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.

### *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

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| **ENGLISH**            | Four credits including English 9-12  
There are no honors courses in English  |
|                        | English 9: 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: 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  |
| **HISTORY & SOCIAL STUDIES** | 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  |
|                        | Advanced Topics: American Politics  
Advanced Topics: Chicago Politics  
Advanced Topics: Comparative & Global Politics  
Advanced Topics: Drugs in History & Society  
Advanced Topics: Economics  |
|                        | Advanced Topics: European History  
Advanced Topics: History of Schools & Society  
Advanced Topics: Psychology  
Honors American Politics  
City So Real: Chicago Politics  
Honors Comparative and Global Politics  |
|                        | Honors European History  
Global Art and Culture  
Global Studies: Latin American Revolutions  
Mid East  |
| **MATHEMATICS**        | Three or three and a half credits, dependent on track, must include Algebra 2 and Geometry  |
|                        | Advanced Topics in Math  
Algebra 1  
Algebra 2  
Honors Algebra 2  |
|                        | Introduction to Differential Calculus  
AP Calculus AB  
AP Calculus BC  
Finance and Math 1  
Finance and Math 2  |
|                        | Geometry  
Honors Geometry  
Introduction to Integral Calculus  
Honors Multivariable Calculus  
Honors Precalculus  
Honors Accelerated Precalculus and Diff Calculus  |
|                        | Precalculus  
Probability & Game Theory  
AP Statistics  
Statistical Methods: Understanding Community 1  
Statistical Methods: Understanding Community 2  |
| **SCIENCE**            | Three credits including one year of Physics, Biology and Chemistry  |
|                        | Bioethics  
Biology  
Honors Biology  
Honors Advanced Biology: Ecology and Evolution  
Honors Advanced Biology: Genetics and Evolution  |
|                        | AP Chemistry  
Chemistry  
Honors Chemistry  
Cosmology  
Human Anatomy and Physiology 1  |
|                        | Human Anatomy and Physiology 2  
Medical Chemistry 1  
Medical Chemistry 2  
Physics  |
|                        | Honors Physics  
AP Physics C: Mechanics  
AP Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism  
Research in Molecular Genetics  
Stellar Astronomy  |
| **COMPUTER SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY** | Computer Science Principles 1: Foundations  
Computer Science Principles 2: Applications  |
|                        | Computer Science Principles 1: Foundations  
Computer Science Principles 2: Applications  |
|                        | Intro to Algorithms and Data Structures  
Modern Computers: From NAND to Tetris  
Honors Advanced Programming  |
|                        | Principles of Programming Languages  
Software Development Lab; Blended Web Application Development  |
| **LANGUAGES**          | 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 ACTFL Proficiency Guidelines, Parallels)  |
|                        | 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.  |
|                        | MANDARIN  
Hon. Mandarin: Inter. Mid.  |
|                        | In 2020-21 “Chinese” was renamed “Mandarin”  |
| **FRENCH**             | FRENCH  
AP French: Inter. High – Language and Culture  
Hon. French: Inter. High  
Honors French: Inter. High – Language and Culture  
Hon. French: Inter. High – Literature  |
| **LATIN**              | LATIN  
Hon. Latin: Advanced High  
Hon. Latin: Superior  |
| **SPANISH**            | SPANISH  
Hon. Spanish: Adv. Low  
Hon. Spanish: Adv. Low – Literature  
Hon. Spanish: Inter. High  
Hon. Spanish: Inter. High – Language and Culture  
Hon. Spanish: Inter. High – Literature  |
| **ARTS**               | Two credits including a half-credit from the required ninth grade Global Cities program. The half credit must be in Performing Arts.  |
|                        | VISUAL ARTS  
AP Studio Art  
Global Studies: Visual Arts  
Visual Communications for Artists & Entrepreneurs  |
|                        | Performing Arts  
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.  |
Class of 2023 Academic Statistics

Number in class: 123

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Class of 2023
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Also Required:
- Physical Education – two credits, one of which must be a half credit of wellness in the 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.

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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. “GOA” classes will have this designation on their transcripts and an accompanying profile will be sent to colleges.

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
Adelphi University
Allegheny College
American University
Amherst College
Antioch College
Arizona State University
Babson College
Baldwin Wallace University
Bard College
Barnard College
Bates College
Belmont University
Beloit College
Bentley University
Berklee College of Music
Boston College
Boston University
Bowdoin College
Bradley University
Brandeis University
Brown University
Bryn Mawr College
Bucknell University
Butler University
California Institute of Technology
California Lutheran University
California Polytechnic State University
San Luis Obispo
California State University
Northridge
Carleton College
Carnegie Mellon University
Carthage College
Case Western Reserve University
Chapman University
Claremont McKenna College
Clark Atlanta University
Clark University
Clarkson University
Clemson University
Cleveland Institute of Music
Colby College
Colgate University
College of Charleston
College of the Atlantic
College of William & Mary
Colorado College
Colorado State University
Fort Collins
Columbia College Chicago
Columbia College Hollywood
Columbia University
Connecticut College
Cornell College
Cornell University
Creighton University
Dartmouth College
Davidson College
Denison University
DePaul University
DePauw University
Dickinson College
Dominican University
Drake University
Drew University
Drexel University
Duke Kunshan University
Duke University
Eastern Illinois University
Eastman College of Music
Eckerd College
Elon University
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
Emory University
Emory University-Oxford College
Fairfield University
Flagler College-St Augustine
Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University
Florida Atlantic University
Florida Institute of Technology
Fordham University
Franklin & Marshall College
Furman University
George Washington University
Georgetown University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Georgia State University
Gettysburg College
Goldsmiths, University of London
Gonzaga University
Goucher College
Grinnell College
Gustavus Adolphus College
Hamlin College
Hampton University
Harvard University
Harvey Mudd College
Hastings College
Haverford College
Hawaii Pacific University
Hobart William Smith Colleges
Howard University
Illinois Institute of Technology
Illinois State University
Indiana University at Bloomington
Iowa State University
Jacksonville University
Johns Hopkins University
Juniata College
Kalamazoo College
Kenyon College
Knox College
Lafayette College
Lake Forest College
Lawrence University
Lehigh University
Lewis & Clark College
Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College
Loyola Marymount University
Loyola University Chicago
Lycoming College
Macalester College
Marist College
Marquette University
Marymount Manhattan College
Massachusetts Maritime Academy
McGill University
Merrimack College
Miami University-Oxford
Michigan State University
Middle Tennessee State University
Middlebury College
Millikin University
Mills College
Milwaukee School of Engineering
Montana State University,
Bozeman
Morehouse College
Mount Holyoke College
New York University
Northwestern University
Northern Illinois University
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Nova Southeastern University
Oberlin College
Oberlin College,
Conservatory of Music
Occidental College
Ohio State University-
Main Campus
Ohio Wesleyan University
Oregon State University
Pace University
Pennsylvania State University-
Main Campus
Pepperdine University
Pitzer College
Pomona College
Princeton University
Purdue University
Reed College
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rice University
Rochester Institute of Technology
Roger Williams University
Rollins College
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
Rutgers University-New Brunswick
Saint Louis University
San Jose State University
Santa Clara University
Sarah Lawrence College
Savannah College of Art and Design
School of the Art Institute of Chicago
Scipps College
Skidmore College
Smith College
SOAS University of London
Southern Illinois University - Carbondale
Southern Methodist University
Spelman College
St. John’s College
St. Lawrence University
St. Olaf College
Stanford University
Stevens Institute of Technology
Stonehill College
Swarthmore College
Syracuse University
Temple University
Texas A & M University-
College Station
Texas Christian University
The Catholic University of America
The College of Wooster
The New England Conservatory of Music
The New School
The University of Alabama
The University of Edinburgh
The University of Tampa
The University of Tennessee
Knoxville
The University of Texas, Austin
The University of Texas, Dallas
The University of the South
Trinity College
Trinity College Dublin
Trinity University
Tufts University
Tulane University
Union College
United States Air Force Academy
United States Coast Guard Academy
United States Military Academy - Army
United States Naval Academy
University of Arizona
University of British Columbia
University of California-Berkeley
University of California-Davis
University of California-Irvine
University of California-Los Angeles
University of California-Merced
University of California-Riverside
University of California-San Diego
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(Design, Architecture, Art, and Planning (DAAP))
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University of Dayton
University of Delaware
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University of Georgia
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University of Miami
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