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THINK · TRANSFORM · THRIVE

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 diverse perspectives. Our commitment to **free expression** encourages academic exploration and open discussion on our campus. 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 world.

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 social sciences; humanities; arts; civilizations; mathematics; and language. 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 48 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 Cinematic Universe and Plato’s *Republic* to the finer points of string theory. College Houses connect faculty and staff with students outside of the classroom. Faculty and staff 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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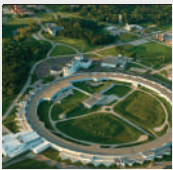
A COMMUNITY UNLIKE ANY OTHER WITH A TRADITION OF NON-TRADITIONAL THINKING.

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, our 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 450 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 many students starting their own research as early as their first year on campus.

“The combination of intellectual rigor, a joy in discovery and new ideas, and a fierce commitment to free speech and vigorous debate—that special combination that anyone anywhere will recognize as UChicago.”

Paul Alivisatos, President of The University of Chicago



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 hub for innovation in quantum science and engineering. Scholars harness powerful instruments—like Argonne’s Advanced Photon Source and one of the fastest supercomputers 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
- Feitler Center at the Smart Museum of Art
- 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 the Tony Award-winning Court Theatre. Students also have many opportunities to participate in research in the arts at various campus centers such as the Neubauer Collegium for Culture and Society and Gray Center for Arts and Inquiry.



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:

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



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, stretches across 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 year-round 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 starts before Orientation Week and continues 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.

Industry Pre-Professional Programs like the “Careers In…” programs bring in industry experts to prepare students for careers in specific fields:

- Arts and Humanities
- Behavioral Sciences
- Biological Sciences
- Business
- Climate and Energy
- Computer Science
- Education Professions
- Engineering
- Entrepreneurship
- Gaming
- Healthcare
- Law
- Physical Sciences
- Policy and Social Impact

Internships

The Jeff Metcalf Internship program offers over 4,500 paid, substantive positions each year worldwide.

60+ Career Treks

Career excursions bring students to cities around the world to visit potential employers.

Job Shadowing

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

Career Competitions

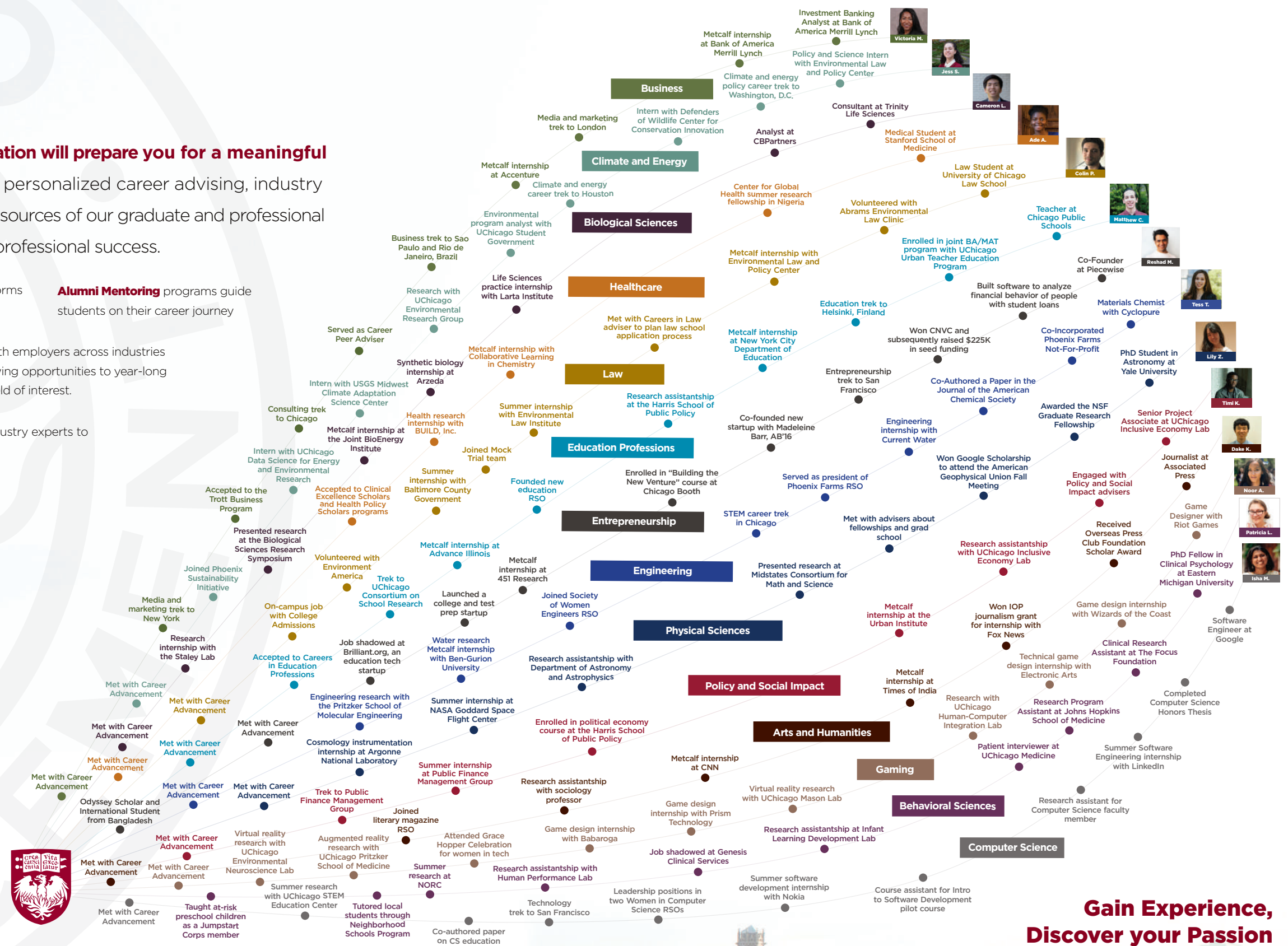
A panel of judges made up of alumni and career experts assess students' skills in different challenges.

98%

of Class of 2025

students had received an offer for employment, graduate school, or other post-college opportunities at the time of graduation.

careeradvancement.uchicago.edu/about-us/post-college-outcomes



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 the 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, like the Griffin Museum of Science and Industry and the Art Institute, for free with the UChicago ArtsPass!

Work as a Metcalf Intern at places like:

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| • Morningstar | • Argonne National Laboratory |
| • The Art Institute | • JPMorgan Chase |
| • Nielsen | • The Shedd Aquarium |
| • Bain & Company | • 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 over 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.

80+

study abroad opportunities

4

international centers

370

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.

The University of Chicago provided **more than \$200 million in financial support to its students last year**, expanding access to higher education and ensuring all students can attend UChicago free from financial burden—no matter their chosen major or background prior to enrolling in the College. Streamlined financial aid and application processes, generous need-based and merit-based financial aid, and personalized career guidance grant students the freedom to fully immerse themselves in the enriching academic environment at UChicago.

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.
- **Free Application:** Families who apply for financial aid do not pay a college application fee to UChicago.
- **Free Tuition:** Families earning less than \$125,000 per year (with typical assets) will receive full tuition scholarships to UChicago.
- **Free College:** Families earning less than \$60,000 per year (with typical assets) attend UChicago for free.
- **Loan Free:** 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 UChicago scholarships.

KEY PROGRAMS

- **The Odyssey Scholarship** supports students receiving our guaranteed free tuition, including many first-generation students. Robust aid packages are complemented by guaranteed funded opportunities, peer mentorship, and funding for UChicago Study Abroad programming.
- **UChicago Promise** offers scholarships, application support, and an application fee waiver to students from Chicago.
- **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.
- **Emerging Rural Leaders** provides support for students from small-town and rural communities through summer enrichment opportunities and mentorship programs for high school students, as well as robust, specialized financial support for College students once they matriculate.
- **Support for Veteran Students** throughout their academic career includes academic advising, financial aid (for those who qualify/eligible), career counseling and programming, nontraditional housing options, and student support services.



ADMISSIONS

Applicants choose one of the two applications listed below, submit a school-specific essay supplement, have the option to submit standardized test scores, and are given the freedom to include additional supplemental materials of their choice.

If you have any questions about our contextual 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

- **Early Action & Early Decision I** - November 1st*
- **Early Decision II & Regular Decision** - January 2nd*

*If an application deadline falls on a weekend or holiday, the deadline will instead be the next business day.



“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 at once 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
- Archaeology
- Art History
- Astrophysics
- Biological Chemistry
- Biological Sciences
- Chemistry
- Cinema and Media Studies
- Classical Studies
- Climate and Sustainable Growth
- Cognitive Science
- Committee on Environment, Geography, and Urbanization
- Comparative Human Development
- Comparative Literature
- Computational and Applied Mathematics
- Computer Science
- Creative Writing
- Data Science
- East Asian Languages and Civilizations
- Economics
- Engineering, Molecular
- English Language and Literature
- Environmental Science
- French and Francophone Studies, Romance Languages, Literatures, and Cultures
- Fundamentals: Issues and Texts
- Gender and Sexuality Studies
- Geophysical Sciences
- Germanic Studies
- Global Studies
- History
- History, Philosophy, and Social Studies of Science and Medicine (HIPS)
- Human Rights
- Inquiry and Research in the Humanities
- Italian Studies, Romance Languages, Literatures, and Cultures
- Jewish Studies
- Latin American and Caribbean Studies
- Latin American and Iberian Languages, Literatures, and Cultures, Romance Languages, Literatures, and Cultures
- Law, Letters, and Society
- Linguistics
- Mathematics
- Media Arts and Design
- Medieval Studies
- Music
- Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations
- Neuroscience
- Philosophy
- Physics
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Public Policy Studies
- Race, Diaspora, and Indigeneity
- Religious Studies
- Romance Languages and Literatures
- Russian and East European Studies
- Sociology
- South Asian Languages and Civilizations
- Spanish Language, Literature, and Culture, Romance Languages, Literatures, and Cultures
- Statistics
- Theater and Performance Studies
- Visual Arts

Minors

- Architectural Studies
- Art History
- Astronomy and Astrophysics
- Biological Sciences
- Business German
- Catalan
- Chemistry
- Cinema and Media Studies
- Classical Studies
- Climate and Sustainable Growth
- Computational Molecular Engineering
- Computational Neuroscience
- Computational Social Science
- Computer Science
- Creole and Haitian Studies
- Data Science
- Democracy Studies
- Digital Studies of Language, Culture, and History
- East Asian Languages and Civilizations
- Education and Society
- Engineering, Molecular

- English and Creative Writing
- Entrepreneurship
- Environment, Geography, and Urbanization
- French and Francophone Studies
- Gender and Sexuality Studies
- Geographic Information Science
- Germanic Studies
- Health and Society
- History
- History, Philosophy, and Social Studies of Science and Medicine (HIPS)
- Human Rights
- Inequality, Social Problems, and Change
- Italian Studies
- Jewish Studies
- Latin American and Caribbean Studies
- Linguistics
- Mathematics
- Media Arts and Design
- Medieval Studies
- Molecular, Cellular, and Tissue Engineering
- Molecular Engineering of Sustainable Energy and Water Resources
- Molecular Engineering Technology and Innovation
- Molecular Science and Engineering of Polymers and Soft Materials
- Music
- Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations
- Neuroscience
- Norwegian Studies
- Philosophy
- Physics
- Portuguese
- Quantitative Social Analysis
- Race, Diaspora, and Indigeneity
- Religious Studies
- Renaissance Studies
- Romance Languages, Literatures, and Cultures
- Russian and East European Studies
- Science Communication and Public Discourse
- South Asian Languages and Civilizations
- Spanish
- Statistics
- Theater and Performance Studies
- Visual Arts
- Yiddish Studies

Interdisciplinary Opportunities

- Big Problems
- Center for Disciplinary Innovation
- Chicago Center for Contemporary Theory
- Chicago Studies
- Clinical and Translational Science
- Parrhesia Program for Public Discourse
- Signature Courses in the College

Joint Degree and Professional Options

- Accelerated Medical Scholars Program
- Biological Chemistry
- Chemistry
- Computational and Applied Mathematics
- Computational Analysis and Public Policy

- Computer Science
- Digital Studies of Language, Culture, and History
- Divinity
- Financial Mathematics
- Humanities
- International Relations
- Mathematics
- Middle Eastern Studies
- Public Policy Studies
- Religious Studies
- Social Sciences
- Social Work, Social Policy, and Social Administration
- Statistics

Specializations

- African American Studies
- Africa Past and Present
- 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
- Asian American Studies
- Astrophysics, Physics
- Bioengineering, Molecular Engineering
- Business Economics, Economics
- Cancer Biology, Biological Sciences
- Cellular and Molecular Biology, Biological Sciences
- Chemical Engineering, Molecular Engineering
- Classical Hebrew Language and Civilization, Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations
- Computer Security, Computer Science
- Computer Systems, Computer Science
- Cuneiform Studies, Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations
- Data Science, Computer Science
- Data Science, Economics
- Ecology and Evolution, Biological Sciences
- Egyptian Languages and Civilizations, Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations
- Endocrinology, Biological Sciences
- Genetics, Biological Sciences
- Global Health Sciences, Biological Sciences
- History, Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations
- Human Computer Interaction, Computer Science
- Immunology, Biological Sciences
- Islamic Thought, Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations
- Israeli and Jewish Studies, Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations
- Latina/o Studies
- Machine Learning, Computer Science
- Mathematics with a Specialization in Economics, Mathematics
- Microbiology, Biological Sciences
- Native American Studies
- Persian and Iranian Studies, Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations
- Philosophy and Allied Fields, Philosophy
- Programming Languages, Computer Science
- Quantitative Biology, Biological Sciences
- Quantum Engineering, Molecular Engineering
- Semitic Languages and Literatures, Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations
- Theory, Computer Science
- Turkish and Ottoman Studies, Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations

UCHICAGO AT A GLANCE

- **5:1** student-to-faculty ratio
- **7,500** undergrads from 50 states and 100+ countries
- **85%** of classes have 25 students or fewer
- **60%** of faculty call our Hyde Park neighborhood home
- **13 MILLION** volumes in 6 libraries, all located on campus
- **4** international centers in Paris, Beijing, Hong Kong, and Delhi
- **450+** Recognized Student Organizations
- **160+** research centers and committees

- **80%** of students are involved in research
- **4,500+** 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
- **101** Nobel laureates are associated with the University of Chicago, including nine current faculty members
- **348** items on the 2025 Scav Hunt list