

Profile for College Admission

2023–2024

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 1,190 students from 45 Chicago neighborhoods and 15 surrounding suburbs. Our students are ambitious and talented; they think critically and are engaged in their learning. Latin's upper school currently enrolls 513 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 \$4.9 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 84 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.

Community Engagement

Latin School of Chicago believes in sustained community engagement that is meaningful, immersive, and reciprocal. It approaches community engagement as a school-wide responsibility, where students engage meaningfully with their communities in a myriad of ways throughout their high school experience. Students can connect with a variety of agencies and organizations and embed service into their curricular and Project Week experiences (see "Curricular Highlights"). Post-COVID, Latin no longer requires service hours but does have an expectation that every student will volunteer 8 hours each high school year.

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)					
ENGLISH 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: East Asian Lit English 10: Eastern European Lit English 10: Eastern and Central Euro Lit English 10: Latin American Lit English 10: Mid East and South Asia Lit	English 11: American Families English 11: American Seeker English 11: The New Chicagoans English 11: Shackled to Shadows 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: 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 European History Global Art and Culture Global Studies: Networks, Hierarchies, and Culture International Human Rights Law 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		
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 Calculus	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	AP Chemistry Chemistry Honors Chemistry Organic Chemistry 1 Organic Chemistry 2 Cosmology Human Anatomy and Physiology 1	Human Anatomy and Physiology 2 Marine Science Medicinal Chemistry 2 Physics	Honors Physics AP Physics C: Mechanics AP Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism Honors Research in Molecular Genetics Stellar Astronomy		
COMPUTER SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY	Computer Science Principles 1: Foundations Computer Science Principles 2: Applications	Intro to Algorithms and Data Structures Modern Computers: From NAND to Tetris	Principles of Programming Languages Software Development Lab-Blended			
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 Pyramid)	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 All courses Intermediate Mid level and above are considered Honors courses.	FRENCH AP French: Inter. High – Language and Culture Hon. French: Inter. High Honors French Adv. Low - Literature French: Culture & Conversation	LATIN Hon. Latin: Advanced High Hon. Latin: Superior	SPANISH Hon. Spanish: Adv. Low – Literature Hon. Spanish: Inter. High Hon. Spanish: Inter. High – Language and Culture Spanish for Heritage Speakers
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 Courses offered in the following areas: CAD, Computer Graphic Design, Digital Media, Drawing, Fashion Design, Filmmaking, Painting, Photography, Digital Photography, and Sculpture. Advanced Topics Art Portfolio Global Studies: Visual Arts Modern Art History Visual Communications for Artists & Entrepreneurs		PERFORMING ARTS Courses offered in the following areas: Acting, Band, Chorus, Dance, Improvisation, Music Technology, Speech, and Stagecraft. Many of these classes are offered at multiple skill levels, including company-level execution.			

Also Required:

- Physical Education – One credit is earned through the required Wellness class that is taken during 9th grade. The other one credit must be earned during grades 10, 11, or 12 by taking PE classes, playing on Latin Athletics teams, and/or by participating in a consistent and rigorous athletic pursuit outside of school (an Independent Study or “ISP”).
- 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 week in 2021 was 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. “GOA” classes will have this designation on their transcripts.

Class of 2024 Academic Statistics

Number in class: 123

Grade Distribution Class of 2024 Junior Year

Course/Discipline	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	D-	F
English	79	22	13	9	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
History	66	15	25	16	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hon/AP History	6	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Languages	44	39	13	6	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
Hon/AP Languages	15	4	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mathematics	45	20	11	14	6	2	3	1	0	1	0	0
Hon/AP Mathematics	14	11	14	13	5	3	1	0	0	0	0	0
Science	21	6	7	16	2	2	1	2	0	0	0	0
Hon/AP Science	37	26	14	9	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	0
Arts (visual and performing)	59	28	7	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Computer Science/Tech	7	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Grade Distribution Class of 2024 Sophomore Year

Course/Discipline	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	D-	F
English	78	20	12	13	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
History	197	28	16	10	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
Languages	45	44	17	12	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hon/AP Languages	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mathematics	36	23	14	13	1	4	4	2	1	0	0	0
Hon/AP Mathematics	11	14	7	10	5	1	1	0	0	0	1	0
Science	31	17	12	9	4	2	3	2	0	0	0	0
Hon/AP Science	19	15	10	10	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
Arts (visual and performing)	113	48	14	4	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Computer Science/Tech	42	10	2	3	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 2019–2023

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

Academy of Art University	Eastman College of Music	Merrimack College	Swarthmore College	University of Maryland-College Park
Adelphi University	Eckerd College	Miami University-Oxford	Syracuse University	University of Miami
Allegheny College	Elon University	Michigan State University	Temple University	University of Michigan
American University	Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University-Prescott	Middle Tennessee State University	Tennessee State University	University of Minnesota-Twin Cities
Amherst College	Emerson College	Middlebury College	Texas A & M University-College Station	University of Missouri Columbia
Antioch College	Emory University	Millikin University	Texas Christian University	University of New Hampshire-Main Campus
Arizona State University	Emory University-Oxford College	Milwaukee School of Engineering	The Catholic University of America	University of New Mexico-Main Campus
Babson College	Eugene Lang College of Liberal Arts	Montana State University	The College of Wooster	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Baldwin Wallace University	Fairfield University	Morehouse College	The New England Conservatory of Music	University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Bard College	Flagler College-St Augustine	Mount Holyoke College	The New School	University of Notre Dame
Barnard College	Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University	Muhlenberg College	The University of Tampa	University of Oregon
Bates College	Florida Atlantic University	New York University	The University of Tennessee-Knoxville	University of Pennsylvania
Baylor University	Florida Institute of Technology	North Carolina A & T State University	The University of Texas at Austin	University of Pittsburgh
Belmont University	Fordham University	Northeastern University	The University of Texas, Dallas	University of Portland
Beloit College	Franklin and Marshall College	Northern Illinois University	The University of the South	University of Puget Sound
Bentley University	Furman University	Northwestern University	Towson University	University of Redlands
Berklee College of Music	George Washington University	Nova Southeastern University	Trinity College	University of Rhode Island
Boston College	Georgetown University	Oberlin College Conservatory of Music	Trinity College Dublin	University of Richmond
Boston University	Georgia Institute of Technology-Main Campus	Oberlin College of Arts and Sciences	Trinity University	University of Rochester
Bowdoin College	Georgia State University	Occidental College	Tufts University	University of San Diego
Bradley University	Gettysburg College	Ohio State University-Main Campus	Tulane University	University of San Francisco
Brandeis University	Goldsmiths, University of London	Ohio Wesleyan University	Union College	University of South Carolina-Columbia
Brown University	Gonzaga University	Oregon State University	United States Air Force Academy	University of Southern California
Bryn Mawr College	Goucher College	Pace University	United States Coast Guard Academy	University of St Andrews
Bucknell University	Grinnell College	Parkland College	United States Military Academy-Army	University of Sussex
Butler University	Gustavus Adolphus College	Pennsylvania State University-Main Campus	United States Naval Academy	University of Toronto
California Institute of Technology	Hamilton College	Pepperdine University	University College Dublin	University of Utah
California Lutheran University	Hampton University	Pitzer College	University of Arizona	University of Vermont
California Polytechnic State University-San Luis Obispo	Harvard University	Pomona College	University of California-Berkeley	University of Virginia-Main Campus
California State University, Northridge	Harvey Mudd College	Prairie View A & M University	University of California-Davis	University of Washington-Seattle Campus
Carleton College	Hastings College	Princeton University	University of California-Irvine	University of Wisconsin-Madison
Carnegie Mellon University	Haverford College	Providence College	University of California-Los Angeles	Valparaiso University
Carthage College	Hawaii Pacific University	Purdue University	University of California-Merced	Vanderbilt University
Case Western Reserve University	Hobart William Smith Colleges	Reed College	University of California-Riverside	Vassar College
Chapman University	Hofstra University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of California-San Diego	Villanova University
Claremont McKenna College	Hope College	Rice University	University of California-Santa Barbara	Virginia Commonwealth University
Clark Atlanta University	Howard University	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of California-Santa Cruz	Wake Forest University
Clark University	Illinois Institute of Technology	Roger Williams University	University of California, San Diego	Warren Wilson College
Clarkson University	Illinois State University	Rollins College	University of Chicago	Washington and Lee University
Clemson University	Indiana University at Bloomington	Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology	University of Cincinnati	Washington University In St Louis
Cleveland Institute of Music	Iowa State University	Rutgers University-New Brunswick	University of Colorado at Boulder	Wellesley College
Colby College	Jacksonville University	Saint Louis University	University of Dayton	Wesleyan University
Colgate University	Johns Hopkins University	Saint Mary's College	University of Delaware	Western Illinois University
College of Charleston	Johnson & Wales University-Providence	Saint Xavier University	University of Denver	Western Michigan University
College of the Atlantic	Juniata College	San Diego State University	University of Evansville	Wheaton College
College of William & Mary	Kalamazoo College	Santa Clara University	University of Florida	Wheaton College MA
Colorado College	Kenyon College	Sarah Lawrence College	University of Georgia	Whitman College
Colorado School of Mines	Knox College	Savannah College of Art and Design	University of Hawaii at Manoa	Willamette University
Colorado State University-Fort Collins	Lafayette College	School of the Art Institute of Chicago	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	Williams College
Columbia College Chicago	Lake Forest College	Scripps College	University of Illinois Chicago	Wittenberg University
Columbia University	Lawrence University	Skidmore College	University of Illinois Springfield	Woodbury University
Connecticut College	Lehigh University	Smith College	University of Iowa	Xavier University
Cornell College	Lewis & Clark College	SOAS University of London	University of Kansas	Xavier University of Louisiana
Cornell University	Lewis University	Southern Illinois University-Carbondale	University of Maine	Yale University
Creighton University	Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College	Southern Methodist University		
Dartmouth College	Loyola Marymount University	Spelman College		
Davidson College	Loyola University Chicago	St. John's College		
Denison University	Loyola University New Orleans	St. Mary's College of Maryland		
DePaul University	Lycoming College	St. Olaf College		
DePauw University	Macalester College	Stanford University		
Dickinson College	Marist College	Stevens Institute of Technology		
Dominican University	Marquette University	Stonehill College		
Drake University	Marymount Manhattan College			
Drew University	McGill University			
Drexel University				
Duke Kunshan University				
Duke University				
Eastern Illinois University				