

# Profile for College Admission

## 2022–2023

Latin School of Chicago, founded in 1888, is an independent, coeducational, college preparatory school for students in junior kindergarten through grade twelve. The school is an urban campus located on the near-North Side of Chicago adjacent to the 1,212-acre Lincoln Park. The upper school is located on the southeast corner of Clark Street and North Avenue. Chicago's rich cultural and intellectual resources are integrated throughout Latin's curriculum, giving faculty and students numerous opportunities to take advantage of the school's urban location.

### Student Body

Latin enrolls a diverse community of more than 1,181 students from 75 Chicago neighborhoods and 12 surrounding suburbs. Our students are ambitious and talented; they think critically and are engaged in their learning. Latin's upper school currently enrolls 499 students—38% of whom consider themselves students of color—who come from different ethnic, cultural and socio-economic backgrounds and are nurtured in an environment that embraces their diversity. Latin awards more than \$4.5 million annually in financial assistance to families with demonstrated need but provides no merit scholarships.

### Faculty

Approximately 100 dedicated members comprise the Latin middle and upper school faculty. Our student/faculty ratio is 9:1, and 87 percent of our classroom teachers have earned master's degrees or higher.

### Activities

Students participate in more than 20 different competitive varsity and junior varsity sports teams and over 50 different clubs, organizations and affinity groups. Several theatrical performances are staged throughout the year, and our students enter a variety of local and national arts and academic competitions. Latin hosts a championship Scholastic Bowl team and a variety of nationally recognized publications and service organizations.

### Service Learning

Post-COVID, Latin no longer requires service hours, but approaches community engagement as a school-wide responsibility. In our redesigned program, students engage meaningfully with their communities in myriad ways throughout their high school experience. Through Latin's Uptown Neighborhood Partnership, students can connect with a variety of agencies and organizations and embed service into their curricular and Project Week experiences (see "Curricular Highlights"). Latin School of Chicago believes in sustained community engagement that is meaningful, immersive, and reciprocal.

### Accreditation and Affiliation

A member of College Board and the National Association of College Admission Counselors, Latin complies with the CEPP of NACAC as well as other professional ethical guidelines. Latin School is also a founding member of the Association of College Counselors in Independent Schools. Latin is accredited by the Illinois State Board of Education, the Independent School Association of the Central States and is a member in good standing of the National Association of Independent Schools.

At Latin 100 percent of students are admitted to and choose to attend 4-year colleges and universities. Several students each year choose to defer enrollment to explore non-academic opportunities.

## Our Vision

Our vision for educational excellence is to reinforce the value of an exemplary liberal arts education that makes learning inquiry-based, personal and inclusive. Our approach expands each Latin Learner's capacity for purposeful learning—whether in our school, our city or our world.

## COVID Statement:

Latin ceased on-campus instruction in March of 2020, but courses continued remotely for the remainder of the spring semester. The 2020-2021 school year was at times remote, at times hybrid and at times in person. Beginning in Fall 2021, we were completely in person.

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# Curricular Highlights

## Grading Policy

Latin School does not rank its students nor does it provide a cumulative GPA. At the conclusion of each school year, internal non-college GPAs are calculated for the purpose of faculty-selected honors societies and awards. In this calculation, all AP and honors courses are weighted more than college preparatory classes.

## Honors

Latin is a member of the Cum Laude Society (students are eligible at the end of eleventh and twelfth grade); students may also be selected to the school's unique Erasmus Society beginning their sophomore year, which rewards intellectual curiosity and a love of learning beyond a concern for achieving high grades.

The majority of discipline-specific awards are granted at the end of the senior year.

**\*NOTE:** Latin students are generally limited to no more than three AP/honors courses in a given school year. Students must petition for approval to exceed this limit.

SUBJECT & REQUIREMENTS	COURSES (honors and AP courses are in bold)				
<b>ENGLISH</b> Four credits including English 9-12 There are no honors courses in English	English 9 English 10: African Lit English 10: Asian Lit English 10: Eastern and Central Euro Lit English 10: Latin American Lit English 10: Mid East and South Asia Lit English 11: America to Me	English 11: American Families English 11: American Seeker English 11: The New Chicagoans English 11: Silenced America English 12: Writer's Workshop, Blended Learning English 12: Creative Writing English 12: Creative Writing: Blended	English 12: Disenchantment and Fantasy Lit English 12: Mexican American Lit English 12: Modern and Contemporary Poetry English 12: Neil Gaiman's American Gods English 12: Queer Lit	English 12: The Meaning of Life in Lit English 12: The Places You'll Go in Lit English 12: Science Fiction and Social Justice English 12: Shakespeare Journalism: A Blended Course	
<b>HISTORY &amp; SOCIAL STUDIES</b> Three credits including one full-credit in Global Cities, the remaining credits must include at least one year of U.S. History, and at least one credit of a global studies elective	<b>Advanced Topics: American Politics</b> <b>Advanced Topics: Chicago Politics</b> <b>Advanced Topics: Comparative &amp; Global Politics</b> <b>Advanced Topics: Drugs in History &amp; Society</b> <b>Advanced Topics: Economics</b>	<b>Advanced Topics: European History</b> <b>Advanced Topics: History of Schools &amp; Society</b> <b>Advanced Topics: Psychology</b> <b>Honors American Politics</b> City So Real: Chicago Politics <b>Honors Comparative and Global Politics</b>	<b>Honors European History</b> Global Art and Culture Global Studies: Networks, Hierarchies, and Culture International Human Rights Law Latin American Revolutions Middle East	Modern China Nazi Mind Russian Revolutions Spice: Food, Trade, and Culture U.S. History What is Race?: Global Studies in Race and Racism World Religions	
<b>MATHEMATICS</b> Three or three and a half credits, dependent on track, must include Algebra 2 and Geometry	Advanced Topics in Math Algebra 1 Algebra 2 <b>Honors Algebra 2</b>	Introduction to Differential Calculus <b>AP Calculus AB</b> <b>AP Calculus BC</b> Finance and Math 1 Finance and Math 2	Geometry <b>Honors Geometry</b> Introduction to Integral Calculus <b>Honors Multivariable Calculus</b> <b>Honors Precalculus</b> <b>Honors Accelerated Precalculus and Diff Calculus</b>	Precalculus Probability & Game Theory <b>AP Statistics</b> Statistical Methods: Understanding Community 1 Statistical Methods: Understanding Community 2	
<b>SCIENCE</b> Three credits including one year of Physics, Biology and Chemistry	Bioethics Biology <b>Honors Biology</b> <b>Honors Advanced Biology: Ecology and Evolution</b> <b>Honors Advanced Biology: Genetics and Evolution</b>	<b>AP Chemistry</b> Chemistry <b>Honors Chemistry</b> Cosmology Human Anatomy and Physiology 1	Human Anatomy and Physiology 2 Medicinal Chemistry 1 Medicinal Chemistry 2 Physics	<b>Honors Physics</b> <b>AP Physics C: Mechanics</b> <b>AP Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism</b> Research in Molecular Genetics Stellar Astronomy	
<b>COMPUTER SCIENCE &amp; TECHNOLOGY</b>	Computer Science Principles 1: Foundations Computer Science Principles 2: Applications	Intro to Algorithms and Data Structures Modern Computers: From NAND to Tetris <b>Honors Advanced Programming</b>	Principles of Programming Languages Software Development Lab-Blended Web Application Development		
<b>LANGUAGES</b> Latin School follows a proficiency-based language model. Course titles may appear more than once, which reflects a progression in learning and not a repeated class. Particular level bands or skill levels may require a varying amount of time, exposure or both. (See <a href="#">ACTFL Proficiency Guidelines Pyramid</a> )	Proficiency-based programs in French, Latin, Mandarin and Spanish are offered and all students must successfully complete a minimum of three consecutive years of a language. The classroom experience is grounded in the three modes of communication (interpersonal, interpretive and presentational) for modern languages. French, Mandarin and Spanish classes are conducted in the target language and students use their skills in a variety of real-life situations. Through the Latin curriculum students develop reading proficiency. All languages offer opportunities abroad.	<b>MANDARIN</b> <b>Hon. Mandarin: Inter. Mid.</b>  In 2020-21 "Chinese" was renamed "Mandarin"	<b>FRENCH</b> <b>AP French: Inter. High – Language and Culture</b> <b>Hon. French: Inter. High</b> <b>Honors French: Inter. High – Language and Culture</b> <b>Hon. French: Inter. High – Literature</b>	<b>LATIN</b> <b>Hon. Latin: Advanced High</b> <b>Hon. Latin: Superior</b>	<b>SPANISH</b> <b>Hon Spanish: Adv. Low</b> <b>Hon. Spanish: Adv. Low – Literature</b> <b>Hon. Spanish: Inter. High</b> <b>Hon. Spanish: Inter. High – Language and Culture</b> <b>Hon. Spanish: Inter. High – Literature</b>
<b>ARTS</b> Two credits including a half credit from the required ninth grade Global Cities program. The half credit must be in Performing Arts.	<b>VISUAL ARTS</b> Courses offered in the following areas: CAD, Computer Graphic Design, Digital Media, Drawing, Fashion Design, Filmmaking, Painting, Photography, and Sculpture. <b>AP Studio Art</b> Global Studies: Visual Arts Visual Communications for Artists & Entrepreneurs	<b>PERFORMING ARTS</b> Courses offered in the following areas: Acting, Band, Chorus, Dance, Improvisation, Music Technology, Playwriting & Directing, Speech, Stagecraft and Technical Theater  Many of these classes are offered at multiple skill levels, including company-level execution.			

### Also Required:

- Physical Education – two credits, one of which must be a half credit of wellness in the in ninth grade. Team athletes are exempt from PE during the course of their sports seasons.
- Project Week – successful completion of a project required each year.

### Project Week

During March, all upper school students participate in hands-on learning experiences around the globe, throughout the U.S. and in Chicago. Students are required to participate each year and expenses are subsidized for those who qualify.

*Project weeks in 2020 and 2021 were canceled due to COVID; 2022 included domestic and local project weeks only.*

### Additional Opportunities:

#### Independent Study Projects

Students can work independently with a teacher to advance their interest and study in a variety of disciplines. These courses do not substitute for required classes.

#### Interdisciplinary Courses

Dance can count as either Performing Arts or PE.

#### Teaching Practica

In 2019, Latin unveiled an exciting new program. Students must submit proposals and are selected by the faculty to enroll in an individual teaching practicum. Selected students are paired with a mentor teacher in a subject they have previously mastered and are expected to assist faculty with developing lesson plans, delivering appropriate content or serving as a mentor to learners in the class. Seniors attend class on a regular basis and serve as faculty assistants; they are not graded, but are awarded academic credit for their work and time.

#### Senior Projects

This optional program encourages seniors to explore interests in and out of the classroom for several weeks at the end of the school year. At their culmination, all senior projects are publicly presented.

#### Global Online Academy (GOA)

Latin is a member of the Global Online Academy, a consortium of the world's leading independent schools whose mission is to translate into online classrooms the intellectually rigorous programs and excellent teaching that are hallmarks of its member schools. Courses and descriptions can be found at: [globalonlineacademy.org](http://globalonlineacademy.org). "GOA" classes will have this designation on their transcripts and an accompanying profile will be sent to colleges.

## Class of 2023 Academic Statistics

Number in class: 123

### Grade Distribution Class of 2023 Junior Year

Course/Discipline	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	D-	F
English	72	24	13	5	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
History	4	1	8	9	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Hon/AP History	71	7	19	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Languages	47	34	11	3	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hon/AP Languages	20	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mathematics	50	16	7	5	5	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
Honors/AP Mathematics	29	17	10	12	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Science	26	11	7	3	3	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
Honors/AP Science	80	21	7	7	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arts (visual & performing)	49	18	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hon. Arts (visual & performing)	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Computer Science/Tech	11	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hon/AP Computer Science/Tech	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

### Grade Distribution Class of 2023 Sophomore Year

Course/Discipline	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	D-	F
English	86	1	16	9	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
History	194	19	23	9	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Languages	42	39	30	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hon/AP Languages	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mathematics	50	18	6	12	2	1	0	1	1	1	0	0
Honors/AP Mathematics	32	17	5	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Science	46	11	6	9	4	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Honors/AP Science	30	21	5	7	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arts (visual & performing)	146	19	1	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Computer Science/Tech	27	20	11	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Hon/AP Computer Science/Tech	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Latin reports to colleges any disciplinary infraction that results in an out-of-school suspension or removal from the school. We also encourage all students to disclose information regarding any leave of absence or minor infraction.

## College Acceptances 2018–2022

Schools in **bold** have a Latin student in attendance

Academy of Art University	Eastman College of Music	Milwaukee School of Engineering	<b>The University of Tampa</b>	University of North Carolina
Adelphi University	Eckerd College	Montana State University,	The University of Tennessee	at Chapel Hill
<b>Allegheny College</b>	<b>Elon University</b>	Bozeman	Knoxville	University of North Carolina
<b>American University</b>	Embry-Riddle Aeronautical	Morehouse College	<b>The University of Texas, Austin</b>	at Wilmington
<b>Amherst College</b>	University-Prescott	<b>Mount Holyoke College</b>	The University of Texas, Dallas	<b>University of Notre Dame</b>
Antioch College	<b>Emerson College</b>	<b>New York University</b>	The University of the South	University of Oregon
<b>Arizona State University</b>	<b>Emory University</b>	Northeastern University	<b>Trinity College</b>	<b>University of Pennsylvania</b>
Babson College	<b>Emory University-Oxford College</b>	Northern Illinois University	<b>Trinity College Dublin</b>	<b>University of Pittsburgh</b>
Baldwin Wallace University	Fairfield University	<b>Northwestern University</b>	Trinity University	University of Portland
<b>Bard College</b>	Flagler College-St Augustine	Nova Southeastern University	<b>Tufts University</b>	University of Puget Sound
<b>Barnard College</b>	Florida Agricultural and	Oberlin College	<b>Tulane University</b>	University of Redlands
<b>Bates College</b>	Mechanical University	<b>Oberlin College,</b>	<b>Union College</b>	<b>University of Richmond</b>
<b>Baylor University</b>	Florida Atlantic University	<b>Conservatory of Music</b>	<b>United States Air Force Academy</b>	<b>University of Rochester</b>
Belmont University	Florida Institute of Technology	<b>Occidental College</b>	United States Coast	<b>University of San Diego</b>
<b>Beloit College</b>	<b>Fordham University</b>	<b>Ohio State University-</b>	Guard Academy	University of San Francisco
Bentley University	Franklin & Marshall College	<b>Main Campus</b>	United States Military	<b>University of South Carolina</b>
<b>Berklee College of Music</b>	<b>Furman University</b>	Ohio Wesleyan University	Academy - Army	<b>University of Southern California</b>
<b>Boston College</b>	<b>George Washington University</b>	Oregon State University	<b>United States Naval Academy</b>	University of St Andrews
<b>Boston University</b>	<b>Georgetown University</b>	<b>Pace University</b>	<b>University of Arizona</b>	University of Sussex
<b>Bowdoin College</b>	Georgia Institute of Technology	<b>Pennsylvania State University-</b>	University of British Columbia	University of Toronto
Bradley University	Georgia State University	<b>Main Campus</b>	University of California-Berkeley	University of Utah
<b>Brandeis University</b>	Gettysburg College	Pepperdine University	University of California-Davis	<b>University of Vermont</b>
<b>Brown University</b>	Goldsmiths, University of London	<b>Pitzer College</b>	University of California-Irvine	<b>University of Virginia</b>
<b>Bryn Mawr College</b>	Gonzaga University	<b>Pomona College</b>	<b>University of California-Los</b>	University of Washington
<b>Bucknell University</b>	<b>Goucher College</b>	<b>Princeton University</b>	<b>Angeles</b>	<b>University of Wisconsin, Madison</b>
<b>Butler University</b>	<b>Grinnell College</b>	<b>Purdue University</b>	University of California-Merced	<b>Valparaiso University</b>
<b>California Institute of Technology</b>	<b>Gustavus Adolphus College</b>	Reed College	University of California-Riverside	<b>Vanderbilt University</b>
California Lutheran University	Hamilton College	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of California-San Diego	<b>Vassar College</b>
California Polytechnic State	Hampton University	<b>Rice University</b>	University of California-Santa	<b>Villanova University</b>
University-San Luis Obispo	<b>Harvard University</b>	Rochester Institute of Technology	Barbara	<b>Wake Forest University</b>
California State University,	Harvey Mudd College	Roger Williams University	University of California-Santa Cruz	Warren Wilson College
Northridge	Hastings College	Rollins College	<b>University of Chicago</b>	<b>Washington and Lee University</b>
<b>Carleton College</b>	<b>Haverford College</b>	Rose-Hulman Institute of	University of Cincinnati	<b>Washington University</b>
<b>Carnegie Mellon University</b>	Hawaii Pacific University	Technology	(Design, Architecture, Art, and	<b>in St. Louis</b>
Carthage College	<b>Hobart William Smith Colleges</b>	Rutgers University-New Brunswick	Planning (DAAP))	<b>Wellesley College</b>
<b>Case Western Reserve University</b>	Howard University	<b>Saint Louis University</b>	<b>University of Colorado Boulder</b>	<b>Wesleyan University</b>
<b>Chapman University</b>	Illinois Institute of Technology	San Jose State University	University of Dayton	Western Michigan University
Claremont McKenna College	Illinois State University	<b>Santa Clara University</b>	University of Delaware	Wheaton College
Clark Atlanta University	<b>Indiana University at</b>	Sarah Lawrence College	<b>University of Denver</b>	Wheaton College MA
Clark University	<b>Bloomington</b>	Savannah College of Art and	University of Florida	Whitman College
Clarkson University	<b>Iowa State University</b>	Design	University of Georgia	Willamette University
Clemson University	Jacksonville University	School of the Art Institute of	University of Hawaii At Manoa	William & Mary
Cleveland Institute of Music	<b>Johns Hopkins University</b>	Chicago	<b>University of Illinois at Chicago</b>	<b>Williams College</b>
<b>Colby College</b>	<b>Juniata College</b>	<b>Scripps College</b>	<b>University of Illinois At</b>	Wittenberg University
<b>Colgate University</b>	<b>Kalamazoo College</b>	<b>Skidmore College</b>	<b>Urbana-Champaign</b>	Woodbury University
<b>College of Charleston</b>	<b>Kenyon College</b>	Smith College	<b>University of Iowa</b>	Xavier University
College of the Atlantic	Knox College	SOAS University of London	<b>University of Kansas</b>	Xavier University of Louisiana
<b>College of William &amp; Mary</b>	Lafayette College	Southern Illinois University -	University of Maine	<b>Yale University</b>
<b>Colorado College</b>	Lake Forest College	Carbondale	University of Maryland-	
Colorado State University-	Lawrence University	<b>Southern Methodist University</b>	College Park	
Fort Collins	<b>Lehigh University</b>	Spelman College	<b>University of Miami</b>	
Columbia College Chicago	<b>Lewis &amp; Clark College</b>	St. John's College	<b>University of Michigan</b>	
Columbia College Hollywood	Louisiana State University and	St. Lawrence University	<b>University of Minnesota-</b>	
<b>Columbia University</b>	Agricultural & Mechanical	St. Olaf College	<b>Twin Cities</b>	
<b>Connecticut College</b>	College	<b>Stanford University</b>	<b>University of Missouri Columbia</b>	
Cornell College	<b>Loyola Marymount University</b>	Stevens Institute of Technology	University of New Hampshire-	
<b>Cornell University</b>	Loyola University Chicago	Stonehill College	Main Campus	
<b>Creighton University</b>	Lycoming College	<b>Swarthmore College</b>	University of New Mexico-	
<b>Dartmouth College</b>	<b>Macalester College</b>	<b>Syracuse University</b>	Main Campus	
Davidson College	Marist College	Temple University		
<b>Denison University</b>	<b>Marquette University</b>	Tennessee State University		
DePaul University	Marymount Manhattan College	Texas A & M University-		
<b>DePauw University</b>	<b>Massachusetts Maritime Academy</b>	College Station		
<b>Dickinson College</b>	<b>McGill University</b>	Texas Christian University		
Dominican University	Merrimack College	The Catholic University of America		
<b>Drake University</b>	<b>Miami University-Oxford</b>	<b>The College of Wooster</b>		
Drew University	<b>Michigan State University</b>	The New England Conservatory		
Drexel University	Middle Tennessee State University	of Music		
Duke Kunshan University	<b>Middlebury College</b>	The New School		
<b>Duke University</b>	Millikin University	<b>The University of Alabama</b>		
Eastern Illinois University	Mills College	The University of Edinburgh		