize philanthropic and social events, and share maintenance of the house.

Students with similar interests may live together in a residence hall; of particular interest to international students are the French,



German, and Japanese floors, HOLA (Heritage of Latin America floor), and CHANCE (Creating Harmony and Necessary Cultural Equality floor).

Many international students participate in the Host Family Program. They are matched with a volunteer host family from among faculty, staff, and administrators. The families invite students to their homes for dinner and sometimes to accompany them on trips to sites of interest in the area.

Easton features Two Rivers Landing, restaurants, the State Theatre, book stores, and craft shops around a central city square. Two major cultural centers—New York City and Philadelphia—are within an hour and a half driving distance from Easton and are easily accessible by bus.

Many international students travel in the United States during their vacation periods, but if you need to stay on campus, you will have living facilities available. You can remain in your hall during fall (two days in October), Thanksgiving (three days in November), and spring (a week in March) breaks.

During the January interim session and over the summer, specific College residence halls are open for students who wish to remain on campus.

CLIMATE AND SETTING

Lafayette is located in the eastern section of Pennsylvania, a state in the mid-Atlantic portion of the United States, which has four distinct seasons. When you arrive at Lafayette in late August, the summer is ending. The nights will begin to get cool in October and the leaves on the trees will start turning wonderful colors. By early December, winter will surely have settled in, and it may begin to snow.





Economics and business major Marek Koltun '10 of Poland plays center for Lafayette's Division I men's basketball team.



Members of the International Students Association perform during the weeklong Extravaganza.

Winter will begin to break in late March. A slight chance of snow remains but the worst is over. Some warmer days (about 16°C or 60°F) will occur in April and May. By late May and early June, summer will have arrived with temperatures occasionally reaching 33°C (90°F).

Lafayette's campus is a blend of historic buildings with a grassy quadrangle in the center of campus, locally referred to as "the Quad."

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

International students are very involved in campus activities. They sing in the choir, volunteer for community service, lead student government groups, and participate in College Theater productions.

They perform well in varsity athletics and many play sports they were involved in at home through organizations such as rugby club and squash club. Others participate in sports at the intramural level or enjoy working out or playing court sports at the Kirby Sports Center.

The main organization is the International Students Association. Most international students are active in this group as well as a number of students from the United States. ISA administers many of the international student services offered by Lafayette including a special orientation session each August and occasional sight-seeing trips in a College van. You may want to get involved in the International Food Festival or perform at the International Extravaganza held each spring to celebrate the many cultures represented at Lafayette.

ISA counselors will meet you at John F. Kennedy (JFK), Newark, or Lehigh Valley international airports when you arrive in the United States.



Zara Piracha '11
(Karachi, Pakistan)
A.B. economics & business and psychology
(double major)

I always knew I wanted a liberal arts education, and I felt that Lafayette offered the right mix of courses and classes to give me a solid foundation in several areas, while still enabling me to pursue my own interests. I would certainly say that the small size was another factor that attracted me to Lafayette because, after all, it is the size that allows you to have smaller classes and more personal interactions with professors.

I started out as a mathematics-economics joint major but in the second semester of my freshman year, I took an introductory psychology course and simply knew that psychology was something I wanted to pursue as well. Lafayette encourages and enables that kind of flexibility. They want you to find your niche.

I could not have made it through my first year of college without the kindness and support of my host parent, Donna Kneule, art director for periodicals in communications. My adviser, Fluney Hutchinson, associate professor of economics, always has been a source of inspiration and pushed me to go beyond my limits. My interest in diverse cultures and customs has been enhanced through the people I have met in various organizations.

Advice for international students: Integrate. Be open-minded. Don't be afraid to try new things or move out of your comfort zone. Meet new people; learn about them and let them learn about you. Don't look back at what could have or should have been. Rather, make the most of what you have while you have it, and your college experience at Lafayette will be unforgettable.

Piracha is a member of the International Students Association and the International Affairs Club, and she served as secretary of the Hispanic Society of Lafayette. She works as a resident adviser and conducted EXCEL Scholars research focusing on the history of a turbulent region in Germany.

LCATS, the student campus shuttle bus service, offers daily buses from the main campus to the Metzgar athletic fields, downtown Easton, and local shopping areas and malls. It offers special service by reservation to Lehigh Valley International Airport at the beginning and end of each semester as well as school breaks.

Lafayette Intercultural Networking Council (LINC), comprised of representatives from

VARSITY SPORTS & CLUBS

Lafayette fields 23 Division I varsity teams for men and women that compete with other college teams including American football, soccer, basketball, lacrosse, baseball (men), softball (women), cross country, swimming and diving, track and field, field hockey (women), golf (men), tennis, fencing, and volleyball (women). There are 26 club sports



including crew, equestrian, ice hockey, martial arts, rugby, squash, skiing, table tennis, and wrestling. Other student activities and clubs include *The Lafayette* (student newspaper), College Theater, Forensics Society, LEAP (environmental club), Investment Club, Lafayette Activities Forum, Pep Band, Orchestra, *a cappella* groups, WJRH-FM radio, and many groups related to specific academic majors. For more information, visit www.lafayette.edu and select "athletics" or "student life."

Allan P. Kirby Sports Center includes a 6,600-square-foot fitness center, a gymnasium with three multipurpose courts, six racquetball courts, 35-foot climbing wall, and more.

25 student organizations, allocates funds for activities that promote diversity programs and initiatives. The group is advised by the director of intercultural development.

ACADEMIC ASSISTANCE

You will be assigned an academic adviser who will help you determine your course schedule and answer questions about College requirements and your major. In addition, you can sign up for Lafayette's career planning program called Gateway. In this program, you are matched with a career planning professional who will meet with you regularly to help you identify your goals and guide you to the opportunities and resources that will best prepare you for graduate school or your first job.

Lafayette has an international student adviser who is available for general advice and can handle visa and passport problems.



Rob Root (left), associate professor of mathematics, is developing mathematical models of fish locomotion and the evolution of vertebrae with students including math major Shiliang Cui '09 of China.





The application deadline for international students is Dec. 15.

The Office of the Dean of the College is another resource. One of the assistant deans oversees peer counseling and peer tutoring programs.

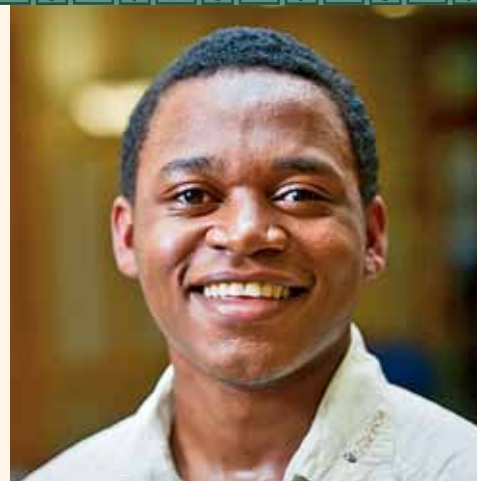
Bailey Health Center provides two psychologists prepared to help students with problems ranging from cultural differences to poor study habits. A full-time physician and nursing staff are also available at the center.

ADMISSIONS & FINANCIAL AID

Admission to Lafayette is highly competitive. Students face a strenuous academic work load with four courses each semester. Classes are conducted by professors who set a fast pace, and who expect students to perform at a high level. A strong record of achievement in your secondary school and fluency in English are critical. A student whose native tongue is not English should score a minimum of 550 (paper-based test), 213 (computer-based test), or 80 (Internet-based test) on the TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) before being admitted to Lafayette. You may submit IELTS results in lieu of TOEFL with a minimum score of 7.0.

Admissions staff will evaluate your academic record, standardized test scores, the essay, letters of recommendation, and extracurricular activities. Your international background and experience are advantageous and will be considered as part of the assessment of your potential for academic success and co-curricular involvement at Lafayette.

Lafayette recognizes and awards academic credit for the International Baccalaureate (IB) and Advanced Placement (AP). Other academic programs such as GCE A-levels, German Abitur and French Baccalaureate will be considered for possible academic credit on an individual basis.



Shelvean Kapita '10
(Harare, Zimbabwe)
A.B. physics and B.S. mathematics

Lafayette's reputation for undergraduate research influenced my decision to apply here. I was impressed by the EXCEL Scholars program and by the fact that undergraduates can do research worthy of publication. I wanted to go to a small liberal arts college, but I was not sure if I wanted to major in engineering, math, or physics. Lafayette was the rational choice for me because it allowed me to explore all of them first before deciding.

Lafayette is an ideal place to pursue mathematics, physics, and philosophy (my minor) because the departments are small, professors are really interested in your learning, and there are many opportunities to dive into research, even graduate-level research. The EXCEL program has really enhanced my experience at Lafayette because it allowed me to go beyond the classroom experience and get involved in real and cutting-edge scholarly activities. Lafayette's small size makes it possible for students to get involved in so many things.

After graduating, I plan to pursue a Ph.D. in mathematics. Lafayette has prepared me well for graduate school because of my EXCEL research. Also, the math department is so full of life and contagious enthusiasm; the faculty really helps students become excited about math.

Advice for international students: Explore many things and take advantage of the resources that Lafayette has to offer. Try taking courses outside of your major; you might discover new interests in other disciplines. If you have a particular academic interest (perhaps you also are interested in human rights), talk to a professor in that area and do an independent study. You will learn much more independently than by just attending lectures.

Kapita is a member of the International Students Association, Africans Creating African Consciousness and Interest Abroad, the physics club, and the math club. He also has participated in EXCEL Scholars research focusing on computational physics, differential geometry, and radio astronomy.

Members of the admissions staff visit secondary schools in Europe, Latin America, and Asia regularly. With assistance in some countries from overseas alumni admissions representatives, the College actively seeks well-qualified international students.

Lafayette offers financial aid to a limited number of international students. To apply for

ACADEMIC ACCREDITATION

Lafayette College is accredited by the Commission on Higher Education of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. The Commission on Higher Education is an institutional accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education and the Commission on Recognition of Postsecondary Accreditation.

The chemical engineering, civil engineering, electrical and computer engineering, and mechanical engineering programs are accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET). The Bachelor of Science program in computer science is accredited by the Computing Accreditation Commission of ABET.

The Bachelor of Science program in chemistry meets the requirements of the American Chemical Society.



Siram Gopalakrishnan '09 of India searched for a better way to monitor heart functions with Yih-Choung Yu, assistant professor of electrical and computer engineering.

financial aid you must complete the financial aid application no later than Jan. 1. Lafayette recommends students submit the CSS Profile online (www.collegeboard.com) as the preferred financial aid application but will accept the ISFAA (International Student Financial Aid Application) too. Awards are based on the student's demonstrated financial need.

Due to limited resources and increased demand for financial aid, competition is keen and Lafayette is unable to offer financial aid awards to all international students who meet our admissions criteria. Students who receive financial aid awards should expect to see a student loan and campus job as part of their award. Campus jobs require about 10 to 12 hours of work per week and loans do not go into repayment until the student leaves or graduates from Lafayette.

Financial aid awards are based on the total costs of education for each academic year. Billed expenses include tuition, room, board (20 meals per week), and all fees. Other anticipated expenses include books, travel, and any personal/miscellaneous expenses you may incur throughout the year.* Families should be



prepared to cover travel expenses to and from the United States as well as provide proof of health insurance coverage (coverage may be purchased through the College).

Any student who has taken postsecondary coursework will be considered a transfer candidate and should contact the admissions office for a transfer application and specific instructions. Financial aid is not available to international transfer students. If you are a U.S. citizen or permanent resident living abroad, please visit our web site www.lafayette.edu/admissions/finaid for complete instructions, deadlines and requirements.



Lafayette President Dan Weiss (center) is committed to increasing campus diversity. Lafayette participates in the Posse program, which recruits students from urban American high schools to increase the multicultural presence on campus.



Marco Tjioe '09 of Indonesia served an interim-session externship hosted by Richard Teets '77, vice president and general manager, Steel Dynamics, Inc., Columbia City, Ind.

PLEASE VISIT

You are encouraged to visit the campus if possible. An overnight stay during the academic year (September to November, February to April) will answer many of your questions. The Office of Admissions requires two weeks advance notice to arrange overnight accommodations for you with one of our student hosts. At your request, a schedule of classes will be prepared for you to attend. Interviews must generally be scheduled four weeks in advance.

The closest airport to Lafayette is Lehigh Valley International Airport, about 24 km (15 miles) away, www.lvia.org. Major airlines such as Air Canada, Continental, Delta, Northwest, United, and US Airways have flights into LVIA.

NATIONS OF CITIZENSHIP

- Albania
- Argentina
- Azerbaijan
- Bangladesh
- Bermuda
- Bolivia
- Brazil
- Bulgaria
- Canada
- China
- Colombia
- Czech Republic
- Ecuador
- El Salvador
- Ethiopia
- Germany
- Ghana
- Guatemala
- Honduras
- Hong Kong
- India
- Indonesia
- Ireland
- Japan
- Kenya
- Latvia
- Lithuania
- Malawi
- Mauritius
- Moldova
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