“You have the right to do things in Chicago. If you want to start a business, a theater, a newspaper, you can find the space, the backing, the audience.” Bernie Sahlins, AB’43, co-founder of The Second City

A world-class city. A top university.

The University of Chicago and its namesake city are intrinsically linked. In the 1890s, the world’s fair brought millions of international visitors to the doorstep of our brand-new university. The landmark event celebrated diverse perspectives, curiosity, and innovation—values advanced by UChicago ever since.

Today Chicago is a center for global cultures, international commerce, and fine arts. Like UChicago, it’s an intellectual destination, drawing top scholars, companies, entrepreneurs, and artists who enhance the academic experience of our students. Chicago is our classroom, our gallery, and our playground.

Welcome to Chicago.
Chicago is the sum of its many great parts: 77 community areas and more than 200 neighborhoods. Each block hosts distinct personalities, local flavors, and vibrant cultures. Woven together by an extensive public transportation system, which undergraduates ride for free during the school year with U-Pass, all of Chicago’s wonders are easily accessible to UChicago students.
HYDE PARK

A short distance south of downtown Chicago, Hyde Park features renowned architecture alongside expansive parks and gardens.

UCChicago’s home on the South Side combines the best aspects of a world-class city and a lively college town. Hyde Park is one of Chicago’s most historic neighborhoods, founded in 1853, annexed to the city in 1889, and host of the World’s Columbian Exposition in 1893. Today, Hyde Park is known for its intellectual culture, museums, and expansive green spaces.

Where to Go
- DuSable Museum of African American History
- Harper Court
- UChicago Campus
- Garden of the Phoenix
- Promontory Point
- Midway Plaisance
- Medici on 57th
- Frank Lloyd Wright’s Robie House
- 57th Street Books
- Seminary Co-op Bookstore

UCChicago Connections
- Nearly 60 percent of UChicago faculty live in Hyde Park.
- Marshall Field, the famed retail entrepreneur and former Hyde Parker, donated his land for the University of Chicago campus in the late 19th century.
- UChicago partners with the broader Hyde Park community through various civic engagement initiatives.
- With four hospitals and an outpatient facility, University of Chicago Medicine brings compassionate, state-of-the-art health care to campus, Hyde Park, and beyond.

“Hyde Park offers diversity in its residents, social spaces, and community organizations, providing enriching opportunities for communication, involvement, and interaction between all those who reside in our neighborhood.”

Kelsey P., Current Student
“I appreciate being on the South Side because while we have access to a major city center, we also enjoy getting to have our own distinct campus. There’s never a shortage of new food to try or interesting people to meet, and I’m always stumbling across cool historical tidbits in the neighborhood.”

Anna W., AB’17
DOWNTOWN

The Magnificent Mile as it meets the Chicago River, home to the Wrigley Building and the Tribune Tower.

Downtown Chicago is an international destination for entertainment and business. Marked by our signature skyline, downtown boasts architectural gems, world-renowned museums, and cultural institutions. Students venture downtown by bus or train to see landmark art exhibits, sample the work of celebrated chefs, and shop on the Magnificent Mile.

Where to Go
- Cloud Gate (“The Bean”) at Millennium Park
- Art Institute of Chicago
- The Picasso sculpture
- Willis Tower
- Chicago Architecture Foundation
- Buckingham Fountain
- Navy Pier
- The Chicago Theatre
- Museum of Contemporary Art
- Museum Campus: Field Museum, Adler Planetarium, Shedd Aquarium
- Chicago Cultural Center

UChicago Connections
- Swing by Sugar Bliss Cake Boutique for a sweet treat by financier-turned-baker UChicago alumna, Teresa Ging, AB’00.
- The namesake of the Jay Pritzker Pavilion in downtown’s Millennium Park is a member of the family for which UChicago’s medical school is named.
- Gleacher Center is the downtown home of the top-ranked University of Chicago Booth School of Business.
- Several UChicago alumni have started companies downtown, including Joe Mansueto, AB’78, MBA’80, chairman and CEO of Morningstar, Inc.

“Nothing beats going downtown! The food is incredible, the energy is amazing, and there is always something to do.”
Ella D., Current Student
Chicago’s expansive North Side is a bustling cultural and social hub with miles of lakefront parks and popular public beaches. Its neighborhood streets are lined with shops, restaurants, and theaters. Easily accessible by train, bike, or bus, here you’ll find a wealth of excitement and entertainment.

Where to Go
- Wrigley Field (home of the Chicago Cubs)
- Steppenwolf Theatre
- Lincoln Park Zoo
- Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum
- Wicker Park
- Biograph Theater
- The Green Mill
- Chicago History Museum
- Devon Avenue
- Belmont Harbor

UChicago Connections
- Chicago Cubs owner Tom Ricketts, AB’88, MBA’93, first fell in love with the team as an undergrad at UChicago.
- Founded by a group of UChicago students more than 50 years ago, The Second City is a major destination for Chicago’s hallmark style of improv and sketch comedy.

“The North Side is chock-full of things to do—it’s impossible to be bored!”
Emily P., AB’17
Chicago is home to a vibrant arts scene, one that overflows from the walls and stages of renowned institutions to the streets and sidewalks of each neighborhood.

Year UChicago Card doubles as an ArtsPass at over 70 cultural institutions around Chicago—granting free admission to the Art Institute of Chicago, Museum of Contemporary Art, and Museum of Science and Industry, as well as discounted tickets to the Goodman Theatre, Joffrey Ballet, and dozens of other cultural institutions around the city. Exploration of the arts and culture of Chicago starts right on UChicago’s campus. The 1. LOGAN CENTER FOR THE ARTS (HYDE PARK) provides our students a creative home in a gorgeous setting.

Students explore the 5. SMART MUSEUM OF ART (HYDE PARK), just a few minutes’ walk from the main quad at UChicago. If they’re up for more of an adventure, they hop on the no. 6 express bus to downtown, where they visit the iconic 6. ART INSTITUTE OF CHICAGO (LOOP) or hang out with Sue the T. rex at the 7. FIELD MUSEUM (MUSEUM CAMPUS). 8. GOODMAN THEATRE (LOOP) brings award-winning and innovative theater to Chicago, bestowing a Tony Award for Outstanding Regional Theatre. Lyric Opera of Chicago offers world-class performances—with significant student discounts—at the 9. THE CIVIC OPERA HOUSE (LOOP). UChicago students can also check out classic ballets and modern debuts by the 10. JOFFREY BALLET (LOOP) at a discounted rate. Students regularly walk past 11. ROBIE HOUSE (HYDE PARK), one of Frank Lloyd Wright’s most notable designs, just a block away from the center of campus.

“Fine art isn’t just in museums; it’s everywhere in Chicago. 2. CLOUD GATE (GRANT PARK)—known to locals (and pretty much everyone else) as “The Bean” for reasons that should be obvious—is a common destination for taking zany, contorted photos. UChicago students do their best imitation of Alexander Calder’s 3. FLAMINGO (LOOP). 4. THE MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART (STREETERTVILLE) is one of the nation’s largest contemporary art facilities and has displayed pieces by UChicago MFA graduates.

“I’ve been to the Art Institute a million times, taking pictures with my friends and trying to reenact the scenes from Ferris Bueller’s Day Off.”
Kyle K., AB’15
Living and learning in Chicago means never running out of things to do, see, or celebrate. UChicago students rock out at Lollapalooza, cheer on parades, indulge in our famous pizza, explore street fairs, and find countless ways to make Chicago their own.

There’s always something exciting happening on the streets of Chicago. Whether it’s admiring the 1. Holiday Decorations (Loop), rocking out at 2. Lollapalooza (Grant Park), watching the 3. Navy Pier Fireworks (Streeterville) twice a week in the summertime, celebrating at the 4. St. Patrick’s Day Parade (Downtown), or enjoying the 5. Magnificent Mile Lights Festival (River North), every season is a chance to go out and celebrate.

Looking to sit back and take it all in? You can catch a show at a legendary Chicago venue like the 6. Congress Theater (Logan Square) or root for the 2016-World-Series-Champion 7. Cubs (Wrigleyville) or the White Sox, Bulls, or Blackhawks. And if you’d rather be in the heart of it all, shop the top stores on 8. Michigan Avenue (Streeterville) and get a view from the top at the 9. Willis Tower Skydeck (Loop), 1,353 feet in the air.

Of course, food is a crucial part of Chicago life. We’re famous for our outdoor dining, like at 10. The Medici (Hyde Park); for our rooftop dining, like at 11. The Wit (Loop); for our 12. Deep-Dish Pizza; and for our 13. Chicago-Style Hot Dogs (hold the ketchup!). But we’re also home to world-renowned restaurants like 14. Alinea (Lincoln Park), founded by celebrity chef Grant Achatz.

“I love going to Cubs games. Wrigleyville is so fun to just walk around. Sometimes I go there just for the energy.”
Christian A., AB’15

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Right in the heart of downtown, Chicago’s plentiful green space beckons business people and students alike to come out and play. Children dance through the 1. CROWN FOUNTAIN (LOOP) as 50-foot-high faces of Chicagoans spout water. 2. GRANT PARK (LOOP) hosts kickball games with the skyline as a backdrop. The serene and majestic 3. GARDEN OF THE PHOENIX (JACKSON PARK) brings Japanese elegance to the South Side. Chicagoans cheer on Da Bears at 4. SOLDIER FIELD (MUSEUM CAMPUS), and the 5. LAKEFRONT TRAIL is a year-round playground for bicyclists, skateboarders, rollerbladers, joggers, and people watchers.

Chicago is a city on the move, with 26 miles of waterfront parks, bike paths, running trails, and public beaches. Chicagoans can be found outside in all four seasons: ice-skating in winter, riding bikes in spring, playing beach volleyball in summer, and running the Chicago Marathon in fall. There’s no better city to explore by foot, bike, or boat.

In the winter, UChicago students enjoy ice-skating on the Midway and at 6. MILLENIUM PARK (DOWNTOWN) and greeting the sunrise at 9. PROMONTORY POINT (HYDE PARK), during Kuvia, the University’s winter festival. Large public events, like Barack Obama’s 2008 victory speech, take place year-round in 10. GRANT PARK (DOWNTOWN). Once it warms, UChicago rowers and kayakers can be found taking advantage of the 11. CHICAGO RIVER (DOWNTOWN).

“Sometimes I run along the lakefront in the mornings before class—the amazing view of Lake Michigan and downtown is my reward for exercising that day!” Shana M., AB’17
Chicago is an international hub for commerce and culture. With two international airports, many major corporations, and dozens of cultural enclaves, Chicago is a global destination for people and companies. Here, you don’t have to step outside city limits to see the world.

The world brings its business to Chicago. Major corporations like 1. **BOEING (WEST LOOP)**, United, McDonald’s, and many more have their headquarters here. Find a hub for Chicago history and diversity at the 2. **CHICAGO CULTURAL CENTER (LOOP)**. The Chicago Mercantile Exchange and the 3. **CHICAGO BOARD OF TRADE (LOOP)** are also in the heart of downtown, helping fuel international commerce.

4. **MCCORMICK PLACE (SOUTH SIDE)** is one of the largest convention centers in the nation and brings hundreds of conferences and professionals into the city. Investment research firm 5. **MORNINGSTAR, INC. (LOOP)** was founded by UChicago alumnus Joe Mansueto, AB’78, MBA’80.

Our city celebrates with parades and cultural festivals like the 6. **POLISH CONSTITUTION DAY PARADE (DOWNTOWN)** (the largest Polish parade outside of Poland) and the 10. **GREEK-TOWN PARADE (WEST SIDE)**. The Hall of Flags at 11. **O’HARE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (NORTH SIDE)** greets residents and visitors from around the world.

“Chicago provides the backdrop for dozens of major movies and TV shows. The landmark 2. **BOARD OF TRADE (DOWNTOWN)** served as Wayne Enterprises HQ in Batman Begins.”

Our city is a microcosm of the world. Each of Chicago’s 77 different neighborhoods has its own social, cultural, and epicurean feel, all easily accessible with our CTA pass.”

Zach S., Current Student
Chicago is one of the world’s most important markets. UChicago Career Advancement has close relationships with businesses and institutions across the city, which grants students access to a highly diverse range of internships and full-time job opportunities. This unparalleled access enables students to prepare for future careers by gathering experience and engaging their interests.

**A HOME FOR FOUR YEARS AND BEYOND**

Each year, more than one-third of the graduating class chooses to stay in Chicago to work a full-time job or attend graduate school. They join a network of groundbreaking entrepreneurs and innovators from every discipline.

**Metcalf Internship Program**

The Metcalf Internship Program provides paid, substantive internships exclusively to UChicago undergraduates during the summer and academic year. Over 1000+ Metcalf internships are offered each year in Chicago alone, with over a thousand more offered across the country and around the world in a wide range of industries.

“Working at the Chicago Community Trust after graduation has reignited my appreciation for the city’s diversity. In my position, I meet with prominent movers and shakers of Chicago’s vibrant philanthropic and nonprofit sectors. I explored Chicago through undergraduate internship programs like Summer Links, and I’m happy to know that there is still so much to learn about working in the city as an alumna! I am grateful to UChicago’s Public Interest Program (UCPIP) for affording me this opportunity.”

Alexandra P.G., AB’16

BELOW A sample of organizations throughout the city that hire UChicago students.
Chicago provides an ideal setting for innovation, research, and discovery. Students at the University of Chicago can not only study the city in which they live, but are also able to go into the field and make a lasting impact. The Chicago Studies Program allows undergraduates to explore and experience Chicago, while organizations like the Urban Education Institute and 1871 encourage students to participate in research and innovation that are changing the landscape of the city.

A SAMPLING OF UNDERGRADUATE PARTICIPATION

1871 housed on the 12th floor of Chicago’s Merchandise Mart, is a 50,000-square-foot collaborative space for start-ups and entrepreneurs to explore new business ideas and technologies. The University of Chicago is a close partner of 1871, where many of our students, alumni, and faculty share in the riveting innovation exchange.

The Arts Incubator is a place where the University’s arts programs come together with initiatives from the greater community. The building is a space for artist residencies, arts education, and community-based arts projects. Located less than a mile from campus in the Washington Park community, the incubator connects UChicago to its community through the arts.

The University Community Service Center (UCSC) connects students with a wide range of Chicago organizations for volunteering, service, and internships in social justice and community-building. Pioneered by founding director Michelle Obama, the UCSC helps foster service organizations on campus and guides students toward service opportunities in their areas of interest.

UChicago Urban is an interdisciplinary commitment to creating a positive impact on urban life. Scholars examine urban environments in order to lay a critical foundation for effective responses to challenges. Partnering with civic and community leaders, we develop evidence-driven, scalable solutions to address the most complex questions facing cities.

HOW CHICAGO STUDIES WORKS

Take courses that bring the city directly into the curriculum. A sample of courses offered through Chicago Studies:

- Reading as a Writer
- Urban Economics
- Architectural History of Chicago
- Baseball and American Culture
- Black Chicago
- Chicago Blues
- The Economics of Crime
- Reading the Suburbs
- Producing Home: The Re-making of Place and Space in Diaspora
- Roots of the Modern American City
- Deindustrialization
- School Closings
- Anthropology of Museums

Collaborate with faculty whose research interests engage directly with Chicago.

“The Chicago Studies classes are not designed to teach our students the existing knowledge about Chicago; they’re designed to push the boundaries of what is known and let the students generate new knowledge.”

Adam Green, Associate Professor of American History and the College

Participate in programs and events to connect with the city’s communities and its leaders. For years, the Chicago Studies journal, published annually by the College, has featured high-quality student research about the city. Topics include an account of the local groups that opposed Chicago’s bid for the 2016 Olympics and the peaceful protests that spurred integration on Chicago’s beaches during the days of the early 1960s Civil Rights Movement.

“Many students study the culture and history of cities in our Civilization Abroad courses, which is wonderful, but it’s incredibly important that our students have just as many opportunities to understand and enjoy their home city, Chicago.”

John W. Boyer, Dean of the College

1. Undergraduates participating in the Urban Education Institute interact directly with children in local schools.
2. Kevin Willer, MBA’10, a graduate of the University of Chicago Booth School of Business, greets students at 1871’s offices in Chicago’s Merchandise Mart. College students are hired at 1871 as undergraduate Metcalf Interns through UChicago Career Advancement.
3. The Arts Incubator, located at a renovated historic building less than a mile from campus, hosts interdisciplinary arts opportunities for UChicago students and community members alike.
4. Dean of the College John W. Boyer in the Arley D. Calhoun Learning Center at the University of Chicago. (Facing page)
SEE YOU IN CHICAGO

PICTURED Looking north from downtown.
PICTURED Looking south from downtown.

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