Maximize your experience.
At the University of Chicago, we invest in and cultivate you. Here, your hard-earned experience meets ours—based on over 125 years as a leading research institution. We help you maximize your skillset while you learn, grow, and develop into the impact-maker you want to be.

You already have the raw material you need to succeed; we’re here to provide you with the toolkit. Our 100+ graduate and professional programs are unique pathways to prepare you for what’s next as leaders in academia, industry, nonprofits, and government.

**Master’s and Professional Degrees**
Alongside our more specialized master’s and professional programs, UChicago offers several unique, interdisciplinary programs that allow you to design a course of study to meet your needs and make your mark. Through these one-year programs, you either pursue a broad selection of coursework or focus more specifically on one area of study:

- **Master of Arts Program in the Social Sciences (MAPSS)**
  Students take classes throughout the Social Sciences Division or in a specific field, such as Political Science or Anthropology.

- **Master of Arts Program in the Humanities (MAPH)**
  Students construct a generalized course of study or specialize in any of the departments in the Humanities Division. Structured tracks are also offered in areas such as cultural policy, creative writing, digital humanities, poetics, and theater and performance studies.

- **Master of Science in the Physical Sciences Division (MS-PSD)**
  Students work with faculty alongside PhD students and postdoctoral scholars in departments across the Physical Sciences Division.

**PhD Programs**
UChicago is home to some of the most renowned doctoral programs in the world, producing top scholars in every field:
- 24 Nobel Prize winners earned their graduate degrees at UChicago
- More than 100 UChicago graduate students received a National Science Foundation award in the past five years
- UChicago is among the top five recipients of Fulbright awards and a leading producer of graduate fellowship winners

The Council on Advanced Studies supports more than 70 interdisciplinary workshop groups, which allow students to present their research to peers and faculty, and facilitate the dissertation writing process. Other workshop programs are offered by individual departments and graduate divisions, ensuring students have ample opportunity to present their work.

**Joint and Dual Degrees**
UChicago offers you an array of joint and dual degree programs. Combinations may involve multiple professional degrees, the addition of a specialization to doctoral studies, or complementary training across disciplines.

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**A Home Like No Other: Hyde Park and Chicago**
As a graduate student at UChicago, you become a member of a community unlike any other. The remarkable city of Chicago offers a world of possibilities for exploration, enrichment, and experiential learning. With 77 distinct neighborhoods to explore—including the University’s home of Hyde Park—you can immerse yourself in a remarkable mix of cultures, cuisines, languages, architectural styles, and points of interest.

UChicago’s immediate home of Hyde Park is a microcosm of the larger city, offering a range of retail, restaurants, bookstores, coffee shops, parks, and attractions to enjoy—all with downtown Chicago located 15 minutes away via public transportation. Through partnership with our neighbors, the University works to enhance the quality of life and economic development of the South Side in which we reside. We draw from the strength and diversity of our surrounding neighborhoods, and we give back through programs in health, education, the arts, employment, and more. We invite all our students to join us in making a difference through community partnerships and programs.

When you make our home your home, remember that Hyde Park boasts a variety of housing options—from high-rises along Lake Michigan to three-flat walk-ups near campus. The University Family Resource Center is available to support students who are also parents with resources and information regarding local schools.
Outstanding Faculty
UChicago faculty shape the world’s conversations and pioneer ideas with broad impact. They’ve discovered new species of dinosaurs, reshaped our understanding of gene functions, changed the way American history is studied and taught, and developed new ways of looking at business, policy, and social change. Many faculty hold multiple appointments across our five divisions, seven professional schools, and 140+ centers and institutes associated with the University, enabling research to cut across traditional boundaries.

Innovative Research
With a commitment to free and open inquiry, our scholars transform the way we understand the world by advancing—and creating—fields of study. They are leaders in scientific and technological innovations, often in partnership with our affiliated laboratories: Argonne National Laboratory, Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory, and the Marine Biological Laboratory in Woods Hole.

Generating new knowledge for the benefit of present and future generations, UChicago research impacts the globe, leading to such breakthroughs as unearthing the link between cancer and genetics, discovering the first evidence of the expansion of the universe, establishing revolutionary theories of economics, and developing tools to produce reliably excellent urban schooling.

Experiential Learning
An education at UChicago includes not only a rigorous theoretical and methodological grounding, but also the opportunity to take a hands-on approach to learning. Here, students participate in field placements, legal clinics, internships, practica, laboratory rotations, teaching assignments, and ethnographic research. Specialized staff match students to the experiences that will best help them reach their goals.

Financial Support
The University of Chicago provides financial assistance to graduate students through a number of fellowship, scholarship, and student loan programs. Funding and aid vary by program, and all prospective students are encouraged to visit individual program websites for specific information. International students are eligible for all university-funded awards.

- Master’s and Professional Programs
  For most programs, merit-based scholarships and fellowships are available. The University also facilitates loan programs for US citizens and permanent residents.

- PhD Programs
  Doctoral students typically receive extensive funding packages, including tuition support, health insurance, and a living stipend.

Academic and Career Support
Alongside industry-specific career offices across campus, UChicagoGRAD offers a variety of academic and career support services, including writing consultations and editing, public speaking and interview skills, internships, fellowship advising, diversity and inclusion advising, and advising for careers in academia, industry, nonprofits, and government.

Planning on a career in academia? The Chicago Center for Teaching offers workshops and certificates to strengthen your teaching skills and prepare you for the transition to faculty.

Diversity and Inclusion
UChicago prizes its diversity of thought, creed, and background. Our differences are our strengths. We strive to learn from one another and our surrounding communities every day. We prioritize inclusive learning environments and the ongoing support and development of our scholars from underrepresented backgrounds or marginalized groups. Above all, we are committed to cultivating and supporting thinkers who embrace the richness of our diverse world and incorporate diversity into their academic lives.
Divisions, Schools, and Degrees

**Biological Sciences Division**

**Master's Degree**
- Public Health Sciences for Clinical Professionals

**Doctoral Degrees**
- Biophysics
- Cancer Biology
- Cell and Molecular Biology
- Computational Neuroscience
- Development, Regeneration, and Stem Cell Biology
- Ecology and Evolution
- Evolutionary Biology
- Genetics, Genomics, and Systems Biology
- Human Genetics
- Immunology
- Integrative Biology
- Interdisciplinary Scientist Training Program (MD/PhD)
- Medical Physics
- Microbiology
- Molecular Metabolism and Nutrition
- Neurobiology
- Public Health Sciences

**Booth School of Business**

**Master's Degree**
- Master of Business Administration

**Doctoral Degrees**
- Accounting
- Behavioral Science
- Econometrics and Statistics
- Economics
- Finance
- Management Science/Operations Management
- Marketing

**Divinity School**

**Master's Degrees**
- Master of Divinity (MDiv)
- Master of Arts in Religious Studies (MA or AMRS)

**Doctoral Degrees**
- Anthropology and Sociology of Religion
- Bible (Hebrew Bible, New Testament)
- History of Christianity
- History of Judaism
- History of Religions
- Islamic Studies
- Philosophy of Religions
- Religion, Literature, and Visual Culture
- Religions in America
- Religious Ethics
- Theology

**Graham School of Continuing Liberal & Professional Studies**

**Master's Degrees**
- Analytics (MS)
- Biomedical Informatics (MS)
- Liberal Arts (MLA)
- Public Policy with Certificate in Research Methods (MACRM)

**Harris School of Public Policy**

**Master's Degrees**
- Computational Analysis and Public Policy (MSCAPP)
- Master of Arts in International Development and Policy (MAIDP)
- Public Policy (MPP or MA)

**Doctoral Degree**
- Public Policy

**Humanities Division**

**Master's Degrees**
- Digital Studies of Language, Culture, and History
- Middle Eastern Studies
- Visual Arts (MFA)

**Physical Sciences Division**

**Master's Degrees**
- Computational and Applied Mathematics
- Computer Science
- Geophysical Sciences
- Mathematics
- Physics
- Statistics

**Pritzker School of Medicine**

**Doctoral Degrees**
- Medicine, the Social Sciences, and Humanities (MD/PhD)

**Pritzker School of Molecular Engineering**

**Master's Degree**
- Master of Science in Molecular Engineering

**Doctoral Degree**
- Molecular Engineering

**School of Social Service Administration**

**Master's Degrees**
- Social Sector Leadership and Nonprofit Management (MA)
- Social Work and Social Welfare: Clinical or Social Administration (MA)

**Social Sciences Division**

**Master's Degrees**
- Comparative Human Development
- Conceptual and Historical Studies of Science
- Economics
- History
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Social Thought
- Sociology

**The Law School**

**Master's Degrees**
- Master of Laws (LLM)
- Master of Legal Studies (MLS)

**Doctoral Degrees**
- Juris Doctor (JD)
- Doctor of Jurisprudence (JSD)
- Doctor of Comparative Law (DCompL)
Do you require a master’s degree to apply to a PhD program?
No. The vast majority of our graduate programs accept applicants with a four-year bachelor’s degree or its equivalent. Exceptions are the PhD programs in the Divinity School and the School of Social Service Administration. However, in some fields it is becoming increasingly common for students enrolling in a PhD program to already hold a master’s degree.

When should I apply?
The vast majority of our programs accept applications once per year for the following autumn quarter, with deadlines for most PhD programs falling in December. Master’s program deadlines vary, but many programs accept applications through March.

What are your application requirements?
Applicants apply directly to the program of interest via the online application, and each program has a separate admissions process. Typically, applications require:
- Unofficial transcripts
- Statement of purpose
- Three letters of recommendation
- Official test scores
- TOEFL or IELTS scores for international students
- Application fee

Programs in humanistic and social science fields also usually require a writing sample, while those in the sciences may require GRE Subject Test scores. Check the website of your program of interest for specific requirements before starting an application.

Is there a minimum GPA/score?
With the exception of English language proficiency exams, the University of Chicago has no minimum test scores or GPAs. All our programs share an emphasis on “holistic” admissions—in other words, departments look at the entire picture of an applicant, not just a set of test score results or grades. That said, some programs may publish information regarding the averages of their successful applicants on their website, which may be a helpful guide.