FEARLESS INQUIRY. ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES.

"EDUCATION IS NOT TO REFORM STUDENTS OR TO AMUSE THEM OR TO MAKE THEM EXPERT TECHNICIANS. IT IS TO UNSETTLE THEIR MINDS, WIDEN THEIR HORIZONS, INFLAME THEIR INTELLECTS."

Robert Maynard Hutchins
President, 1929–1951
The University of Chicago
A CULTURE OF FEARLESS INQUIRY. UChicago students are passionate, engaged, interdisciplinary, and global. With 89 affiliated Nobel Laureates, more than 100 programs of study, and over 40 study abroad programs, we’re intent on changing the world by asking tough questions, celebrating new ideas, and forming a community of scholars—one as supportive as it is transformative.

UCHICAGO AT A GLANCE

5,700 undergrads from 50 states and 70+ countries
6:1 student-to-faculty ratio
80% of classes have 25 students or fewer
60% of faculty call our Hyde Park neighborhood home
11 MILLION volumes in 6 libraries, all located on campus
4 international centers in Paris, Beijing, Hong Kong, and Delhi
400+ recognized student organizations
$450+ MILLION in sponsored research annually
90% of College students participate in 1300+ Metcalf internships (paid, career-relevant opportunities for students)
2 National Labs managed by UChicago, plus an affiliation with the Marine Biological Laboratory
400 guest speakers hosted by our Institute of Politics since its founding in 2013

A GLOBAL CITY

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO AND ITS NAMESAKE CITY ARE INEXTRICABLY LINKED. In the 1890s, the world’s fair brought millions of international visitors to the doorstep of our brand new university. Today with over 9 million people in the Chicagoland area, Chicago is a center of global cultures, international commerce, the arts, and some pretty spectacular pizza. The city is an intellectual destination, drawing top scholars, companies, entrepreneurs, and artists who enhance the academic experience of our students. And, with our campus only 20 minutes by bus or train from downtown Chicago, our students are easily able to engage in all the city has to offer.

CLASS OF 2018 PROFILE

ACT RANGE: 21-36
SAT RANGE: 1170-1600
ACT MID-50%: 32-35
SAT MID-50%: 1450-1550
APPLIED: 27,500
ACCEPTED: 2,409
ENROLLED: 1,447

CLASS OF 2018 DISTRIBUTION BY REGION

14% 28% 30%
11% 11% 6%

INTERNATIONAL
The College offers over 120 majors, minors, and areas of specialized study, from such well-defined fields as anthropology and mathematics to interdisciplinary programs like biological chemistry and cinema & media studies. Classes in the Core curriculum offer a broad perspective on human knowledge and give you the tools of inquiry and analysis you’ll need to succeed in any of these majors and far beyond college. Every choice is supported by our Office of Career Advancement, which provides pre-professional advising that helps you apply your ideas in the professional world.

Drawing on the powerful combination of a traditional liberal arts college and a premier research university, students have almost unlimited options—classes from the fine arts to the physical sciences, from discussion-based seminars to innovative laboratory experiences. We provide the intellectual groundwork; you define the boundaries.
The Core

UChicago’s Core curriculum is your introduction to the tools of inquiry used in every discipline—physical and biological sciences, humanities, and social sciences. Crafted by our professors, each part of the Core is an intentionally-designed piece of a whole. Core classes are small, intellectually rich, and active discussion-based sessions focused on the reading of primary texts. Core classes will account for about 1/3 of your undergraduate coursework and often come in integrated, interdisciplinary sequences.

Research

80% of UChicago students choose to do research, and there's a lot to choose from: the new Institute for Molecular Engineering on campus that turns a traditional engineering education on its head; the Marine Biological Laboratory in Woods Hole, MA where students can get involved in research; two National Laboratories (Argonne and Fermilab). UChicago has changed the world through research and attracts nearly $450+ million in research funding each year.

Faculty

Great minds. Nearly 90 Nobel laureates, 10% of all past recipients, are associated with the University of Chicago, including six current faculty members. UChicago is top 10 in the nation for smallest class sizes, giving students unparalleled access to small seminars and research with faculty.

STUDY ABROAD

UChicago students study abroad through over 40 College programs and affiliations with foreign universities. With campus centers in Beijing, Hong Kong, Paris, and Delhi, and study abroad locations like Athens, Barcelona, Jerusalem, Oaxaca, Pune, Rome, and Vienna, UChicago students build and explore communities around the world.

CAREER ADVANCEMENT

UChicago’s Office of Career Advancement helps you plan for your future by providing personalized career counseling, access to an extensive database of job and internship opportunities, treks that take students to meet with industry experts around the world, and a suite of pre-professional programs covering a range of career paths.

ADVISING

A College advisor will orient you to the Core, help you pick classes, and complete a major. Once you declare a major, you’ll work closely with faculty in your major in addition to your College advisor to make sure you’re fully experiencing both the Core and your subject. A career advisor helps you plan the trajectory of your time to find a career or professional path that will fit your goals and interests.

WORLD-CHANGING

UChicago Breakthroughs:
- The mathematical theory of black holes
- The first self-sustaining nuclear reaction
- REM sleep cycle
- Carbon-14 dating
- Efficient market theory
- The structure of DNA
- Study of social psychology
- The Chicago Assyrian Dictionary
...AND SO BE
HUMAN LIFE
ENRICHED.

Forming a community unlike any other, UChicago students come from down the street, across the country, and around the globe. Representing diverse cultural and socioeconomic back-grounds, our students are smart, funny, and down-to-earth—the kind of people who become friends for life. Sharing a common space and a common spirit, you will study with the best and brightest in the world. Your community learns in the classroom, works out together in Ratner Athletics Center, participates in more than 400 campus clubs and organizations, volunteers with neighborhood outreach programs, whispers in library study sessions, continues the conversation in a dozen campus coffee shops, skirmishes in 2,000 plus intramural sports contests, skates down the Midway, and howls with laughter at Off-Off campus’ weekly improv shows. From this fertile intellectual ground springs lively discourse, experimental music, groundbreaking theater, one of the world’s largest scavenger hunts, and championship Division III sports teams.

COLLEGE HOUSES
UChicago’s College Houses bring together students from all interest areas, backgrounds, and hometowns. Houses have traditions ranging from dominance in intramural Broomball to weekly tea-times, lounges where students study and socialize, and House tables in the dining halls where you’ll overhear conversations about everything from the Marvel Universe to Plato’s Republic to the finer points of string theory. College Houses help faculty and staff connect with students both inside and outside of the classroom. Tenured faculty Resident Masters organize cultural activities, meditation nights, and lectures, and staff or graduate student Resident Heads provide study break snacks, put together house trips, and may even have a friendly cat or House mascot.

THE ARTS
From the founders of the Second City comedy troupe to the internationally recognized a cappella group Voices in Your Head, UChicago students are passionate about the arts. About half of students participate in arts organizations, including student theater, filmmaking and film societies, dance companies, and literary and cultural magazines. Campus is also home to multiple professional arts organizations, including The Court Theatre and two Grammy-winning musical ensembles.
UCHICAGO: NO BARRIERS

No Barriers is a comprehensive plan to increase access to college, support students as they receive an empowering education, and prepare them for lifelong success. No Barriers allows UChicago students to graduate debt-free and prepared for professional success—no matter their chosen major or background prior to enrolling in college. With the help of this plan, students can focus on what is truly important—their education.

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APPLYING

Our non-binding Early Action deadline is November 1, and our Regular Decision deadline is January 1. We use the Common Application and the Universal Application, plus a UChicago Supplement. Should you have any questions about our holistic review process, contact your regional admissions counselor through our website.

Early Action Deadline
November 1st

Regular Decision Deadline
January 1st
MAJORS, MINORS & OTHER AREAS OF STUDY

- Akkadian, NELC
- American Sign Language, Linguistics
- Ancient Anatolian Languages, NELC
- Anthropology
- Applied Mathematics, Mathematics
- Arabic, NELC
- Aramaic, NELC
- Archaeology and Art of the Ancient Near East, NELC
- Armenian, NELC
- Art History
- Astronomy and Astrophysics
- Bangla (Bengali), South Asian Languages and Civilizations
- Basque, Linguistics
- Big Problems
- Biological Chemistry
- Biological Sciences
- Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian, Russian and East European Studies
- Cancer Biology, Biological Sciences
- Catalan, Romance Languages and Literatures
- Cellular and Molecular Biology, Biological Sciences
- Chemistry
- Chicago Studies
- Chinese (modern, classical), East Asian Languages and Civilizations
- Cinema and Media Studies
- Classical Hebrew Language and Civilization, NELC
- Classical Studies
- Clinical and Translational Science
- Comparative Human Development
- Comparative Literature
- Comparative Race and Ethnic Studies
- Computational and Applied Mathematics
- Computational Neuroscience
- Computer Science
- Creative Writing, English
- Cuneiform Studies, NELC
- Czech, Russian and East European Studies
- Early Christian Literature
- East Asian Languages and Civilizations
- Ecology and Evolution, Biological Sciences
- Economics
- Education
- Egyptian, NELC
- Egyptian Languages and Civilization, NELC
- Endocrinology, Biological Sciences
- Engineering, Molecular
- English Language and Literature
- Environmental Science
- Environmental Studies
- French, Romance Languages and Literatures
- Fundamentals: Issues and Texts
- Ge'ez, NELC
- Gender and Sexuality Studies
- Genetics, Biological Sciences
- Geographical Studies
- Geophysical Sciences
- Georgian, Russian and East European Studies
- Germanic Studies
- Greek (ancient, biblical), Classical Studies
- Greek and Roman Cultures, Classical Studies
- Haitian Creole, Latin American Studies
- Hebrew (classical/biblical, modern), NELC
- Hindi, South Asian Languages and Civilizations
- History
- History, Philosophy, and Social Studies of Science & Medicine (HIPS)
- Hitit, NELC
- Human Rights
- Humanities
- Immunology, Biological Sciences
- Interdisciplinary Studies in the Humanities
- International Studies
- Islamic and Modern Middle Eastern Studies, NELC
- Italian, Romance Languages and Literatures
- Japanese, East Asian Languages and Civilizations
- Jewish Studies
- Kazakh, NELC
- Korean, East Asian Languages and Civilizations
- Language and Literature, Classical Studies
- Language Intensive, Classical Studies
- Latin American Studies
- Latin, Classical Studies
- Law, Letters, and Society
- Linguistics
- Macedonian, Russian and East European Studies
- Malayalam, South Asian Languages and Civilizations
- Marathi, South Asian Languages and Civilizations
- Mathematics
- Mathematics with a Specialization in Economics, Mathematics
- Medicine
- Medieval Studies
- Microbiology, Biological Sciences
- Modern Greek, Linguistics
- Music
- Near Eastern Judaica, NELC
- Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations (NELC)
- Neuroscience, Biological Sciences
- Norwegian Studies
- Norwegian, Germanic Studies
- Old Church Slavonic, Russian and East European Studies
- Old Turkic, NELC
- Pai, South Asian Languages and Civilizations
- Persian, NELC
- Philosophy
- Physics
- Polish, Russian and East European Studies
- Political Science
- Portuguese, Romance Languages and Literatures
- Psychology
- Public Policy Studies
- Religious Studies
- Romance Languages and Literatures
- Russian and East European Studies
- Russian, Russian and East European Studies
- Sanskrit, South Asian Languages and Civilizations
- Social Service Administration
- Sociology
- South Asian Languages and Civilizations
- South Slavic, Russian and East European Studies
- Spanish, Romance Languages and Literatures
- Statistics
- Swahili, Linguistics
- Tamil, South Asian Languages and Civilizations
- Telugu, South Asian Languages and Civilizations
- Theater and Performance Studies (TAPS)
- Tibetan, South Asian Languages and Civilizations
- Turkish, NELC
- Tutorial Studies
- Ugaritic, NELC
- Urdu, South Asian Languages and Civilizations
- Uzbek, NELC
- Visual Arts
- Yucatec Maya, Latin American Studies

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