

Loyola Info Guide

Location:

Loyola University, Chicago has 4 campuses, three of which are located in Chicago:

- Lake Shore Campus (Main Campus), home of the College of Arts and Sciences - Found at 6339 N Sheridan Rd, Chicago, IL 60660
- The Water Tower Campus, home of the School of Social Work, School of Law, School of Education, School of Business Administration, and an extension the College of Arts and Sciences - Found at 111 E Pearson St, Chicago, IL 60611
- Loyola Medical Center in Maywood, IL, home of the Niehoff School of Nursing and the Stritch School of Medicine - 2160 S 1st Ave, Maywood, IL 60153
- Found in one of the biggest cities in the United States, it is unlikely that any student of Loyola will be bored. Almost every campus (2/4) can be found by Lake Michigan, especially the LakeShore campus that is only blocks away! This college is surrounded by several exciting places that will make college life even more interesting. The college is surrounded by museums, (The Art Institute, Field Museum, and the Science and Industry Museum) parks, (Millenium) five-star rated restaurants, and who could forget about the lovely Bean.

School Information

Loyola University is a Catholic Private Institution that has a total undergraduate enrollment of 12,240, and gender distribution of 33% male students and 67% female students. At this school, 38% of the students live in college-owned, -operated, or -affiliated housing and 62% of students live off-campus. The school has a student-to-faculty ratio of 14:1

Academics and Majors

Besides the core curriculum, there are 80+ undergraduate majors and 140+ graduate, professional, and graduate-level certificate programs to choose from. Loyola also offers abroad options in Rome than 50 counties, including a campus in Rome. The most popular majors at Loyola University Chicago include:

- Biology/Biological Sciences General

- Registered Nursing/Registered Nurse
- Psychology, General
- Marketing/Marketing Management, General
- Finance, General.

Each of Loyola's campuses is designed to fit a specific major. Every Loyola Undergraduate will complete the University Core Curriculum. The Core Curriculum consists of 16 courses (48 credit hours) distributed over 10 Core Knowledge Areas. These consist of:

- Artistic Knowledge and Experience (1 course)
- Historical Knowledge (2 courses)
- Literary Knowledge and Experience (2 courses)
- Quantitative Analysis (1 course)
- Scientific Literacy (2 courses)
- Societal and Cultural Knowledge (2 courses)
- Philosophical Knowledge (2 courses)
- Theological and Religious Studies Knowledge (2 courses)
- Ethics (1 course from the Philosophical or Theological area)
- College Writing Seminar (1 course)

Application Process

The college application process at Loyola University Chicago is easy. Here are a few points to keep in mind when considering applying:

- The priority deadline for admission is December 1.
- To submit applications, students can use the free online application.
 - Loyola specific and recommended for students who are not applying to other schools via the Common App.
- Freshman applicants are required to submit an official transcript from their secondary school
- Loyola is test-optional (as of the 2021 application cycle)
 - A holistic admission review of each applicant will be taken into consideration by the university.

- Students are encouraged to submit their activities and personal statement as part of the application
- Students can also submit ACT and/or SAT scores as part of their application for admission, but this is optional.
- SAT code: 1412; ACT code: 1064
 - *Please note that students applying for admission to the Bachelor of Nursing and Engineering Science programs will still be required to submit a self-reported test score as part of its requirement for review. For those that cannot submit a score for these programs, the admission office may still consider a holistic review of the application.
- Students are encouraged to include a letter of recommendation from a teacher/counselor
- Official information regarding transfer credit/ AP/IB credit can be submitted electronically

Selectivity

Loyola University Chicago admissions are more selective with an acceptance rate of 67%. Half the applicants admitted to Loyola University Chicago have an SAT score between 1130 and 1320 or an ACT score of 25 and 30.

Student Life

After becoming a proud student of Loyola University, there are countless clubs and athletics to join. There are 30+ Intramural and club sports at Loyola, and 200+ student organizations you can join. Some athletics options are:

- Softball
- Soccer
- Volleyball
- Dodgeball
- Badminton
- Basketball
- Some clubs are:
- Academic/honors organizations
- Cultural/ethnic clubs

- Hobby/special interest groups
- Media organizations
- Political/social issues organizations
- Service/spiritual groups
- Student government/programming boards

Greek Life

You can also get involved with Greek life on campus by joining a fraternity or sorority. And if a student activity or organization you're interested in doesn't exist, you can create your own. There are already groups like Beta Theta Pi, Pi Kappa Phi, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, and more. The requirements for Greek life are as follows:

- Full-time undergraduate student in good standing with the university
- 12 credit hours at Loyola University Chicago
- 2.5 Cumulative GPA

Housing

With over 20 residence halls, each student is given the option to live on campus. But, there are residency requirements. All full-time first-year and second-year students are required to live in Loyola University Chicago Residence Life housing and purchase a meal plan.

Loyola University Chicago also offers a non-residential option for students living at home with parent(s)/legal guardian(s). Students seeking a non-residential experience must complete the exemption request process and meet established criteria to be approved.

Students may request exemption from the residency requirement. If a student enters into the Student Housing Agreement and later requests a release from the requirement, there may be financial penalties for the student failing to honor the commitment of the agreement for the entire academic year.

Food off and on campus

In terms of food, this university has many dining halls that each offer a variety of food. Loyola partners with different catering operations to provide as much food as it can for its students.

On-campus eaters are offered a pay-as-you-go (for Dining Dollars, Declining Balance, and

Rambler Bucks) and all-you-care-to-eat (for Board and Block Plans). Paired with that, Loyola offers an on-campus and off-campus meal plan for its students.

On-campus students are offered The Campus Card Office that works in conjunction with the Department of Residence Life and Dining Services (Apart from the campus card that allows you to simply swipe at all Dining services and restaurants) to provide meal plans for those students living in residence halls. When a student signs a housing contract with the Department of Residence Life, the student selects a single meal plan. Students can use the meal plan at on-campus Dining Services locations. These plans are made to fit the student's schedule, whether one plans on eating there every day or once a week. -Funds carry over from semester to semester, but not between academic years.

On-Campus:

The basic plans are as follows:

- The 5-Day All-Access Plan:
 - Allows an unlimited number of meal swipes daily Monday-Friday. Dining Dollars can be used at any time in any on-campus dining location, including the Food Court, Coffee Shops/Cafes, and Residential Dining Halls.
- The 7-Day All-Access Plan:
 - Allows an unlimited number of meal swipes daily Monday-Sunday. Dining Dollars can be used at any time in any on-campus dining location, including the Food Court, Coffee Shops/Cafes, and Residential Dining Halls. Dining Dollars meal plans can be used at any on-campus dining locations including the Food Court, Coffee Shops/Cafes, and Residential Dining Halls.
- The Small Declining Balance Plan (\$500/semester)
 - Designed for students who plan to eat at the dining facilities only a few times per week, and will primarily rely on outside meals.
- The Medium Declining Balance Plan (\$900/semester)
 - Designed for students who plan to eat at the dining facilities approximately one meal a day, but will primarily rely on outside meals.*
- The Large Declining Balance Plan (\$1,950/semester)

- Designed for students who plan to eat at the dining facilities as their primary source of meals throughout the semester, but likely will not cover all meals.*
 - *Actual cost of purchases dependent on dining location and individual order.
- Block 20 + \$200 Dining Dollars Plan (\$380/semester)
 - Designed for students who plan to dine on-campus from time to time for a traditional 16-week semester. This plan provides 20 meals that can be used for any meal at Residential Dining Halls, plus \$200 Dining Dollars for use at any on-campus Dining facility.
- Block 30 + \$300 Dining Dollars Plan (\$570/semester)
 - Designed for students who plan to dine on-campus one to two times weekly for a traditional 16-week semester. This plan provides 30 meals that can be used for any meal available at Residential Dining Halls, plus \$300 Dining Dollars for use at any on-campus Dining facility.

Off-Campus

There are a multitude of restaurants surrounding the Campus's area. If the campus food is not your vibe, here are some five-star restaurants near the main campus:

- Beard and Belly - 6157 N Broadway, Chicago, IL 60660
- Bop N Grill - 6604 N Sheridan Rd, Chicago, IL 60626
- Awash Ethiopian Restaurant - 6324 N Broadway, Chicago, IL 60660
- And many more

Opportunities

Loyola offers many jobs and internships within Loyola, and uses its connections to better its students. There are more than 20 internship and job offers, including some stated below:

- Loyola University Campus Summer Intern
- Research Assistant
- Computer Science Assistant
- Business Associate
- Assistant English Professor

Honors Programs

The Honors Program at Loyola has much to offer. Requirements include completion of 15 credit hours and a minimum GPA of 3.5 for second-semester Freshmen or completion of 30 credit hours and a minimum GPA of 3.5 for first semester Sophomores. Students that enter the Honors Program at this time must meet with an Honors advisor before the start of classes.

Unique Features

Consortiums: Loyola University has a consortium arrangement in place with four universities, Tulane, Dillard, Notre Dame, and Xavier. This allows students at any one of the universities to take courses at each of the other three institutions on a space-available basis.

4+1: Students complete the bachelor's degree, but also take two graduate courses as undergraduates their senior year that count toward both their Bachelor's and Master's degree. By doing so, the 6 additional graduate courses can be finished in a single year for this 4+1 program.

