

# Profile for College Admission

2020–2021

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 1,189 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 497 students—39% 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 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

Latin students complete 30 hours of direct service with an at-need community before their junior year, though most students continue to engage meaningfully with their communities in myriad ways throughout their high school experience. Through Latin's Uptown Partnership, our students connect with a variety of agencies and organizations in an urban neighborhood 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. Our grading system did not change; students were expected to finish the semester with the same completion expectations, and under the same grading system. The fall 2020 semester will be conducted in the same manner, and transcripts will appear identical to pre-COVID transcripts.

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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 <b>bold</b> )				
<b>ENGLISH</b> <i>Four credits including English 9-12</i> <i>There are no honors courses in English</i>	American Civilization English 9 English 10: African Lit English 10: Asian Lit English 10: Eastern & Central Euro Lit English 10: Latin American Lit English 10: Mid East & South Asia Lit English 11: American Seeker English 11: Modern American Literature English 11: The New Americans	English 11: Silenced America English 12: Writer's Workshop, Blended Learning English 12: Black Voices in America English 12: Creative Writing English 12: Disenchantment and Fantasy Lit English 12: Great Novellas	English 12: LGBTQ+ Literature English 12: Mexican American Literature English 12: Modern and Contemporary Poetry English 12: The Meaning of Life in Literature English 12: Neil Gaiman's American Gods	English 12: The Place's You'll Go in Literature English 12: Poetry & Flash Fiction English 12: Punching the Clock English 12: Shakespeare English 12: Wonder When You'll Miss Me English 12: The Writer's Workshop	
<b>HISTORY &amp; SOCIAL STUDIES</b> <i>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</i>	<b>American Civilization: Honors</b> <b>US History</b> <b>AP Psychology</b> Chicago: City on the Make <b>Honors Comparative and Global Politics</b> <b>Honors European History</b>	Economics Global Art and Culture Global Studies: Networks, Hierarchies, & Culture <b>Honors United States History and Historiography</b>	<b>Honors American Politics</b> International Human Rights Latin American Revolutions Logic, Rhetoric, and Ethics Middle East Modern China Nazi Mind Neuropsychology	Russian Revolutions Spice: Food, Trade, and Culture U.S. Social History What is Race?: Global Studies in Race and Racism World Religions World Religions 2	
<b>MATHEMATICS</b> <i>Three or three and a half credits, dependent on track, must include Algebra 2 and Geometry</i>	Advanced 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 <b>AP Statistics</b>	
<b>SCIENCE</b> <i>Three credits including one year of Physics, Biology and Chemistry</i>	Biology <b>Honors Biology</b> Chemistry <b>Honors Chemistry</b> <b>Honors Advanced Biology: Ecology and Evolution</b> <b>Honors Advanced Biology: Genetics and Evolution</b>	<b>AP Chemistry</b> Cosmology Human Anatomy and Physiology 1	Human Anatomy and Physiology 2 Medicinal Chemistry 1 Medicinal Chemistry 2 Physics Physics 2	<b>Honors Physics</b> <b>AP Physics: Mechanics</b> <b>AP Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism</b> Stellar Astronomy	
<b>COMPUTER SCIENCE &amp; TECHNOLOGY</b>	Computer Science Principles I & II Data Visualization & Analysis Intro to Algorithms and Data Structure	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> <i>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>)</i>	<i>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.</i>	<b>CHINESE</b> Hon. Mandarin: Inter. Mid. Hon. Mandarin: Inter. Mid. 2 Hon. Mandarin: Inter. Mid. 3 Hon. Mandarin: Inter. High  <i>In 2020-21 "Chinese" has been renamed "Mandarin"</i>	<b>FRENCH</b> Hon. French: Inter. High Honors French: Inter. High – Language & Culture Hon. French: Inter. High – Literature	<b>LATIN</b> Hon. Latin: Advanced High Hon. Latin: Superior	<b>SPANISH</b> Hon Spanish: Adv. Low Hon. Spanish: Inter. High Hon. Spanish: Inter. High (11/12) Hon. Spanish: Inter. High (9/10) – Language & Culture Hon. Spanish: Inter. High – Literature Hon. Spanish: Inter. Mid
<b>ARTS</b> <i>Two credits including a half credit from the required ninth grade Global Cities program. The half credit must be in Performing Arts.</i>	<b>VISUAL ARTS</b> Courses offered in the following areas: CAD, Computer Graphic Design, Digital Media, Drawing, Fashion Design, Filmmaking, Painting, Photography, *Printmaking and Sculpture. <b>AP Studio Art</b> Global Studies: Visual Arts		<b>PERFORMING ARTS</b> Courses offered in the following areas: Acting, Band, Chorus, Dance, Improvisation, Music Technology, Playwriting & Directing, Speech, Stagecraft and Technical Theater  <i>Please note in 2019-2020 "Wind Ensembles" has been renamed "Band." Many of these classes are offered at multiple skill levels, including company-level execution.</i>		

## 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.
- Service Learning – 30 hours during freshman and sophomore years (10 hours freshman year, 20 hours sophomore 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.

## Additional Opportunities:

### Independent Study Projects

Juniors and seniors 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

"American Civilization is a class that qualifies for credit in two disciplines. Neuropsychology and Dance can count as either Science/History or Performing Arts/PE, respectively."

### 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.

## College Acceptances 2016–2020

Schools in **bold** have a Latin student in attendance; a number indicates multiple attendees.

**Allegheny College**  
**American University 2**  
**Amherst College 3**  
**Arizona State University 1**  
Babson College  
**Bard College 2**  
**Barnard College 9**  
**Bates College**  
Belmont University  
**Beloit College**  
Berklee College of Music  
**Boston College 6**  
**Boston University 9**  
**Bowdoin College 2**  
**Bradley University**  
**Brandeis University**  
**Brown University 11**  
**Bryn Mawr College 2**  
**Bucknell University 2**  
**Butler University 4**  
**California Institute of Technology**  
California Institute of the Arts  
California State - Northridge  
**Carleton College 7**  
**Carnegie Mellon University 3**  
Carthage College  
**Case Western Reserve University 2**  
**Chapman University 2**  
**Claremont McKenna College 2**  
Clark University  
Clarkson University  
Colby College  
**Colgate University 20**  
**College of Charleston**  
College of the Atlantic  
**College of William & Mary 2**  
**Colorado College 5**  
**Columbia College Chicago**  
**Columbia University 11**  
**Connecticut College**  
Cornell College  
**Cornell University 8**  
Cornish College of the Arts  
**Dartmouth College 7**  
Davidson College  
**DePaul University 2**  
**DePauw University 2**  
**Denison University**  
**Dickinson College 2**  
Dominican University  
**Drake University**  
Drew University  
**Duke University 4**  
Durham University  
Eastern Illinois University  
Eckerd College  
**Elon University 3**  
**Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University - Daytona Beach 2**  
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University - Prescott  
**Emerson College 2**  
**Emory University 8**  
**Emory University - Oxford College 2**  
**Fordham University**  
Franklin & Marshall College  
**Furman University**  
**George Washington University 4**  
**Georgetown University 4**

Georgia Institute of Technology  
Georgia State University  
Gettysburg College  
Gonzaga University  
**Grinnell College 2**  
**Hamilton College 2**  
**Harvard University 6**  
Harvey Mudd College  
**Haverford College 3**  
**Hobart & William Smith Colleges**  
Howard University  
Illinois Institute of Technology  
Illinois State University  
**Imperial College London**  
**Indiana University at Bloomington 4**  
Iowa State University  
Ithaca College  
Jacksonville University  
John Cabot University  
Johns Hopkins University  
Johnson & Wales University (Providence)  
Kalamazoo College  
**Kenyon College 5**  
King's College London  
**Knox College**  
Lafayette College  
Lake Forest College  
**Lawrence University**  
Lehigh University  
**Lewis & Clark College**  
London College of Fashion  
Louisiana State University  
**Loyola Marymount University**  
Loyola University Chicago  
Loyola University Maryland  
Luther College - Decorah  
**Macalester College 3**  
Marist College  
**Marquette University 5**  
Maryland Institute College of Art  
**Massachusetts Maritime Academy**  
**McGill University 2**  
**Miami University, Oxford 3**  
**Michigan State University 2**  
Middle Tennessee State University  
**Middlebury College 3**  
Millikin University  
**Mills College**  
Montana State University, Bozeman  
Morehouse College  
**Mount Holyoke College 2**  
**National Louis University - Chicago Campus**  
**New York University 21**  
**Northeastern University 2**  
Northern Illinois University  
**Northwestern University 31**  
Nova Southeastern University  
**Oberlin College of Arts & Sciences 2**  
**Occidental College 4**  
**Ohio State University**  
Ohio Wesleyan University  
Pace University  
**Pennsylvania State University**  
Pepperdine University  
**Pitzer College**  
**Pomona College 2**

**Princeton University 9**  
**Purdue University**  
Queen's University  
Quinnipiac University  
Reed College  
Regis University  
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute  
Rhode Island School of Design  
Rice University  
Rochester Institute of Technology  
Roger Williams University  
**Rollins College 2**  
Rutgers University-New Brunswick  
Saint Louis University  
**Saint Mary's College of California**  
San Jose State University  
**Santa Clara University**  
Sarah Lawrence College  
**Savannah College of Art & Design**  
**School of the Art Institute of Chicago**  
**Scripps College 2**  
Seattle University  
**Sewanee: The University of the South**  
**Skidmore College 3**  
**Smith College**  
**Southern Methodist University 5**  
Spelman College  
Spring Hill College  
St. Edward's University  
St. John's College  
**St. Lawrence University**  
St. Olaf College  
**Stanford University 3**  
Stevens Institute of Technology  
**Swarthmore College 3**  
**Syracuse University 6**  
Temple University  
Tennessee State University  
Texas Christian University  
The American University of Rome  
The Art Institute of Fort Lauderdale  
The Catholic University of America  
The College of Wooster  
The Institute of Culinary Education  
**The New School - All Divisions 3**  
**The University of Alabama**  
**The University of Arizona 2**  
**The University of Edinburgh**  
**The University of Iowa**  
Trinity College

**Trinity University**  
**Tufts University 12**  
**Tulane University 16**  
**Union College 2**  
Union College - Barboursville  
**United States Coast Guard Academy**  
United States Military Academy - Army  
**United States Naval Academy**  
**University College Dublin**  
University College London  
University of Bristol  
University of British Columbia  
**University of California, Berkeley**  
University of California, Davis  
University of California, Los Angeles  
University of California, San Diego  
University of California, Santa Barbara  
University of California, Santa Cruz  
**University of Chicago 17**  
University of Cincinnati  
**University of Colorado at Boulder 7**  
**University of Connecticut**  
University of Dayton  
**University of Denver 3**  
University of Georgia  
University of Hawaii At Manoa  
**University of Illinois at Chicago 3**  
**University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign 12**  
**University of Kansas**  
University of Leeds  
**University of Maryland, College Park 2**  
**University of Miami 4**  
**University of Michigan 34**  
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities  
University of Mississippi  
**University of Missouri Columbia**  
University of Nebraska at Lincoln  
University of North Carolina At Chapel Hill

University of North Carolina at Wilmington  
**University of Notre Dame 4**  
University of Oregon  
**University of Pennsylvania 17**  
**University of Pittsburgh**  
University of Puget Sound  
University of Redlands  
**University of Richmond**  
**University of Rochester**  
**University of San Diego**  
University of San Francisco  
**University of South Carolina**  
University of Southampton  
**University of Southern California 12**  
University of St Andrews  
University of Toronto  
**University of Vermont 2**  
**University of Virginia 4**  
University of Washington  
**University of Wisconsin, Madison 14**  
Valparaiso University  
**Vanderbilt University 4**  
**Vassar College 4**  
Villanova University  
**Wake Forest University 4**  
Warren Wilson College  
**Washington University in St. Louis 16**  
**Wellesley College**  
**Wesleyan University 6**  
Western Michigan University  
**Wheaton College MA**  
**Whitman College**  
Whittier College  
Willamette University  
**Williams College**  
**Wofford College**  
Woodbury University  
**Worcester Polytechnic Institute**  
Xavier University  
**Yale University 13**  
**Yale-NUS College**