SHARE YOUR VOICE
60% of students receive financial or merit awards.

80+ student-run cultural, religious, and LGBTQ groups.

40% students of color.

5 star LGBTQ rating from CampusPride.
At UChicago, our liberal arts education encourages students to question their assumptions and challenge their beliefs by nurturing curiosity and freedom of thought. The singular academic experience offered here relies on having diverse and competing perspectives in the classroom. With a campus that is home to students from all 50 states and 120 countries, our community represents a wide variety of ethnic, cultural, religious, socioeconomic, and geographic backgrounds, promising vibrant debate and spirited discourse.

The University of Chicago will equip you with a vast intellectual toolkit, enabling you to think freely and deeply about the multifaceted and interconnected society we live in. You will gain context for the past and engage the present, which will focus and inform your vision for the future. Whether you’re discussing Plato’s Allegory of the Cave in your Humanities sequence or rediscovering Ancient Greece through one of UChicago’s study abroad sequences, you can expect to examine texts and explore questions from multiple angles and varied points of view.

We are a chorus of distinctive voices that vary greatly in tone, timbre, and sound. Together, our differences create a culture that empowers the individual, supports community, and encourages exploration.
CULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS

Music. Dance. Food. History. With over 400 student organizations on campus, you will find countless opportunities to explore, learn, and immerse yourself in different cultures. Students celebrate their culture in annual cultural shows such as the popular South Asian Student Association (SASA) show and the annual Organization of Black Students (OBS) Spring Showcase. Regardless of your background, you will have plenty of opportunities to learn something new about many different cultures.

THE OFFICE OF MULTICULTURAL STUDENT AFFAIRS

The Office of Multicultural Student Affairs (OMSA) is dedicated to both supporting multicultural students on campus and working to build an inclusive campus community. OMSA provides many resources and opportunities for multicultural students on campus including: a mentoring program with both graduate students and alumni of the College, career and professional development workshops, and programming that pertains to the multicultural student experience on campus. Students enjoy hanging out in the space known as “5710” which is home not only to OMSA, but also to the Office of LGBTQ Student Affairs. OMSA works hard to ensure that students from a wide array of cultures and backgrounds are able to incorporate their heritage into the Life of the Mind.
“My favorite things to do on campus are grabbing a $1 milkshake after lab on Wednesdays and going on runs from campus to Lake Shore Drive.”

“I think that the beauty of student life at the University of Chicago is the ability to learn even outside of the classroom. I remember getting into a debate over Rousseau and Hobbes and Locke one random day at dinner that helped me better understand the works of all three thinkers.”

“I really enjoy attending seminars at the Institute of Politics. The IOP, under the direction of David Axelrod, brings in policy practitioners in the fields of politics and journalism. There’s a definite commitment to educating and grooming the next generation of political leaders.”

“Diversity’ is a word that adequately describes everything here... This university embodies the strategic merging of seemingly opposite things to create extraordinary outcomes. It’s like jazz — the dissonance of the notes, in its jarringness, makes the music come alive.”

**MULTICULTURAL ENGAGEMENT IN THE CLASSROOM**

Take the opportunity to both explore your own culture and learn about other cultures in the context of the classroom. You can choose from courses exploring more than 50 different languages and pursue majors or take courses in areas such as Gender Studies, Jewish Studies, and Comparative Race and Ethnic Studies. UChicago is also home to many area-specific centers covering topics including East Asia, Eastern Europe, Latin America, Mexico, the Middle East, and South Asia. If you’re ready to dive in even deeper, you can explore more than 45 different study abroad programs ranging from Paris to Cairo to Beijing.
The city of Chicago is situated at the crossroads of the world, featuring 77 vibrant and culturally diverse neighborhoods, which makes it easy to explore new cultures through food, art, and entertainment. You can explore the National Museum of Mexican Art in Pilsen or the DuSable Museum of African American History in Washington Park. Or experience new flavors by visiting communities like Chinatown, Ukrainian Village, and Little Italy. And, as part of the Chicago Studies program, you will be encouraged to make the whole city your biggest classroom.

The University of Chicago is located in the Hyde Park neighborhood on Chicago’s South Side. Hyde Park is a diverse community with great parks, restaurants, book stores, and museums. We are home to the Smart Museum of Art and the world-renowned Court Theater, and are only a short train, bus, or bike ride away from downtown Chicago. Hyde Park combines the best aspects of a world-class university with all the perks of a global city.

**SNAPSHOT OF CULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS:**
- Chinese Undergraduate Students Association (CUSA)
- Hong Kong Student Association
- Kababayan: Organization of Filipino Students
- Korean Students Association
- Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlán (MeChA)
- Muslim Students Association
- Native American Student Association
- Organization of Black Students (OBS)
- Organization of Latin American Students (OLAS)
- Polish American Students Association (PASA)
- Queers & Associates (Q&A)
- South Asian Students Association (SASA)

“As a kid who was born in one place, raised in another, and nurtured in a third, mixed culture, UChicago gave me a sense of home for the first time.”

Isra Shah, Karachi, Pakistani
“The University of Chicago is distinctive in many respects, but perhaps in none more so than our singular commitment to rigorous inquiry that demands multiple and often competing perspectives. Diversity for the University is therefore particularly germane to our core perspective.”

-Robert Zimmer
President
University of Chicago