A liberal arts college in the midst of a world-renowned research university,

the University of Chicago offers a dynamic and well-rounded education, one where students encounter great thinkers, sharpen critical thinking skills, and engage in the life of the mind. UChicago is a global leader in scientific advancement, and plays a pivotal role as a central hub for innovation in quantum science and engineering. 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 and its namesake city are inextricably linked. With over 9 million people in the Chicagoland area, Chicago is a center of global cultures, international commerce, the arts, and pizza. And with the city center just a 20-minute ride away from our cozy Hyde Park neighborhood, the city becomes an integral part of your UChicago experience.

6,800 undergraduate students
85% of classes have 25 students or fewer
93 Nobel laureates
4 academic quarters
2/3 of UChicago faculty call Hyde Park home
$1M in sponsored research annually

ACADEMICS

UChicago’s Core curriculum is your introduction to the tools of inquiry used in every discipline—natural and mathematical sciences, humanities, and social sciences. Core classes, which account for about 1/3 of your undergraduate coursework, are small, discussion-based sessions focused on the reading of primary texts. We provide the intellectual groundwork; you define the boundaries.

RESEARCH

80% of UChicago students choose to do research, building on a tradition of world-changing discoveries. And there’s a lot to choose from: For instance, the Pritzker School of Molecular Engineering on campus turns a traditional engineering education on its head; the Marine Biological Laboratory in Woods Hole, MA, allows students to explore biodiversity in a location dedicated to scientific discovery; and two National Laboratories (Argonne and Fermilab) offer students close involvement with groundbreaking work in the fields of physics, engineering, and energy.

WORLD-CHANGING UCHICAGO BREAKTHROUGHS:

• The mathematical theory of black holes
• The first self-sustaining nuclear reaction
• Discovering the REM sleep cycle
• Carbon-14 dating
• Efficient market theory
• The study of social psychology
• The Chicago Assyrian Dictionary

Over 50 majors and 45 minors
Nearly 60 study abroad programs
19 or fewer students in a Core discussion class
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5:1 student-to-faculty ratio
60+ research centers, institutes, and committees

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COMMUNITY

University of Chicago students are a community of scholars with a global perspective. They embrace new languages, cultures, and societies to discover innovative ways of thinking and boldly explore the unknown in the pursuit of answers to the world's biggest questions.

On campus, a UChicago student’s first community is their College House, where they live, learn, and grow alongside a hundred or so residents who represent a cross-section of the diverse student body. Each House has a dedicated House Table in one of the dining halls, extensive student and residential staff, and strong traditions—from Broomball tournaments to weekly teatimes to sunrise plunges in Lake Michigan.

AFTER GRADUATION

UChicago’s Office of Career Advancement helps you plan for your future from day one, virtually and in person, by providing your own career counselor, 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.

Specialized Industry Programs

UChicago students access comprehensive preparation for a career in their field of choice through our suite of non-major, pre-professional “Careers In” programs:

- Entrepreneurship
- Healthcare
- Law
- Education
- Business
- Behavioral Science
- Computer Science
- Policy and Social Impact
- Arts, Culture, and Entertainment
- Science, Computation, Innovation, and Engineering
- Journalism and Creative Writing

96% of the Class of 2020 graduated with career, graduate school, or other plans in place by working with Career Advancement, College Advisers, and faculty advisers.

53 Rhodes Scholarships and 27 Marshall Scholarships have been awarded to UChicago students. Seventeen members of the Class of 2020 were named Fulbright Scholars.

3,000+ paid internships are offered through the Jeff Metcalf Internship Program. Students gain employment experience with leading organizations in a diverse range of fields.

FINANCIAL AID

- Need-blind admissions for domestic applicants
- 100% of demonstrated financial need met
- No student loan expectation
- No application fee for students seeking aid

UChicago welcomes the brightest minds to our campus, regardless of financial background. Visit us online to learn more about our need-based financial aid, merit awards, and access initiatives, like the Odyssey Scholarship, Empower, Stand Together, and No Barriers philosophy.

$160+ million awarded in financial aid

ADMISSIONS

Applicants choose one of the two applications listed below and 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 or how UChicago Empower gives students the flexibility to truly take ownership over the application, feel free to contact your regional admissions counselor at collegeadmissions.uchicago.edu/contact.

Choice of Applications

- Coalition Application
- Common Application

Application Deadlines

- Early Action & Early Decision I - November 2nd
- Regular Decision & Early Decision II - January 4th
- Transfer - March 1st