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 COMMUNITY OF SCHOLARS

At the University of Chicago, we’re intent on changing the world by asking tough questions, celebrating new ideas, and forming a community of scholars that is both supportive and transformative. Bright minds come from around the globe to engage in the life of the mind, then use the skills, habits, and connections they’ve made to change the world around them for the better.

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 38 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. Tenured faculty serve as Resident Deans of each hall and organize cultural activities, meditation nights, and lectures. Meanwhile, staff or graduate student 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 are smart, funny, and down-to-earth—the kind of people who become friends for life. 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.

The rigor and insight inherent in a UChicago education give our students remarkable resources for their professional success ... they take the ability to lead, to communicate, and to be understood in every profession around the world.*

John Boyer, Dean of the College

Research Opportunities

Each UChicago student benefits both from the resources of a research university and from the environment of a residential liberal arts college. Some of the 160-plus research institutions at UChicago include:

- Argonne National Laboratory
- Becker Friedman Institute for Research in Economics
- Comprehensive Cancer Center
- Fermilab
- Institute for Molecular Engineering
- Institute of Politics
- Marine Biological Laboratory in Woods Hole, Massachusetts
- Neubauer Collegium for Culture and Society

Study Abroad

Programs in great cities from Dakar to Vienna bring the UChicago classroom out into the world. Students studying abroad can complete Core or major requirements while remaining enrolled in the College and retaining their financial aid eligibility, all while immersing themselves in the culture of an exciting new environment.

- Over 50 study abroad options
- UChicago Centers in Beijing, Delhi, Hong Kong, and Paris
- Many students study abroad to efficiently complete their Core Civilizations requirement
- Summer grants for research, travel, and language acquisition are also available to undergraduates

The Arts

From the founders of the famed Second City comedy troupe to the internationally recognized a cappella group Voices in Your Head, UChicago students are passionate about the arts. Arts organizations include student theater, filmmaking and film 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

University of Chicago Athletics aims to enrich the physical and intellectual lives of our students. True 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)

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THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO AND ITS NAMESAKE CITY: A WINNING COMBINATION.

Chicago is the third largest city in the United States. Home to a branch of the Federal Reserve Bank, more than 30 Fortune 500 companies, and one of the world’s busiest international airports, Chicagoland is a major commercial, political, and cultural hub.

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 smörgåsbord of cuisine. Whether it’s celebrating Lunar New Year in Chinatown, savoring a slice of deep-dish Chicago-style pizza, taking in the Printers Row Lit Fest, biking the Lakefront Path on Lake Michigan, or cheering on one of Chicago’s world champion teams, students enjoy one of the most dynamic and vibrant cities in the world. With their student IDs doubling as Arts Passes, UChicago students have free or discounted access to over 70 cultural institutions in the city, including the Art Institute of Chicago, Joffrey Ballet, Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Goodman Theatre, Second City, and Museum of Contemporary Art. And with all Chicago Transit Authority trains and buses free to UChicago students during the school year, the opportunities to explore are endless.

ENGAGING THE CITY

Chicago, far from being merely a backdrop to a UChicago education, is an essential part of it.

The Chicago Studies program brings students’ intellects to bear on our city, and, by extension, urban environments worldwide, diving deep into Chicago history, politics, civic codes, and folkways. As citizens of Chicago, students have abundant direct opportunities for civic engagement through thoughtful, longstanding initiatives like the Neighborhood Schools Program, MetroSquash, and Peer Health Exchange, all working in conjunction with the University of Chicago Community Service Center. They also engage in transformative research through UChicago Urban Labs which informs how cities educate children, ensure public health and safety, and reduce economic inequality. This hands-on involvement in the city can also take the form of paid, substantive internships. Over 1,000 Metcalf Internships are available exclusively to UChicago undergraduates in Chicago alone, from companies like Morningstar (founded by UChicago alumnus Joe Mansueto, AB’78, MBA’80), Nielsen, and Deloitte, to cultural institutions and governmental offices like WBEZ, the Art Institute, the Cook County Attorney’s Office, the Lincoln Park Zoo, and more.

OUR HYDE PARK NEIGHBORHOOD

Within a dynamic, 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.

Hyde Park continues to benefit from the legacy of a time when it was the most popular neighborhood in the world. The Midway Plaisance, constructed for the Chicago World’s Fair in 1893, rolls a ribbon of green space through the University campus and stretches from beautiful Washington Park at the western edge of the neighborhood to gorgeous Jackson Park and the lake in the east. The Museum of Science and Industry, the only major surviving structure of the famous “White City” built for the fair, is part of Chicago’s Museum Campus South, which surrounds and includes UChicago’s campus. In winter, students ice skate and play Broomball on an ice rink that sits atop the pylons from the world’s first Ferris wheel.

Today, Hyde Park continues to entertain its residents with a vibrant restaurant scene, historic movie theater, and community events.

*Love how Hyde Park has both a neighborhood and a city feel: the community vibe, abundant parks, and small businesses make it easily accessible and welcoming, but we also still get to be in a world-class city and experience all of the incredible resources, museums, and attractions that it offers.*

Ella D., current student
CAREER ADVANCEMENT

No matter what your interests are, your UChicago education will prepare you for a meaningful career after graduation. UChicago provides personalized career advising, industry expertise, and hands-on experiences to help you apply your UChicago education to professional success.

NETCALF INTERNSHIPS

Over 2,000 substantive paid internships—exclusive to UChicago students—are hosted each year through the flagship Jeff Metcalf Internship Program. This program matches undergraduates with top employers in more than 85 cities around the world. From municipal offices to movie studios, federal agencies to major law firms, investment banks to museums, a Metcalf Internship is your opportunity to couple your UChicago education with hands-on experience.

NETWORKING AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Career Advancement events throughout the world will help you connect with UChicago’s network of 150,000 alumni leaders and innovators and prepare you to thrive in your career. Career Advancement programming supports students at all stages of their career development, from writing their first resume to making a successful transition to the workplace.

INDUSTRY PRE-PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS

Career Advancement’s pre-professional “UChicago Careers In...” programs (UIO) empower students for success in their specific fields of interest. Each UIO is led by an alumnus who is an expert in their industry and will help you hone your interests, understand your options, and find opportunities to launch a successful career. “UChicago Careers In...” programs are open to students of any major.

Masters of Professional Skills

Career Advancement offers a comprehensive set of resources that prepares each student to thrive at every stage of their career. From writing their first resume to making a successful transition to the workplace.

TREKS

TREKS is the flagship national and international career education with hands-on experience. They help you determine whether a particular career field matches your passions, skills, and values.

GRANTS

Students apply for and receive grants that support undergraduate research projects and internship opportunities that would otherwise be unpaid. Grants support summer employment, discipline-specific resources, or experiential learning related to your major.

EXPERSHIPS

UChicago matches you with hosts in a variety of fields for one-to-five-day job shadow experiences, which are a fantastic way to build your professional network, gain firsthand experience, and explore potential career paths.

Entrepeneurship

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WE WELCOME BRIGHT MINDS TO CAMPUS FROM AN INCREDIBLE RANGE OF BACKGROUNDS.

Through its No Barriers financial aid philosophy, the University of Chicago ensures that its 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 not only provide financial assistance, but also 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, and we’re looking to get a sense of who you are and hope to become as a whole person.

UCHICAGO FINANCIAL AID
UChicago’s comprehensive financial support includes:

- 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 provides summer and academic-year funding for international students and students engaged in Hispanic and Latino communities.

ADMISSIONS
Applicants choose one of the two applications listed below to submit and also submit a school-specific essay supplement. Students apply into UChicago’s one undergraduate College and have until their third year to declare a major.

If you have any questions about our holistic review process, feel free to contact your regional admissions counselor through our website at collegeadmissions.uchicago.edu/contact.

Choice of Applications
- Coalition Application
- Common Application

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

- Anthropology M
- Applied Mathematics, Mathematics S
- Anthropology and Art of the Ancient Near East, Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations S
- Architectural Studies, Art History m
- Art History Mm
- Astronomy and Astrophysics m
- Astrophysics, Physics S
- Big Problems O
- Biological Chemistry M
- Biological Sciences Mm
- Business C
- Cancer Biology, Biological Sciences S
- Catalan, Romance Languages and Literatures m
- Cellular and Molecular Biology, Biological Sciences S
- Chemistry Mj
- Chicago Studies O
- Cinema and Media Studies Mm
- Classical Hebrew Language and Civilization, Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations S
- Classical Studies Mm
- Clinical and Translational Science O
- Comparative Human Development M
- Comparative Literature M
- Comparative Race and Ethnic Studies Mm
- Computational Analysis and Public Policy J
- Computational and Applied Mathematics M
- Computational Neuroscience, Biological Sciences m
- Computer Science MmJ
- Creative Writing M
- Cuneiform Studies, Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations S
- East Asian Languages and Civilizations Mm
- Ecology and Evolution, Biological Sciences S
- Economics M
- Education Professions C
- Egyptology/Egyptian Languages and Civilizations, Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations S
- Endocrinology, Biological Sciences S
- Engineering, Molecular Mm
- English and Creative Writing, English Language and Literature m
- English Language and Literature M
- Entrepreneurship C
- Environmental Science M
- Environmental and Urban Studies Mm
- French, Romance Languages and Literatures mS
- Fundamentals: Issues and Texts M
- Gender and Sexuality Studies Mm
- Genetics, Biological Sciences S
- Geographical Studies M
- Geophysical Sciences M
- Germanic Studies Mm
- Global Studies M
- Health Professions C
- History Mm
- History, Philosophy, and Social Studies Mm
- Human Rights m
- Humanities J
- Immunology, Biological Sciences S
- Interdisciplinary Studies in the Humanities M
- International Relations I
- Islamic and Modern Middle Eastern Studies, Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations S
- Italian, Romance Languages and Literatures mS
- Jewish Studies Mm
- Journalism, Arts, and Media C
- Latin American Studies Mm
- Latin American and Caribbean Studies J
- Law C
- Law, Letters, and Society M
- Linguistics Mm
- Mathematics MmJ
- Mathematics with a Specialization in Economics, Mathematics S
- Medicine J
- Medieval Studies Mm
- Microbiology, Biological Sciences S
- Middle Eastern Studies J
- Music Mm
- Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations Mm
- Near Eastern Judaica, Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations S
- Neuroscience M
- Neuroscience, Biological Sciences S
- Norwegian Studies, Germanic Studies m
- Philosophy Mm
- Philosophy and Allied Fields, Philosophy S
- Physics Mm
- Political Science M
- Portuguese, Romance Languages and Literatures m
- Psychology M
- Public Policy and Service C
- Public Policy Studies Mj
- Religious Studies Mm
- Romance Languages and Literatures Mm
- Russian and East European Studies Mm
- Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math C
- Social Sciences J
- Social Service Administration J
- Sociology M
- South Asian Languages and Civilizations Mm
- Spanish, Romance Languages and Literatures mS
- Statistics MmJ
- Theater and Performance Studies Mm
- Tutorial Studies M
- Urban Teaching J
- Visual Arts Mm

UCHICAGO AT A GLANCE

- 6,000 undergrads from 50 states and 70+ countries
- 61 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
- 80% of students are involved in research
- 90% of College students participate in 2000+ 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 2013
- 89 Nobel laureates are associated with the University of Chicago, including five current faculty members
- 287 items on the 2017 Scav Hunt list

CLASS OF 2020 PROFILE

- ACT RANGE: 20-36 (admitted students)
- SAT RANGE: 1020-1600 (admitted students)
- ACT MID-50%: 25-35
- SAT MID-50%: 1460-1550
- AMENDED: 31,411
- ACCEPTED: 2,498
- ENROLLED: 1,591

WHERE OUR STUDENTS COME FROM

UNITED STATES

- MIDWEST: 27%
- MID-ATLANTIC: 24%
- NEW ENGLAND: 10%
- SOUTH: 13%
- SOUTHWEST: 10%
- WEST: 16%

INTERNATIONAL: 14%