A CULTURE OF FEARLESS INQUIRY.

“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 GLOBAL COMMUNITY OF SCHOLARS

At the University of Chicago, students attain a strong educational foundation by engaging their curiosity and love of learning, asking tough questions, celebrating new ideas, and forming a community of scholars with an international perspective. Bright minds come together from all corners of the globe to live the life of the mind, then translate the skills, habits, and connections they’ve made into a positive impact on the global stage.

THE CORE

At the academic center of the College is UChicago’s distinctive Core curriculum. The Core is your introduction to the tools of inquiry used in every discipline—physical, biological, and mathematical sciences; humanities, arts, and civilizations; 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 and the analysis of evidence. Classes are available during Autumn, Winter, Spring, and Summer Quarters.

THE COLLEGE HOUSES

At the social heart of the College are UChicago’s College Houses. Each of the 39 Houses brings together students from a wide variety of interest areas, backgrounds, and hometowns. Houses have traditions ranging from excellence 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 connect faculty and staff with students outside of the classroom. Faculty serve as Resident Deans of each hall and organize cultural activities, meditation nights, and lectures. Meanwhile, Resident Heads provide study break snacks, put together House trips, and build community.

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A COMMUNITY UNLIKE ANY OTHER WITH A TRADITION OF NON-TRADITIONAL THINKING.

Representing diverse cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds, our students embrace new languages, cultures, and societies to discover innovative ways of thinking. Sharing a common space and spirit, your community learns in the classroom, continues the conversation in a dozen campus coffee shops, works out together in Ratner Athletic Center, participates in more than 400 campus clubs and organizations, volunteers with neighborhood outreach programs, cheers on championship-winning Division III sports teams, competes in the world’s greatest scavenger hunt, and howls with laughter at Off-Off Campus’s weekly improv shows.

And since new ideas arise out of inviting a true variety of voices to the conversation, inclusivity is an essential aspect of this community, woven into the fabric of each College House and Core classroom. From this fertile intellectual ground spring lively discourse and world-changing discoveries, with students beginning their own research starting their first year on campus.

Research Opportunities

Each UChicago student benefits from the resources of a research university that is a global leader in scientific advancement, playing a pivotal role as a central hub for innovation in quantum science and engineering. Scholars harness powerful instruments—like Argonne’s Advanced Photon Source and, soon, the fastest supercomputer ever built in the United States—to search for solutions to issues of global significance. Some of the 160+ research institutions at UChicago include:

- Argonne National Laboratory
- Becker Friedman Institute for Research in Economics
- Comprehensive Cancer Center
- Fermilab
- Pritzker School of Molecular Engineering
- Institute of Politics
- Neubauer Collegium for Culture and Society

The Arts

From the founders of the Second City comedy troupe to internationally recognized a cappella groups, UChicago students are passionate about the arts. Arts organizations include student theater, filmmaking societies, dance companies, and literary and cultural magazines. Campus is home to the oldest continuously running student film society in the country, Doc Films, as well as multiple professional arts organizations, including Court Theatre.

Athletics

Whether they’re playing on varsity teams, club teams, or competing with their House in intramural sports, our student-athletes achieve competitive excellence on the field and educational excellence in the classroom at UChicago.

20 Division III varsity teams:

- Baseball (M)
- Basketball (M+W)
- Cross Country (M+W)
- Football (M)
- Lacrosse (W)
- Soccer (M+W)
- Softball (W)
- Swimming & Diving (M+W)
- Tennis (M+W)
- Indoor and Outdoor Track & Field (M+W)
- Volleyball (W)
- Wrestling (M)

Our Neighborhood

Within a bustling city, UChicago’s neighborhood of Hyde Park provides a leafy residential setting along the shores of Lake Michigan for a community that’s home to 2/3 of our faculty and their families. The Midway Plaisance, constructed for the Chicago World’s Fair in 1893, rolls through the University campus. In winter, students skate and play broomball on an ice rink that sits atop the pylons from the world’s first Ferris wheel. Hyde Park continues to entertain its residents with a vibrant restaurant scene, historic movie theater, and community events.
CAREER ADVANCEMENT

No matter what your interests are, your UChicago education will prepare you for a meaningful career after graduation. You can take advantage of personalized career advising, industry expertise, hands-on experience, and the faculty and resources of our graduate and professional schools to help you apply your UChicago education to professional success.

Career Advising is provided to every UChicago student all four years.

Professional Development transforms students into young professionals.

Alumni Mentoring programs guide students on their career journey.

In addition to individualized career advising and support, UChicago partners with employers across industries to provide hands-on experiences for students. Ranging from one-day job shadowing opportunities to year-long fellowships, these experiences prepare students for meaningful careers in their field of interest.

Internships for over 2,800 paid substantive positions are available each year worldwide.

Career Trekking brings students to cities worldwide to visit potential employers.

Job Shadowing allows UChicago alumni to host students for one to five days at their workplace.

Micro-internships are paid, short-term projects across a wide range of industries.

Recruiting Forums feature “speed networking” events to meet many employers at once.

Industry Pre-Professional Programs like the UChicago Career Prep programs (UCPs) bring industry experts to prepare students for careers in specific fields:

- Trott Business Program
- Education Professions Program
- Entrepreneurship Program
- Journalism, Arts, and Media Program
- Health Professions Program
- Law
- Fried Public Policy and Governmental Affairs Program
- Business Programs

Post-College Outcomes: Your career journey begins your first day on campus, and after four years of meaningful academic and career experiences, UChicago students apply their education to a highly diverse range of opportunities after graduation.

- 96% of recent graduates have substantive post-college plans.
- 85% of UChicago alumni attend graduate school.
- UChicago students apply their education to a highly diverse range of opportunities after graduation.
- Graduating class secures opportunities at 400+ organizations each year.
- 80%-86% Medical school acceptance rate for UChicago students.
- 23%-60% Top 15 law school acceptance rate for UChicago students.
- At or near 100% job placement rates for students in selective business programs.

Gain Experience, Discover your Passion.
THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO: A GLOBAL CAMPUS IN A WORLD-CLASS CITY

Chicago is a major commercial, political, and cultural epicenter, home to an arm of the Federal Reserve, one of the world's largest municipal GDPs, and more than 2.5 million people. Our students explore 77 distinct neighborhoods, 26 miles of beautiful Lake Michigan shoreline, and 601 public parks year-round through cultural celebrations, historic traditions, and a smorgasbord of cuisine. And with train and bus transportation free to UChicago students during the school year, the opportunities to explore are endless.

The exploration at the heart of the UChicago experience is not bound by the city limits. Our spirit of diverse collaboration is made possible by a campus with a global consciousness and a global reach. Through a variety of meaningful international engagements, students gain an understanding of and respect for other people and their ideas, a central component of the transformative, impactful, and worldly education that University of Chicago provides. By engaging in the rigorous pursuit of knowledge through intelligent interaction with other languages, cultures, and societies, UChicago students graduate as citizens of the world prepared to make a positive impact on the ever-changing global stage.

ENGAGING THE CITY

“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

Have fun!
• Bike the length of the city along the lakefront!
• Take in a show at the Steppenwolf, The Second City, or the Neo-Futurarium!
• Visit the greatest museums in the world for free with the UChicago Arts Pass!

Work as a Metcalf Intern at places like:
• Morningstar
• The Art Institute
• Nielsen
• Bain & Company
• Argonne National Laboratory
• JPMorgan Chase
• The Shedd Aquarium
• Digitas

Volunteer or contribute to research with community and nonprofit organizations around Chicago, like:
• The Neighborhood Schools Program
• Metrosquash
• Peer Health Exchange
• University of Chicago Community Service Center
• UChicago Urban Labs

BRILLIANCE KNOWS NO BOUNDARIES

Study abroad programs in great cities from Dakar to Vienna bring a global perspective to the UChicago experience. Students studying abroad can complete Core or major requirements while remaining enrolled in the College and retaining their financial aid eligibility, all while interacting with other languages, cultures, and societies. Students can take advantage of nearly 60 study abroad programs and UChicago Centers in Beijing, Delhi, Hong Kong, and Paris. Many students study abroad in conjunction with their Civilizations studies in the Core curriculum, and grants for independent research, travel, and language acquisition are also available to undergraduates.

60+ study abroad opportunities
4 international centers
250 cities around the world hosting Metcalf Interns
100+ languages spoken or taught on campus

“I had the unique opportunity to learn about the history of Mexico while also experiencing the vibrant cultural life of the present-day Oaxaca Valley. The food we tried, people we met, and trips we took each contributed to a new perspective on how different communities live together in one of the most diverse regions in the world.” —Neil M., current student
WE WELCOME BRIGHT MINDS TO CAMPUS FROM AN INCREDIBLE RANGE OF BACKGROUNDS.

Through our No Barriers financial aid philosophy and the Empower Initiative, the University of Chicago is expanding access to higher education and ensuring that students graduate debt-free and prepared for lifelong success—no matter their chosen major or background prior to enrolling in the College. UChicago commits to meeting the full demonstrated need of every admitted first-year student through a grant-based financial aid package that does not include a student loan expectation. Key programs like the Odyssey Scholarship provide financial assistance and continue to support students once on campus, both inside and outside of the classroom.

The college admissions process is about finding a college home that is a good fit for your personality and your plans. We review a wide variety of information to look for bright students with an unquenchable thirst for knowledge and an interest in encountering new ideas. No one quality on its own can determine the strength of an application—we’re looking to get a sense of who you are and hope to become as a whole person.

UCHICAGO FINANCIAL AID

• Need-Based Aid: UChicago commits to meeting each admitted student’s full demonstrated need.

• Need-Blind Admissions: Domestic applicants are considered on the merits of their applications alone, without weighing their financial situations. International students, please visit collegeadmissions.uchicago.edu/costs/international-aid.

• No Application Fee: Families who apply for financial aid do not have to pay a college application fee at UChicago.

• No Student Loan Expectation: Our need-based financial aid is awarded as grants, which do not need to be repaid.

• University Merit Scholarships: All first-year applicants are automatically considered for four-year and summer UChicago scholarships.

KEY PROGRAMS

• The Odyssey Scholarship supports low-income and first-generation students. Robust aid packages are complemented by guaranteed funded opportunities and peer mentorship.

• UChicago Promise offers scholarships, application support, and an application fee waiver to students from Chicago.

• The Neubauer Scholarship builds on the mission of the Adelante Summer Scholars program to provide summer and academic-year funding for international students and students engaged in Hispanic and Latino communities.

• UChicago Empower expands access for first-generation students, enables student agency and ownership in the college application process, and enhances financial support for those who serve our communities through both the National Police and Fire Scholarship and the Posse Veterans Program.

• Emerging Rural Leaders

T HROUGH OUR NO BARRIERS FINANCIAL AID PHILOSOPHY AND THE EMPower INITIATIVE, THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO IS EXPANDING ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION AND ENSURING THAT STUDENTS GRADUATE DEBT-FREE AND PREPARED FOR LIFELONG SUCCESS—NO MATTER THEIR CHOSEN MAJOR OR BACKGROUND PRIOR TO ENROLLING IN THE COLLEGE. UCHICAGO COMETS TO MEETING THE FULL DEMONSTRATED NEED OF EVERY ADMITTED FIRST-YEAR STUDENT THROUGH A GRANT-BASED FINANCIAL AID PACKAGE THAT DOES NOT INCLUDE A STUDENT LOAN EXPECTATION. KEY PROGRAMS LIKE THE ODYSSEY SCHOLARSHIP PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND CONTINUE TO SUPPORT STUDENTS ONCE ON CAMPUS, BOTH INSIDE AND OUTSIDE OF THE CLASSROOM.

THE COLLEGE ADMISSIONS PROCESS IS ABOUT FINDING A COLLEGE HOME THAT IS A GOOD FIT FOR YOUR PERSONALITY AND YOUR PLANS. WE REVIEW A WIDE VARIETY OF INFORMATION TO LOOK FOR BRIGHT STUDENTS WITH AN UNQUENCHABLE THIRST FOR KNOWLEDGE AND AN INTEREST IN ENCOUNTERING NEW IDEAS. NO ONE QUALITY ON ITS OWN CAN DETERMINE THE STRENGTH OF AN APPLICATION—WE’RE LOOKING TO GET A SENSE OF WHO YOU ARE AND HOPE TO BECOME AS A WHOLE PERSON.

“THE SINGULAR METHOD AND QUALITY OF THE COLLEGE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO INITIATES ITS UNDERGRADUATES INTO A RICH INTELLECTUAL TRADITION—DEEPENING CONFIDENCE AND HONING THE CAPACITY FOR RIGOROUS INQUIRY. UPON GRADUATION, OUR STUDENTS ARE ALONGE PRAGMATIC AND CREATIVE AND READY TO IMPACT A DYNAMIC WORLD IN MEANINGFUL AND LASTING WAYS.”

Adam Green, AB’85, Associate Professor of American History and the College
MAJORS, MINORS & OTHER AREAS OF STUDY

MAJORS

• Anthropology
• Art History
• Astrophysics
• Biological Chemistry
• Biological Sciences
• Chemistry
• Cinema and Media Studies
• Classical Studies
• Comparative Human Development
• Comparative Literature
• Comparative Race and Ethnic Studies
• Computational and Applied Mathematics
• Computer Science
• Creative Writing
• East Asian Languages and Civilizations
• Economics
• Engineering, Molecular
• English Language and Literature
• Environmental and Urban Studies
• Environmental Science
• Fundamentals: Issues and Texts
• Gender and Sexuality Studies
• Geographical Studies
• Geophysical Sciences
• Germanic Studies
• Global Studies
• History
• History, Philosophy, and Social Studies of Science and Medicine (HIPS)
• Interdisciplinary Studies in the Humanities
• Jewish Studies
• Latin American and Caribbean Studies
• Law, Letters, and Society
• Linguistics
• Mathematics
• Medieval Studies
• Music
• Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations
• Neuroscience
• Philosophy
• Physics
• Political Science
• Psychology
• Public Policy Studies
• Religious Studies
• Romance Languages and Literatures
• Russian and East European Studies
• Sociology
• South Asian Languages and Civilizations
• Statistics
• Theater and Performance Studies
• Tutorial Studies
• Visual Arts

MINORS

• Architectural Studies, Art History
• Art History
• Astronomy and Astrophysics
• Biological Sciences
• Catalan, Romance Languages and Literatures
• Chemistry
• Comparative Literature
• Computer Science
• Data Science
• Digital Studies of Language, Culture, and History
• East Asian Languages and Civilizations
• Education and Society
• Engineering, Molecular
• English Language and Literature
• Environmental and Urban Studies
• French, Romance Languages and Literatures
• Gender and Sexuality Studies
• Religious Studies
• Health and Society
• History
• History, Philosophy, and Social Studies of Science and Medicine (HIPS)
• Human Rights
• Inequality, Social Problems, and Change
• Italian, Romance Languages and Literatures
• Jewish Studies
• Latin American and Caribbean Studies
• Linguistics
• Mathematics
• Media Arts and Design
• Medieval Studies
• Music
• Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations
• Neuroscience
• Norwegian Studies
• Philosophy
• Physics
• Portuguese, Romance Languages and Literatures
• Religious Studies
• Renaissance Studies
• Romance Languages and Literatures
• Russian and East European Studies
• South Asian Languages and Civilizations
• Spanish, Romance Languages and Literatures
• Statistics
• Theater and Performance Studies
• Visual Arts

JOINT DEGREE AND PROFESSIONAL OPTIONS

• Chemistry
• Computational Analysis and Public Policy
• Computational Social Science
• Computer Science
• Digital Studies of Language, Culture, and History
• Education and Teaching Certification
• Humanities
• International Relations
• Latin American and Caribbean Studies
• Mathematics
• Medicine
• Middle Eastern Studies
• Public Policy Studies
• Social Sciences
• Social Service Administration
• Statistics

SPECIALIZATIONS

• Applied Mathematics, Mathematics
• Arabic Studies, Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations
• Archaeology and Art of the Ancient Near East, Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations
• Armenian Studies, Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations
• Astrophysics, Physics
• Cancer Biology, Biological Sciences
• Cellular and Molecular Biology, Biological Sciences
• Classical Hebrew Language and Civilization, Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations
• Cuneiform Studies, Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations
• Ecology and Evolution, Biological Sciences
• Egyptology/Egyptian Languages and Civilizations, Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations
• Endocrinology, Biological Sciences
• French, Romance Languages and Literatures
• Genetics, Biological Sciences
• Global Health Sciences, Biological Sciences
• History, Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations
• Immunology, Biological Sciences
• Islamic and Modern Middle Eastern Studies, Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations
• Israeli and Jewish Studies, Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations
• Italian, Romance Languages and Literatures
• Mathematics with a Specialization in Economics, Mathematics
• Microbiology, Biological Sciences
• Persian and Iranian Studies, Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations
• Philosophy and Allied Fields, Philosophy
• Quantitative Biology, Biological Sciences
• Semitic Languages and Literatures, Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations
• Spanish, Romance Languages and Literatures
• Turkish and Ottoman Studies, Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations

UCHICAGO AT A GLANCE

- 6,800 undergraduates from 50 states and 70+ countries
- 50 student-to-faculty ratio
- 89% 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
- 80% of students are involved in research
- 2800+ Metcalf internships (paid, career-relevant opportunities for students)
- 2 National Labs managed by UChicago, plus an affiliation with the Marine Biological Laboratory
- 1,000+ guest speakers hosted by our Institute of Politics since its founding in 1933
- 91 Nobel laureates are associated with the University of Chicago, including six current faculty members
- 300+ items on the 2019 Scav Hunt list